Welcome New Vols—We’re thrilled to introduce you to the first phase of your New V.O.L. Experience—Virtual Advising! This will be a great opportunity to get to know both your academic college and advisor. Your academic advisor will be an incredible resource for you during your entire UT career and make sure you stay on track for graduation.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Your academic advisor will be contacting you via email or phone to set up an appointment time. Be sure to respond quickly to ensure an appointment is made during your preferred timeframe. Your advisor will provide your Zoom link and any other details needed for you to successfully prepare for your Virtual Advising experience.

Using the right technology, Zoom—To help make this virtual environment as smooth as it can be, be sure to download the Zoom platform before your Virtual Advising session. Don’t worry—it’s free!

If using Zoom is not an option, please let us know by emailing orientation@utk.edu, and we will make sure you get in touch with your college. From there, they can assist in setting up a phone appointment or identify other possible options that work for you.

Where should I be during my Virtual Advising session—We know being in a virtual environment has its challenges. Below are a couple of helpful tips to consider during your session.

Use a computer or tablet. If you don’t have access to a computer or tablet, a smartphone works as well—but please use your smartphone as a last resort.

Find a quiet place. We know it can be tricky, but you’re going to receive a lot of important (and exciting!) information during this time. It’s critical that you’re able to stay focused and take it all in. Plus, you’ll want to get to know your academic advisor as much as possible!

Should my family participate in Virtual Advising—We appreciate (and encourage) your family’s enthusiasm for your college career. However, your virtual advising session should only be between you and your academic advisor.

There are many other opportunities for families to get involved throughout the New V.O.L. Experience! More information about family guest information can be found on the New Student Orientation website.
BEFORE YOUR VIRTUAL ADVISING SESSION

Confirm your Major—If you haven’t already, log into MyUTK and make sure the major listed is, in fact, your intended major. If you need to update your major or shift to an exploratory track before your Virtual Advising session, email the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at admissions@utk.edu.

NOTE: This option is NOT available if you want to declare a major in the College of Nursing or the College of Architecture & Design. Keep in mind that the Tickle College of Engineering has minimum admission requirements.

Register for Two-Factor Authentication—UT has implemented two-factor authentication (2FA) that will be required for your NetID account after orientation. Sign up at 2fa.utk.edu.

Set up your NetID and Password—If you haven’t already, you will need to set up with your NetID and password in order to participate in your virtual advising session. The Office of Information Technology’s website has helpful information about this process.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Transfer Student Seminar—A seamless transition to Rocky Top is critical to the success of our students. TRNS 201 emphasizes the empowerment of strengths through the development of academic, personal goals, and career exploration. Students enrolled in the course will identify and engage in experiences in and out of the classroom.

As a transfer student, this course will build on your previous experiences and introduce you to life as a student at UT. Please speak with your academic advisor for assistance to enroll in the course. Learn more about TRNS 201!

GET FAMILIAR WITH MYUTK AND THE COURSE REGISTRATION PROCESS

Another way to prepare for Virtual Advising is to check out the two brief videos below. These are designed to help you familiarize yourself with the myUTK platform as well as the course registration process. Please take a few minutes before meeting with your advisor and watch both. If you have questions, that’s okay! Your advisor will still be there to help you every step of the way.