
Academic Advising

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 <http://www.sdsu.edu/mymap> was created to help students navigate the course requirements for their majors. Students may also access their Personal MAP at <http://www.sdsu.edu/portal>. 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 College of Education, Office of Student Services (EBA-259). 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 259, 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 619-594-4902, 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 educational plan consistent with your life goals and objectives.

- Graduation Requirements
- General Education
- Undeclared Students
- University Academic Policies and Regulations
- 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. Advisement for students planning to attend professional schools is available for the following programs:

Pre dental Geology/Mathematics/Computer Science, Room 323....	619-594-3030
Prelaw* Adams Humanities, Room 4142.....	619-594-5050
Pre medical Geology/Mathematics/Computer Science, Room 323....	619-594-3030
Pre occupational Therapy Exercise and Nutritional Sciences, Room 331	619-594-5161
Pre optometry Geology/Mathematics/Computer Science, Room 323....	619-594-3030
Pre pharmacy Geology/Mathematics/Computer Science, Room 323....	619-594-3030
Pre physical Therapy Exercise and Nutritional Sciences, Room 331	619-594-5161
Pre physician Assistant Geology/Mathematics/Computer Science, Room 323....	619-594-3030
Pre podiatric Medicine Geology/Mathematics/Computer Science, Room 323....	619-594-3030
Pre social Work Hepner Hall, Room 109.....	619-594-0780
Pre veterinary Medicine Geology/Mathematics/Computer Science, Room 323....	619-594-3030

* 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 Arts and Letters, Room 373	619-594-6531
American Indian Studies Arts and Letters, Room 331	619-594-6991
Anthropology Arts and Letters, Room 448	619-594-5527
Arabic Storm Hall West, Room 214.....	619-594-5268
Asia Pacific Studies Arts and Letters, Room 473	619-594-0931
Chicana and Chicano Studies Arts and Letters, Room 348	619-594-6452
Chinese Storm Hall West, Room 214.....	619-594-5268
Classics and Humanities Arts and Letters, Room 662	619-594-5186
Comparative International Studies Arts and Letters, Room 659	619-594-3007
Economics Nasatir Hall, Room 329.....	619-594-1675
English and Comparative Literature Arts and Letters, Room 226	619-594-5307
Filipino Storm Hall West, Room 214.....	619-594-5268
European Studies (Minor) Education and Business Administration, Room 304.....	619-594-5111
French and Italian (Minor) Education and Business Administration, Room 304.....	619-594-6491
Geography Geography Annex, Room 123.....	619-594-5437
German and Russian Education and Business Administration, Room 304	619-594-6313
Hebrew Storm Hall West, Room 214.....	619-594-5268
History Arts and Letters, Room 588	619-594-5262
International Business Arts and Letters, Room 208	619-594-4505
International Security and Conflict Resolution Storm Hall, Room 223B	619-594-3768
Japanese Storm Hall West, Room 214.....	619-594-5268
Jewish Studies (Minor) Arts and Letters, Room 662A	619-594-5338
Korean Storm Hall West, Room 214.....	619-594-5268
Latin American Studies Arts and Letters, Room 377	619-594-1103
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies Arts and Letters, Room 317	619-594-6662
Linguistics and Asian/Middle Eastern Languages Storm Hall West, Room 214.....	619-594-5268
Persian Storm Hall West, Room 214.....	619-594-5268
Philosophy Arts and Letters, Room 446	619-594-5263

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Political Science Adams Humanities, Room 4142.....	619-594-6244
Religious Studies Arts and Letters, Room 662	619-594-5185
Rhetoric and Writing Studies Adams Humanities, Room 3138.....	619-594-6515
Russian and Central European Studies Education and Business Administration, Room 304 ..	619-594-5111
Social Science Arts and Letters, Room 580	619-594-5304
Sociology Nasatir Hall, Room 224.....	619-594-4826
Spanish and Portuguese Arts and Letters, Room 134	619-594-6588
Sustainability Arts and Letters, Room 417	619-594-0978
Storm Hall, Room 314	619-594-0902
Urban Studies Storm Hall, Room 314	619-594-5437
Women's Studies Arts and Letters, Room 346	619-594-6524

FOWLER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Assistant Dean Education and Business Administration, Room 448	619-594-5828
Undergraduate Business Advising Center Education and Business Administration, Room 448	619-594-5828
Undergraduate: http://cbaweb.sdsu.edu/undergrad	
Accountancy	
Finance	
Financial Services	
General Business	
Information Systems	
International Business (See College of Arts and Letters)	
Management	
Marketing	
Real Estate	
Graduate Business Advising Office	619-594-8073
Education and Business Administration, Room 448	
Graduate website: https://cbaweb.sdsu.edu/grad/office	
MBA (various specializations)	
MS in Accountancy	
MS in Business Administration (various concentrations)	
MS in Information Systems	
MBA/MA in Latin American Studies	
MBA/Juris Doctorate	

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION (Degrees, Credentials, and Certificate Programs)

Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, Education and Business Administration, Room 346L	619-594-1426
Office of Student Services, Education and Business Administration, Room 259.....	619-594-6320
Administrative, Rehabilitation and Postsecondary Education Education and Business Administration, Room 246.....	619-594-6115
Certificate Programs	
Cognitive Disabilities	
Community College Teaching	
Institutional Research, Planning, and Assessment	
Psychiatric Rehabilitation	
Rehabilitation Administration	
Rehabilitation Counseling	
Rehabilitation Technology	
Workforce Education and Lifelong Learning	
Supported Employment and Transition Specialist	

Child and Family Development, Education and Business Administration, Room 403.....	619-594-5380
Counseling and School Psychology North Education, Room 187	619-594-6109
Service Credentials	
Pupil Personnel Services	
School Counseling	
School Psychology	
Dual Language and English Learner Education Education and Business Administration, Room 248	619-594-5155
*Bilingual Multiple and Single Subject credentials	
Bilingual (Spanish) Special Education	
Educational Leadership North Education, Room 166	619-594-5155
Administrative Services Credential	
Liberal Studies, Education and Business Administration, Room 255.....	619-594-6131
Master's Programs	
See individual department listings	
Doctoral Programs	
See individual department listings	
Nursing (Health Services – School Nurse) Adams Humanities, Room 3133.....	619-594-5117
Social Work, Hepner Hall, Room 119	619-594-0780
Pupil Personnel Services	
Child Welfare and Attendance	
School Social Work	
Special Education, North Education, Room 70.....	619-594-6665
*Early Childhood Special Education Added Authorization	
Specialist Credentials	
*Early Childhood Special Education	
*Mild/Moderate Disabilities	
*Moderate/Severe Disabilities	
Certificate Programs	
Behavior Analysis	
Developing Gifted Potential	
Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences Speech, Language, and Hearing, Room 244	619-594-4787
Bilingual (Spanish) Special Education	
Clinical-Rehabilitative Services	
Teacher Education, Education and Business Administration, Room 255.....	619-594-6131
Reading and Literacy Added Authorization	
*Multiple Subject and Single Subject	
Reading and Literacy Leadership Specialist	

*Advising in Education and Business Administration, Room 259, 619-594-6320

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Assistant Dean, Engineering, Room 200B	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.....	619-594-0967
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 133	619-594-6259
Exercise and Nutritional Sciences (Athletic Training, Foods and Nutrition, Kinesiology) Exercise and Nutritional Sciences, Room 353	619-594-5161

Nursing, Adams Humanities, Room 3133	619-594-5117
Public Health, Hardy Tower, Room 109	619-594-1623
Social Work, Hepner Hall, Room 133	619-594-6259
Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences Speech, Language, and Hearing, Room 244	619-594-4787

COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES AND FINE ARTS

Assistant Dean Professional Studies and Fine Arts–Room 212	619-594-6928
Aerospace Studies (Minor) Exercise and Nutritional Sciences, Room 385	619-594-5550
Art and Design, Art, Room 509	619-594-2850
Communication and Health Communication Communication, Room 240	619-594-3444
Hospitality and Tourism Management (Hospitality and Recreation) Professional Studies and Fine Arts, Room 436B	619-594-5110
International Studies (Minor) Professional Studies and Fine Arts, Room 231	619-594-4633
International Security and Conflict Resolution Storm Hall, Room 223B	619-594-3768
Journalism and Media Studies Professional Studies and Fine Arts, Room 366	619-594-5145
Learning Design and Technology Professional Studies and Fine Arts, Room 361	619-594-5450
Distance Education Certificate Instructional Design Certificate Instructional Technology Certificate	
Military Science (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
Director of Advising Geology/Mathematics/Computer Science, Room 604	619-594-5142
Astronomy Physics, Room 131	619-594-6240
Biology Life Sciences, Room 135	619-594-6442
Cellular and Molecular Clinical Laboratory Science and Public Health Microbiology Ecology Evolution and Systematics Marine Biology Microbiology 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 Geology/Mathematics/Computer Science, Room 237	619-594-5587

Geological Sciences Geology/Mathematics/Computer Science, Room 237	619-594-5586
General Geology Engineering Geology Environmental Geosciences Geophysics Hydrogeology Paleontology Oceanography (Minor)	
Health Professions Advising Geology/Mathematics/Computer Science, Room 323	619-594-3030
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	619-594-5586
Physics (Chemical Physics) Physics, Room 131	619-594-6240
Psychology Advising Center Life Sciences, Room 105	619-594-5412

DIVISION OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Assistant Dean, Administration, Room 220	619-594-5842
Also advising in:	
Compact Scholars Program	619-594-0474
Interdisciplinary Studies in Three Departments ...	619-594-7715
Undeclared Students	619-594-7715
Weber Honors College	619-594-8071

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 760-768-5512 to schedule appointments with the advisers listed below.

The following advisers correspond to the various majors and programs.

Undergraduate Division of Student Affairs

Criminal Justice, English, Student Disability Services Norma Aguilar	760-768-5637
History, Liberal Studies, Social Science Americo Yacopi	760-768-5503
International Business, Public Administration, Spanish Aracely Bojorquez	760-768-5506
Latin American Studies, Mathematics Miguel Rahiotis	760-768-5598
Nursing Helina Hoyt	760-768-5680
Psychology Barbara B. Romero	760-768-5509

Graduate

MA in Education Betty Wong	760-768-5551
Teacher Education, Division of Education Betty Wong	760-768-5551