

Usability Study

Advisely, An Education Support Application

Big Muscle Boys

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Part 1: Introduction

The following text is to be read off to users participating in the study. This is to prime them on the focus of the application.

To begin, you've been given a permission form that indicates that we may use your responses to this study. All information used will be anonymous. More to the point you have all agreed to participate in first round testing of our application, *Advise.ly*. This application is designed to allow users to create schedules which will map their ideal path through college. It is designed for students who have already started their degree, already have existing degrees, and, students who are starting fresh. The application offers features such as schedule recommendations, degree recommendations, course importing, and schedule exporting. In the following session, we'd like you to spend 10-20 minutes familiarizing yourselves with the application however you feel. Following this will be a ~20 minute individual exercise where we will ask you to accomplish certain tasks within the application. The tasks denoted are meant to be done in the order they are presented. If you get stuck, don't worry. This reflects more on our design than on your abilities. For this reason, we won't be answering questions during this time in order to gauge the application's design. We will be collecting this worksheet at the end of the time. After, there will be a Q&A to discuss the features, how they felt, issues encountered and the like. We hope you enjoy!

Part 2

Part 2 shall begin on the following page. This part constitutes the worksheet to be completed.

Name: _____

1. Please create an account and log in.
2. Once you've logged into your account, please navigate to your profile page.
3. From your profile page, please indicate which majors you intend to complete.
4. Please return to the homepage, and search the course catalogue for a course of your choosing
5. Add this course to your current schedule.
6. Now, please search the course catalogue for a second course and add that to your schedule for next semester.
7. Navigate to your "view schedule page"
8. From this page, please request a course suggestion. Add any course suggested to your current semesters schedule.
9. Please return to your profile and export your schedule to the PDF format. Please verify the accuracy of the schedule exported.
10. Log out of the account you created.

Congratulations! You've completed this round of testing. If you have any spare time, please indicate on the back side of this sheet any thoughts you have about the application.