What to Ask in an Academic Advising Appointment

**Admissions**

* What are the pre-requisites for admission?
* How many students apply for the course or program and how many are accepted?
* Do I need to take a test to be considered for acceptance? If so, what score do I need to achieve to be considered?
* Are there waitlists for the program or courses I am interested in?

**Financial Considerations**

* What is included in the price of tuition? What other costs are necessary for me to complete the program?
* Are grants, bursaries, or scholarships available?
* Is it possible for me to borrow resource materials, or do they need to be purchased?
* Is there anyone at the institution that can help when submitting an application?

**Employment Opportunities and Job Placement**

* Is it expected that there will continue to be opportunities in the field I have chosen?
* What types of employers have hired recent graduates of the program?
* Does the institution offer job placement services? What do these services involve?
* Does the institution have any information about how many previous graduates of the program have been successful in finding jobs?
* Is a practicum or work term component a mandatory part of the program? How long is it? Is the work term paid?
* Will the institution arrange a practicum for you or are you expected to take on that responsibility?
* Will my potential employers recognize this training?
* Is the credential that I hope to achieve through the program recognized by the profession or industry?

**Facilities, Services and Equipment**

* Is there any tutoring, advising or support services available?
* Are classes a reasonable size for one instructor? What is the student/instructor ratio?
* What type of equipment is used, and how does it measure up to what industry uses?

**Training and Instruction**

* How long is the course or program? What subject matter is covered?
* What percentage of the training or instruction is theory and what percentage practical experience?
* What are the completion/dropout rates or pass/fail rates for the program/institution/campus?

**Course and Program Transfer**

* Does the institution have any transfer arrangements with other institutions?
* What opportunities for further education will you have after you graduate?