Importance of Academic Advising

Completing the requirements for your degree in a timely manner requires planning. Academic advisers can help you develop your academic plan. Don’t wait until you have a problem to see an adviser. Let the adviser help you prevent any problems. The sooner you make the decision about what your major will be, the better you can plan your academic program. There are many program choices available at SDSU. An adviser can assist you with this decision process. Choosing the major that is right for you and compatible with your life goals will enhance your academic success. Requirements, policies, and procedures may change from year to year. Advisers can clarify which changes may affect you and which will not.

Advising Services

- Understand graduation requirements
- Develop an academic plan
- Evaluate transfer credit
- Choose or change a major
- Clear mathematics and writing requirements
- Remove probationary status to avoid disqualification
- File for graduation
- Prepare to enter a professional school (medical, dental, legal, etc.)
- Plan your next semester’s schedule

Major Academic Plans (MAPs)

The MAPs website located at www.sdsu.edu/mymap was created to help students navigate the course requirements for their majors. The Major Academic Plans (MAPs) created for each major are not meant to encompass every major-specific requirement or a required sequencing of courses. Refer to this catalog for a complete description of requirements, including: course prerequisites, minimum grade requirements, unit limitations, and General Education approved courses and distribution requirements.

The MAPs will help you identify which General Education course will also fulfill a major preparation course requirement. They will also suggest sequencing to ensure that you complete prerequisites for an upper-division course prior to taking the higher-level course.

Questions about graduation requirements and General Education should be directed to the Academic Advising Center at 619-594-6668. The Academic Advising Center is located in Student Services West, Room 1551 (north of Conrad Prebys Aztec Student Union) and online at http://www.sdsu.edu/advising.

Student Responsibilities Regarding Advising

Purchase a General Catalog. Know your catalog year (or years) for your General Education requirements and for your major requirements and be sure you have a copy of this catalog. Provided you maintain your enrollment at SDSU, this catalog or these catalogs establish the requirements you must complete for graduation. Details regarding catalog rights are listed under Graduation Requirements in this section of the catalog.

Use your degree evaluation. Your online degree evaluation, available at http://www.sdsu.edu/portal, provides an unofficial status report on your progress toward completing the graduation requirements for your major. Once you reach 90 units and apply for graduation, you will be sent an official graduation evaluation describing your remaining degree requirements. You can review your unofficial degree evaluation in the WebPortal to ensure that you are on track to graduate within your desired time frame. Don’t risk a delay in graduation due to a missing graduation requirement.

See your adviser regularly. Don’t wait until you encounter a problem before seeing an adviser. Check your degree progress regularly.

Keep an advising file. Keep a personal copy of transcripts (official or unofficial) from each college or university you have attended in a file and bring it to your advising session. SDSU does not release copies of other schools’ records. Evaluations, test scores, and other important academic information should also be kept in your personal advising file.

Plan your advising sessions during non-peak times. Advisers and advising centers are busiest during registration periods and the first weeks of classes. Avoid these busy advising times with a little planning. Faculty advisers (major advisers) are not always available during the summer months or between semesters.

File for graduation. Graduation is not automatic; you must apply to graduate during the stated graduation application periods. Filing early will assure a final graduation evaluation before your last semester of enrollment. It is recommended you file for graduation once you have passed 90 units. Visit http://www.sdsu.edu/applytograduate.

Seeing an Adviser

There are many types of advisers at SDSU. For general undergraduate advising regarding graduation requirements, General Education, competency requirements, probation and disqualification, and major selection, go to the Academic Advising Center, Student Services West, Room 1551, 619-594-6668.

Major/faculty advisers for each major are available to help you plan your upper division course schedule, and provide you with advice about career options and graduate school. For advising in your undergraduate or graduate major, contact the adviser or advising center assigned to your major and class level. A more detailed listing follows. A directory of SDSU academic advisers is available at http://www.sdsu.edu/majoradvisers.

Students in the Educational Opportunity Program needing advising should go to the Office of Educational Opportunity Programs/Ethnic Affairs, Student Services East, Room 2109, 619-594-6298. For general requirements for master’s or doctoral degrees (except for the major), contact the Division of Graduate Affairs, Student Services East, Room 1410, 619-594-5213.

For teaching credential advising, contact the adviser assigned to your specific area. Teachers holding preliminary California credentials issued on the basis of programs completed at other universities or in other states, may secure program advising from the Office of Student Services, Education and Business Administration, Room 255, 619-594-6320.

For specialized advising such as preprofessional advising (premedical, prelaw, etc.), contact the adviser assigned to your preprofessional area. A detailed listing follows and can also be found at http://www.sdsu.edu/preprof.

New Student Orientation is conducted by the Office of New Student and Parent Programs, 619-594-1509, for new students (freshmen and transfers) and provides important pre-registration advising. Visit http://www.sdsu.edu/orientation.
Advising Centers

Academic Advising Center
Student Services West, Room 1551, 619-594-6668, FAX 619-594-1553, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Academic Advising Center works with the university community to encourage and promote student learning in a welcoming and supportive environment. We clarify university policies, procedures, and requirements to ensure student retention and timely graduation. The center staff facilitates academic responsibility and competence by educating students to use resources effectively.

Advisers in the Academic Advising Center are available to help you understand SDSU graduation requirements, including General Education requirements and institutional policies and procedures. If you are undecided about a major, an adviser can help you develop an exploratory plan consistent with your life goals and objectives.

- Graduation Requirements
- University Academic
- General Education
- Policies and Regulations
- Undeclared Students
- Unofficial Evaluations
- Probation/Disqualification
- Advising

Educational Opportunity/Ethnic Affairs
Student Services East, Room 2109, 619-594-6298
Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

PREPROFESSIONAL ADVISING

It is recommended that students contact their preprofessional adviser in their first semester at SDSU. Advisers for students planning to attend professional schools is available for the following programs:

- Allied Health
- Geology/Mathematics/Computer Science, Room 323 619-594-6638
- Pre dental
- Geology/Mathematics/Computer Science, Room 323 619-594-6638
- Prelaw*
- Arts and Humanities, Room 4142 619-594-5050
- Premedical
- Geology/Mathematics/Computer Science, Room 323 619-594-6638
- Pre nursing
- Hardy Tower, Room 54 619-594-6527
- Preoccupational Therapy
- Exercise and Nutritional Sciences, Room 331 619-594-5161
- Preoptometry
- Geology/Mathematics/Computer Science, Room 323 619-594-6638
- Prepharmacy
- Geology/Mathematics/Computer Science, Room 323 619-594-6638
- Prephysical Therapy
- Exercise and Nutritional Sciences, Room 331 619-594-5161
- Prephysician Assistant
- Geology/Mathematics/Computer Science, Room 323 619-594-6638
- Prepodiatry
- Geology/Mathematics/Computer Science, Room 323 619-594-6638
- Presocial Work
- Hepner Hall, Room 148 619-594-5803
- Preventive Medicine
- Geology/Mathematics/Computer Science, Room 323 619-594-6638

* Advisers in prelaw are not available during the summer months.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND LETTERS

Assistant Dean
- Arts and Letters, Room 202 619-594-6270
- Africana Studies 619-594-6531
- Asian American Studies 619-594-6991
- Anthropology 619-594-5527
- Arabic 619-594-5268
- Art and Architecture 619-594-0931
- Arts and Letters, Room 348 619-594-6452

Chinese
- Storm Hall West, Room 214 619-594-5268
- Classics and Humanities 619-594-5186
- Arts and Letters, Room 662 619-594-5161
- Comparative International Studies 619-594-5028
- Economics 619-594-1675
- English and Comparative Literature 619-594-5307
- Filipino 619-594-5268
- European Studies (Minor) 619-594-5111
- Education and Business Administration, Room 304 619-594-6491
- Geography 619-594-5437
- German and Russian 619-594-6313
- Hebrew 619-594-5268
- History 619-594-5262
- International Business 619-594-4505
- International Security and Conflict Resolution 619-594-3768
- Japanese 619-594-5268
- Jewish Studies (Minor) 619-594-5338
- Korean 619-594-5268
- Latin American Studies 619-594-1103
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies 619-594-6662
- Linguistics and Asian/Middle Eastern Languages 619-594-5268
- Persian 619-594-5268
- Philosophy 619-594-5263
- Political Science 619-594-6244
- Religious Studies 619-594-5185
- Rhetoric and Writing Studies 619-594-6515
- Russian and Central European Studies 619-594-5111
- Social Science 619-594-6344
- Sociology 619-594-4826
- Spanish and Portuguese 619-594-6588
- Sustainability 619-594-0978
- Storm Hall, Room 314 619-594-0902
- Urban Studies 619-594-5437
- Women’s Studies 619-594-5624
Academic Advising

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Assistant Dean
Education and Business Administration, Room 448 ............................... 619-594-5828
Graduate Business Advising Office ..................................................... 619-594-8073
Graduate website: http://www.sdsu.edu/mba
Office of Student Services
Education and Business Administration, Room 448 ............................... 619-594-1426
Certificate Programs
Cognitive Disabilities
Community College Teaching
Institutional Research, Planning, and Assessment
Psychiatric Rehabilitation
Rehabilitation Administration
Rehabilitation Counseling
Rehabilitation Technology
Support Employment and Transition Specialist
Child and Family Development
Counselling and School Psychology
Education and Business Administration, Room 246 ............................... 619-594-6115
Service Credentials
Pupil Personnel Services
School Counseling
School Psychology
Dual Language and English Learner Education
Education and Business Administration, Room 248 ............................... 619-594-5155
Multiple and Single Subject B/CLAD Emphasis
Language Development Specialist Certificate
EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP
North Education, Room 166 ......................................................... 619-594-4063
Administrative Services
Learning Design and Technology
North Education, Room 280 ......................................................... 619-594-6718
Distance Education Certificate
Instructional Software Certificate
Instructional Technology Certificate
Master’s Programs
See individual department listings
Doctoral Programs
Educational Leadership (PreK-12 School Leadership):
Department of Educational Leadership,
North Education, Room 166 ......................................................... 619-594-4063
Educational Leadership (Community College/Postsecondary Leadership): Department of Administration, Rehabilitation and Postsecondary Education,
5900 Camino del Rio North ......................................................... 619-594-6115
SDSU/CGU: Education and Business Administration,
Room 246 ................................................................................. 619-594-1120
Mathematics and Science Education,
6475 Alvarado Road, Suite 206 ...................................................... 619-594-1579
Nursing (Health Services – School Nurse)
Hardy Tower, Room 58 ................................................................. 619-594-6384
Social Work
Hepner Hall, Room 119 ................................................................. 619-594-5197
Pupil Personnel Services
Child Welfare and Attendance
School Social Work
Special Education
North Education, Room 70 ............................................................ 619-594-6665
Specialist Credentials
Early Childhood Special Education
Mild/Moderate Disabilities
Moderate/Severe Disabilities
Certificate Programs
Behavior Analysis
Developing Gifted Potential
Early Childhood Special Education Authorization
Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences
Speech, Language, and Hearing, Room 103 ................................. 619-594-8051
Clinical-Rehabilitative Services
Teacher Education
Education and Business Administration, Room 255 ............................... 619-594-6131
Multiple Subject and Single Subject Reading/Language Arts Specialist
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
Assistant Dean
Engineering, Room 200C ............................................................... 619-594-5807
Aerospace Engineering
Engineering, Room 308 ............................................................... 619-594-6074
Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering
Engineering, Room 424 ............................................................... 619-594-6071
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Engineering, Room 426 ............................................................... 619-594-5606
Mechanical Engineering
Engineering, Room 326 ............................................................... 619-594-6067
COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Assistant Dean
Education, Room 154 ................................................................. 619-594-6151
Gerontology
Hepner Hall, Room 119 ................................................................. 619-594-6865
Exercise and Nutritional Sciences
(Athletic Training, Foods and Nutrition, Kinesiology)
Exercise and Nutritional Sciences, Room 353 ................................. 619-594-5161
Nursing
Hardy Tower, Room 58 ................................................................. 619-594-2540
Public Health
Hepner Hall, Room 129 ................................................................. 619-594-5528
Social Work
Hepner Hall, Room 119 ................................................................. 619-594-5710
Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences
Speech, Language, and Hearing, Room 248 .................................... 619-594-6775
COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES AND FINE ARTS

Assistant Dean
Geology/Mathematics/Computer Science, Room 321 .......... 619-594-5350
Aerospace Studies (Minor)
Exercise and Nutritional Sciences, Room 451 .......... 619-594-4943
Music and Dance
Music, Room 111 ....................................................... 619-594-6032
Naval Science (Minor)
Communication, Room 130 ........................................ 619-594-1134
Public Affairs (Criminal Justice, Public Administration)
Professional Studies and Fine Arts, Room 100 .......... 619-594-6084
Theatre, Television, and Film
Dramatic Arts, Room 204 ........................................... 619-594-4936

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES

Assistant Dean
Geology/Mathematics/Computer Science, Room 321 .......... 619-594-5350
Astronomy
Physics, Room 131 ..................................................... 619-594-6240
Biology
Life Sciences, Room 135 ........................................... 619-594-6442
Cellular and Molecular Biology
Evolution and Systematics
Clinical Laboratory Science and Public Health Microbiology
Marine Biology and Microbiology
Ecology
Zoology
Chemistry and Biochemistry (Chemical Physics)
Geology/Mathematics/Computer Science, Room 209 .......... 619-594-5595
Computer Science
Geology/Mathematics/Computer Science, Room 413 .......... 619-594-6191
Environmental Sciences
Physical Sciences, Rooms 100 and 103 .......... 619-594-5386
Geological Sciences
Geology/Mathematics/Computer Science, Room 237 .......... 619-594-5586
General Geology
Hydrogeology
Engineering Geology
Marine Geology
Geochemistry
Paleontology
Geophysics
Oceanography (Minor)

International Security and Conflict Resolution
Storm Hall, Room 223B ............................................. 619-594-3768
Mathematics and Statistics
Geology/Mathematics/Computer Science, Room 413 .......... 619-594-6191
Oceanography (Minor)
Geology/Mathematics/Computer Science, Room 237 .......... 619-594-5707
Physics (Chemical Physics)
Physics, Room 131 ..................................................... 619-594-6240
Preprofessional Health Advising
Geology/Mathematics/Computer Science, Room 323 .......... 619-594-6638
Psychology Advising Center
Life Sciences, Room 105 ............................................ 619-594-5412

DIVISION OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Administration, Room 101 ........................................ 619-594-5842
Honors Program ....................................................... 619-594-2872
Interdisciplinary Studies in Three Departments .......... 619-594-5842
Liberal Studies (Administration, Room 101) ........ 619-594-5842
or 619-594-0597

DIVISION OF GRADUATE AFFAIRS

Assistant Dean
Student Services East, Room 1410 ............................. 619-594-5213
Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Advisement concerning general requirements (except for the
major) and administers the Interdisciplinary Studies master's degree.
A departmental graduate adviser is available in all programs offering
graduate degrees.

IMPERIAL VALLEY CAMPUS ADVISING

It is recommended that Imperial Valley Campus students see an
adviser prior to registration each semester. Call 760-768-5502 to
schedule appointments with the advisers listed below.
The following advisers correspond to the various majors and pro-
grams.

Undergraduate Division of Student Affairs

Criminal Justice, Psychology, Public Administration

Barbara Romero .................................................... 760-768-5509
A. D. (San Diego campus) ......................................... 760-768-5637
History, Liberal Studies, Social Science

Americo Yacopi ..................................................... 760-768-5603
International Business, Spanish

Miguel Rahiotis ..................................................... 760-768-5502
Latin American Studies, Mathematics

Helena Hoy ............................................................ 760-768-5536
Sheila Dollente ...................................................... 760-768-5502

Graduate

MA in Education

Richard Neumann .................................................. 760-768-5539
Master of Public Administration

Shawn T. Flanigan (San Diego campus) ........................ 619-594-4339
Teacher Education, Division of Education

Richard Neumann .................................................. 760-768-5539

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