


# Crafting a Philosophy of Advising

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# What is a Philosophy of Advising?

A personal statement operates like  
a combination of

a ***mission statement***  
and a ***vision statement***


for an individual's advising  
practice.

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It should reflect


***advising experiences***  
and ***aspirational goals***

for professional and personal  
growth.




Why would  
you want  
one?

- Articulates the kind of ***professional that you are***
- Gives ***structure to advising*** sessions with students
- Recognizes areas of ***strength***
- Identifies areas for ***growth***
- Defines ***values***
- Increases ***self-awareness***
- For ***personal or professional*** use



# What should you include?

- The ***personal qualities*** you have and use as an academic advisor
- The ***environment*** you want to create for students
- The ***experience*** that you want students to have in an advising appointment
- The ***advising theories and approaches*** that you have integrated (or would like to integrate) into your advising practice
- The ***professional aspirations*** that inspire and motivate you



When  
should you  
write one?

- Now!
  - Aspiring advisors
  - Early career advisors
  - Seasoned advisors

# Resources for Developing Your Philosophy of Advising

- Draw on your professional experiences and goals
- Think about what inspires you
- Incorporate your academic experience – degree(s) and training(s)
- Complete the philosophy prompts
  - [advisingmatters.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/general/Statement%20of%20Advising%20Philosophy%20Prompts.pdf](https://advisingmatters.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/general/Statement%20of%20Advising%20Philosophy%20Prompts.pdf)
- Read examples
  - <https://nacada.ksu.edu/Resources/Clearinghouse/View-Articles/Personal-advising-philosophy-examples.aspx>
- NACADA eTutorial: Theory and Practice of Advising
  - <https://nacada.ksu.edu/Programs/Online-Education/eTutorials/Theory-Practice-of-Advising.aspx>