

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.

Undergraduate Student Advising

Advising for majors and minors is available from faculty members in each department. It is the student's responsibility to seek out a faculty member to serve as an advisor. Some departments assign advisors and others have students choose from a list. Contact the department for referral to an advisor.

Graduate Student Advising

Advising for graduate students is available from faculty members in each department. In addition, the [Division of Graduate Studies](#) provides general advising for prospective and continuing students about all graduate program policies and procedures. Contact the department for a referral to an advisor.

Additional Advising and Retention Programs

San Francisco State University offers other advising services and support programs to assist students. Click on any of the following programs for more information:

- [Campus Academic Resource Program \(CARP\)](#) – Tutoring
- [Developmental Studies Office](#) – Support for students taking developmental/remedial courses
- [Disability Programs and Resource Center \(DPRC\)](#)
- [Educational Opportunity Program \(EOP\)](#)
- [Gator Academic Resource Center](#) – Advising for student-athletes
- [Learning Assistance Center \(LAC\)](#) – Tutoring
- [Metro College Success Program \(METRO\)](#)
- [Office of International Programs \(OIP\)](#)
- [Undergraduate Advising Center \(UAC\)](#) - Specializes in helping undeclared and exploratory students

College-Based Resource Programs

- [College of Business Student Success Center](#)
- [College of Ethnic Studies Student Engagement Center \(SEC\)](#)
- [College of Liberal & Creative Arts Advising Resource Center \(ARC\)](#)
- [College of Health & Social Sciences Student Resource Center \(SRC\)](#)
- [College of Science & Engineering Student Success Center](#)
- [Graduate College of Education Advising Community Hub \(TEACH\)](#)