ACADEMIC ADVISING FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Academic Departments (Advising for Majors and Minors)

Major and minor advising is offered by faculty members in each department. Some departments assign advisors and others provide lists of advisors and permit students to choose their own advisor. Contact the department for a referral to an advisor.

Undergraduate Advising Center

The Undergraduate Advising Center is staffed by professional counselors committed to providing guidance and information to help undergraduate students have a successful college experience. Along with general academic advising information, the Undergraduate Advising Center provides the following services:

Academic Advising

Academic advisors help students understand general education and graduation requirements and assist them in selecting appropriate courses that fit with their academic goals.

Undeclared Majors

The Undergraduate Advising Center is the home base for undeclared students. Their counselors help students make informed and satisfying decisions about academic goals that are best suited to their interests and needs. Workshops, resource materials, and appointments are available.

Orientation

Orientation is a must for all incoming students. Orientations are scheduled during the summer and winter prior to each fall and spring semester. Information materials regarding orientation are sent to all newly admitted students. Counselors in the Undergraduate Advising Center participate in the orientations and assist students with selecting and registering for classes for their first semester.

Readmit Students

Students who attended SF State in the past (readmit students) may make an appointment in the Undergraduate Advising Center to discuss the possibility and process of readmission.

Advising Services

Faculty and staff throughout the University provide academic advising. The goal of advising is threefold:

• to facilitate intellectual and personal development,
• to enhance academic performance, and
• to ensure progress toward graduation.

Meeting regularly with advisors enables students to stay on track and to be successful. All students are expected to make use of available advising services located in the academic departments, the Undergraduate Advising Center (if undeclared) or College Resource Center (if declared), and in special advising and support programs.