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Division of Academic Engagement & Student Achievement

SUCCESSFUL TRANSITIONS

Maximizing Your Success As You Transition to SDSU

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CONGRATULATIONS!



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Transfer Student Achievement

5488 Fall 2019 Transfer Admits

24,854 Transfer Applications



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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



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Academic Advising Center

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](#)



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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



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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

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- ★ **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**

 Association of American Colleges and Universities

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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