Class Assignment:
Is there an upcoming assignment or project that you need some guidance with?
• Ask for more details about a project.
• What are the characteristics of a successful assignment?
• How does this assignment contribute to my overall learning?
• You really enjoy the assignment and would like to do more research into the subject, can the professor help?
• How can I turn my project into undergraduate research?

Class Subject:
Do you wish to discuss something in greater detail from class?
• What is the history of the subject?
• What kind of implications does it have for other fields of research?
• How can I use what I have learned in my daily life?
• How can I learn more about this subject?
• Are there any organizations I can get involved with using the knowledge from this subject?
• Are there any student organizations that relate to my academic work?

Academic Advice:
Would you like to learn more about how they became interested in their field of study?
• Ask them about their academic career and why they came to Washington University to teach.
• Why are they passionate about their subject and what do they hope to accomplish in their field?
• Where do they one day see their field leading and contributing to society?
• What kind of research have they done in the past, the present, or plan to do in the future?
• How can you become involved in that field?

General Questions:
Do you want to get to know your professor's personal interests?
• Where have they traveled and do they have any upcoming trips?
• Do they have any pets and/or children?
• What are their hobbies?
• What kind of foods do they like to eat?
• What is their favorite book, movie, song, or television show?
• Are they involved in community service?
• Do they enjoy Washington University sports?