Professional Advisors & Academic Advisors: What is the difference?

**Professional Advisors...**

- Are SEAS staff members who assist students with figuring out which courses fulfill degree requirements
- Introduce and help navigate students through DegreeMAP
- Help with necessary paperwork and other administrative tasks for course registration, dissertations, and graduation clearance
- Serve as the first point of contact for students regarding their degree requirements

❓ How do I contact my professional advisor? Email seasgrad@gwu.edu

**Academic Advisors...**

- Are faculty members from the student’s department
- Give specific information on which classes to take based on the student’s interests
- Help students with finding resources within their department, such as research funds and independent study opportunities
- Provide information on internship opportunities in their respective research field

❓ How do I contact my academic advisor?

You will receive your academic advisor’s name and contact when you check in at our front desk starting January 3.