SUCCESSFUL TRANSITIONS
Maximizing Your Success As You Transition to SDSU

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CONGRATULATIONS!

5488 Fall 2019 Transfer Admits

24,854 Transfer Applications
Reminders

- Register for New Transfer Student Orientation
- Check email and Web Portal on regular basis (weekly)
- Register for the WPA
- Get SDSU ID Card
**CHALLENGES**
- Class size
- Different teaching styles
- Meeting new professors
- Identifying new mentors
- Managing homework load
- Working multiple jobs

**SUCCESSFUL RECOMMENDATIONS**
- Time management; use a planner
- Learning and test strategies
- Meet major adviser early and every semester
- Use writing center
- Working on campus
- Take initiative
- Mentorship

*Always ask for help during your transition to SDSU*
Dual Advising Model

**Major Advising**
- Click on link

**Academic Advising Center**
- Office of Advising & Evaluations
- SSW-1551
Academic Advising Center

- Upper Division GE Requirements
- Graduation Requirements (WPA/GWAR/Overall Unit Total)
- GPA/Academic Standing
- Transfer Credit Questions
- Course Forgiveness/Repeat
- On Track for Graduation
- University/Academic Policy
SDSU Academic Advising Center

Student Services West 1551
Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Walk In Only

Phone Hours:
Monday-Thursday, 9-11 a.m. and 2-4 p.m.
(619) 594-6668

SDSU Office of Advising and Evaluations
Major Advising
(not all major advisers work 12 months/year)

Major Adviser Directory
Major Advisers

• Pre-major requirements
• Major requirements
• Detailed course descriptions
• Planning major classes
• Master Plan
• Career Options
• Graduate Progs
New Transfer Student Orientation

• Annually in August
• Required – except for those enrolled in 100% on-line undergraduate degree programs
• What to expect?
New Transfer Student Orientation

• Check in by college
• Receive your preliminary degree evaluation (summarizes which classes transfer to SDSU)
• Get familiar with General Education & Major courses
• Information on policies and procedures
• Testing and Graduation requirements
• SDSU Web portal
• Meet other students, maybe meet your major adviser
• Meet your College Assistant Dean
• Register for classes
On-line Tools to Prepare you for Orientation

- Web Portal
- My Map
- General Catalog
- Class Schedule
  (see 3 terms ahead)
- Degree Evaluation
  (will receive at orientation)
Transfer Student Outreach Alliance (TSOA)

• Started with a student organization who advocated for transfer student resources

• Connect new transfer students to campus engagement and resources earlier

• Sponsor fall and spring meetings

• Official transfer student organization currently accepting resumes for leadership positions
Top Skills Employers Seek

• Communication skills (e.g. verbal & written form)

• Problem-Solving Skills
  (e.g. cause analysis, solution development, action planning, assessment)

• Ability to work well in teams (e.g. work well with others, respecting others, community problem solving)

• Initiative (e.g. Self-motivated, get the job done)

• Analytical Skills (e.g. data collection, analysis, evaluation)

• Leadership (e.g. managing teams, role-modeling, inspiring others, fostering growth of others, etc).

High-Impact Practices

- Active teaching and learning practices shown to enhance diverse student learning experiences
- Increase rates of student retention and student engagement
- Complement your in-class learning

High-Impact Activities

- First-Year Seminars and Experiences
- Common Intellectual Experiences
- Learning Communities
- Writing-Intensive Courses
- Collaborative Assignments and Projects
- Undergraduate Inquiry & Creative Activity
- Diversity/Global Learning
- Service/Community-Based Learning
- Internships and Field Placements
- Capstone Courses and Projects
- ePortfolio
Early Campus Engagement Opportunities

HIGH-IMPACT PRACTICES
- Honors Community
- Leadership opportunities
- Internships
- Global Engagement
- Service Learning
- Undergraduate Research

ADDED – FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS
- Write down “SDSU National Scholarships” (Google later)
- Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships
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