

WHO SHOULD I CONNECT WITH?

The LSU Distinguished Communicator (DC) program allows you the opportunity to receive meaningful, substantive feedback from two designated mentors as you move through the process. While both individuals are here to support you in achieving your DC goals, it can be confusing to know which one to go to when you have a question or need guidance with a course or your portfolio. Keep this side-by-side comparison in mind, and reach out if you have questions (cx cstudentsupport@lsu.edu).

CXC REP

VS.

FACULTY ADVISOR

Your CxC Rep is assigned to you based on your field of study. You meet this person when you join the DC program.

How do I know who this person is?

Your Faculty Advisor is someone you choose based on a variety of factors. You pick your Faculty Advisor no later than three semesters prior to graduation.

Your CxC Rep helps you navigate the entire DC program progress. They assist with:

- Talking through your plan for taking C-I courses
- Independent C-I course contracts
- Finding a Faculty Advisor
- Monitoring your DC progress
- Developing your portfolio

What can they help me with?

Your Faculty Advisor is knowledgeable about what you need to accomplish for your future professional or civic goals and the fields you are pursuing. They assist with:

- Forms of communication relevant for your future roles in work and public life
- Guidance on what employers, graduate programs and collaborators in your field may be seeking
- Identifying and highlighting your relevant skills and experience

Check in once each semester to make sure your plan for completing the program is on track. These check-ins give you a chance to confirm the info on file (e.g. grad date, C-I course progress, Faculty Advisor status, portfolio workshop attendance, etc.) and make necessary updates before it's too late.

How often should we meet?

This varies, depending on what you need and how you work. You may agree to meet regularly or work collaboratively on your portfolio through shared documents. The most important times to connect with your Faculty Advisor are during your drafting and revision stages for your portfolio.

Your CxC Rep helps you with the planning, drafting and revision stages for the portfolio. It's never too early to get started.

What is their role in my portfolio review?

Your Faculty Advisor helps with planning, drafting and revision stages for the portfolio, and they complete the first round of several in your final portfolio assessment.