

## Ethical Issues in Advising

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### Abstract

Academic advisors often face ethical issues and must make difficult decisions to resolve them. These conflicts often involve “right versus right” options. This topical session will define ethics and discuss the language associated with ethical issues. It will also explain ethical ideals and offer guidelines for resolving ethical dilemmas related to advising. The session will include discussion of a variety of case studies involving ethical dilemmas in academic advising.

Major topics include

- Definition of Ethics
- Five Ethical Ideals
- Ethical Principles for Academic Advising
- Resolving Ethical Dilemmas in Academic Advising

### Suggested Reading

Academic Advising Program CAS Standards and Guidelines. Available at:  
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NACADA Core Values. Available at:

<http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/Clearinghouse/AdvisingIssues/Core-Values.htm>

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