

Collective Advisor

Introductions

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What we'll cover today

- Rationale of the Collective Advisors program
- Introductions: you and me
- How to contact me
- What to expect from the Collective Advisor
- Helping you succeed at IE

Why this program?

- Success in college (and in life) involves a lot more than just academics
 - Building soft and hard skills
 - Building and maintaining networks
 - Finding purpose and mission
 - Establishing meaningful connections to others
 - Aligning your efforts to your intended goals
- Your professors, different IE departments (e.g., Talent, Careers), student clubs, and your peers are some great sources of support
 - Your collective Advisor is yet another resource at your disposal

A bit about you all

- Name you go by
- 1 thing about your background (e.g., where grew up, or something about your identity)
- 1 thing about what you want to do after you graduate (e.g., what kind of job, where you want to live, or what you want to study next)
- 1 sentence about what you expect from me as your Collective Advisor

A bit about me

- Assistant Professor of Political Science @ IE School of Politics, Economics & Global Affairs
- From Madrid, but abroad between 2009 and 2022 (UK, USA, Brazil)
- Fluent in English, Spanish, French, Portuguese
- PhD MIT, MPhil Oxford, Lic. UCM
- Worked at World Bank
- Research on governance, corruption, and service delivery

How to contact me

- Email: gtoral@faculty.ie.edu
 - I typically respond within 48 hours
- Office: 17.24 in the Tower, Madrid campus
- Office hours: on Zoom or at my office
 - Typically Tuesdays 2-4, sign up link at Blackboard
 - If available slots do not work for you, email me for an appointment
- Next semester I'll be in Segovia once weekly, so we can more easily meet in person

What to expect from me as your Collective Advisor?

- Collective advice twice a semester (or more, if you find it useful)
- Individual advice upon request
- I may not always have an immediate answer, but I'll do my research and get back to you ASAP
- Topics we can cover include:
 - Your academic career at IE – electives, minors, regulations, year abroad, etc.
 - Your professional career – where you want to go and how to get there
 - Any post-IE graduate studies – masters, PhDs, certificates, etc.
 - Social and personal life – at IE and beyond

Helping you succeed at IE

- Your courses so far
- Midterm and final exams
- IE rules:
 - Attendance
 - Closed-book exams
 - Ethics

Next steps

- Come talk to me after this session, or email me later, if there's anything I can help with
- I'll be in touch in February for another meeting
 - Preferred days / times?