

MCB has three types of undergraduate advising; staff advisors, [faculty advisors](#) , and [peer advisors](#)

. See the descriptions below for when you would see whom.

Staff Advisors

Staff academic advisors are trained to support students and assist them in successfully completing their MCB major. They are excellent resources for questions concerning administration and academics, or finding out about other available services. Students should see a staff advisor in order to:

- ask questions about major requirements;
- ask advice about schedule planning;
- declare the MCB major;
- consult about research opportunities, graduate & professional schools, career opportunities, scholarships and internships;
- get their advisor code (AC) number to access Tele-BEARS registration;
- get information and course control numbers for independent research;
- request general assistance, advice or information; and
- find out about upcoming events and programs.

We have a general email address, mcbuao@berkeley.edu. We check this email daily, M-F, so you'll receive an answer to questions within one business day. Other contact information shows below.

Name	Title	Phone number
James Depelteau	Academic Advisor	643-8895
Anwar Thomas	Academic Advisor	643-8895

StaFF Advising HOURS

Staff advisors are available for drop-in advising or scheduled appointments (appts). If you would like to schedule an appointment with a specific advisor, please call the office at 510.643.8895 or email mcbuao@berkeley.edu.

JAMES

Monday

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Wednesday

Advising Services

9a - 12n	Drop-in	Drop-in	Appts	
1p - 4p (1p-3p on F)	Appts	Appts	Drop-in	Drop

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	F
9a- 12n	Drop-in	Appts	Drop-in	
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Faculty Advisors

Faculty advisors are MCB professors assigned to advise students about the MCB department, its courses, research, and other academic issues. Students are assigned a faculty advisor when they declare an MCB major. Students should see their faculty advisors in order to:

- receive guidance toward achieving academic and career goals,
- ask questions about the content of MCB courses,
- request exceptions to MCB major requirements and policies (obtain their signature on MCB Substitution Form),
- ask questions about biological research and about the field of biology in general,
- ask for recommendations on which graduate schools to attend, and
- get their signature on the Curriculum Planning Form, after speaking with a UAO staff advisor first (see above).

Office hours listed below are designated for drop-in advising unless otherwise noted.

Emphasis in Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

Advisors (assigned by last name of student)		Phone	E-mail
Eva Nogales* (A-C) (I-L)	708C Stanley	510.666.3334	enogales@lbl.gov
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Emphasis in Genetics, Genomics & Development

Advisor	Room	Phone	E-mail
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□ Emphasis in Immunology

Advisor

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□ Emphasis in Neurobiology

Advisors

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Wed 2-230p, Thu 12-1230p (drop-in ok)

Robert Zucker*

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510.642.3407

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Wed 415-530p (drop-in ok) or phone for appt (leave msg with phone number)***

***LSA locks at 5pm. If you arrive after 5p, call 2-3407 from the phone in the yellow box and Dr Zucker will come out to meet you.

□ □ Emphasis in Cell & Developmental Biology □

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Room

Phone

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Office hours

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* indicates the head advisor for the emphasis

PAWS - Peer Advisor Walk-in Services



Peer advisors are junior & senior MCB majors who volunteer their time to complement the UAO advising services by sharing their knowledge of and experience with lower division requirements and upper division classes, experience with student groups on campus, preparation for life beyond the B.A., and use of various campus resources. To see the schedule and more information about who our peer advisors are and which courses they've taken, [click here](#).

