Righting the SHIP

SERVICES AVAILABLE

• YOUR ADVISOR/COMMITTEE
  They are there to help you and guide you along—and they’re very good at it

• DEPARTMENTAL OFFICE
  They may not be able to fix it, but they’ll point you in the right direction

• YOUR COLLEAGUES
  Believe it or not, your classmates can be one of the most valuable resources

• OUTSIDE RESOURCES
  Over the years, IU has put infrastructure in place to help students in need, so look around—the solution might be across the street!

WHEN THINGS DON’T GO AS PLANNED—WHAT DO YOU DO?

Let’s face it—things go wrong. Despite our best efforts, sometimes we find ourselves off-course and in need of assistance. Sometimes it’s trivial, but sometimes we need a major overhaul. So, what does one do when this happens?

Your graduation, job search, and professional career may depend on the work that you are doing in graduate school, so if you find yourself off-track, reach out to right your course. Not surprisingly, your advisor is a great place to start—that’s what he/she is there for, and advisor’s are generally very good at their jobs. Beyond that, consulting with your department’s office and/or department chair is often helpful, as is talking with your classmates. Many of your classmates have probably experienced similar things and can guide you along—especially more senior students. If that doesn’t solve it, look around campus—IU has been operating for almost 200 years, so there is likely something in place already to help you resolve your problems!