Mission, Vision and Goals for Academic Advising at SJSU

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Mission: The mission of academic advising at SJSU is to facilitate a smooth transition to and timely progression through SJSU for our students and to empower them to develop and implement individual academic plans that are aligned with their academic and career aspirations. Students and academic advisors share the responsibility for implementing individual academic plans.

Vision: Our vision of academic advising at SJSU is to support and empower our students to work collaboratively with academic advisors to develop and implement their academic plans in order to gain self-reliance for their education and career goals. Students will graduate within four years for first-time freshmen and two years for transfer students.

Faculty and Staff Academic Advisor goals to accomplish SJSU’s academic advising mission:

- Providing supportive academic advising that responds to the differing needs of SJSU’s diverse student population, including appropriate proactive interventions where necessary;
- Assisting students in making their own informed and responsible decisions, setting realistic goals, answering students’ questions and making students aware of the possible short- and long-range consequences of their choices;
- Providing information regarding the wide range of programs, services, and educational opportunities at SJSU that may be pertinent to students’ educational and career objectives as well as personal well being;
- Informing students of relevant policies, procedures, and programs at SJSU, including how to run their academic requirements report each semester;
- Identifying practices to assist students to shorten their time to degree (e.g. identifying courses that can double count for general education, and major requirements as well as identifying equivalent transfer courses for the major when appropriate, and applying for graduation in a timely manner); and
- Informing advisees of special opportunities of interest (high impact practices) such as internships, study abroad, undergraduate research, service learning, community-based learning, leadership opportunities, employment and educational enrichment.
Student advising goals to accomplish SJSU academic advising mission:

- Understanding the university and major requirements as well as graduation requirements, as listed in the appropriate SJSU catalog;
- Attending a new student orientation program prior to the first semester of attendance;
- Declaring a major as required by university deadlines (applies to undeclared and assigned undeclared students) or changing a major, as applicable;
- Maintaining a personal academic advising folder and taking it to every advising appointment;
- Participating in special opportunities of interest (high impact practices) such as internships, study abroad, undergraduate research, service learning, community-based learning, leadership opportunities, employment and educational enrichment.
- Obtaining academic advising upon entering the university; upon earning 30 units; upon changing/adding a major and/or minor; and upon earning 75-90 units and applying to graduation; and
- Seeking academic advising if and when experiencing academic difficulty, including probation and possibility of disqualification.