



# Advising Overview for Families

**Academic Advising & Retention Services**



**SAN JOSÉ STATE  
UNIVERSITY**



# The Big Picture

- High School vs. College for families
- FERPA
- The Undergraduate Degree & the Major
- How to finish in 4 years
- Why take less the first semester?



# SJSU Impaction & Applying to Change/Add a Major or Minor

- New students may NOT change majors until classes begin
- All majors have declared impaction (more students request the major than the program can accommodate)
- To apply to a major, students must meet additional criteria (GPA, specific courses, etc.)
- Seek assistance and use resources
- Do the research (meet with professors/check the SJSU and department websites) and plan carefully
- The more units a student has, the less likely change requests will be approved



# Make EVERY Class Count!

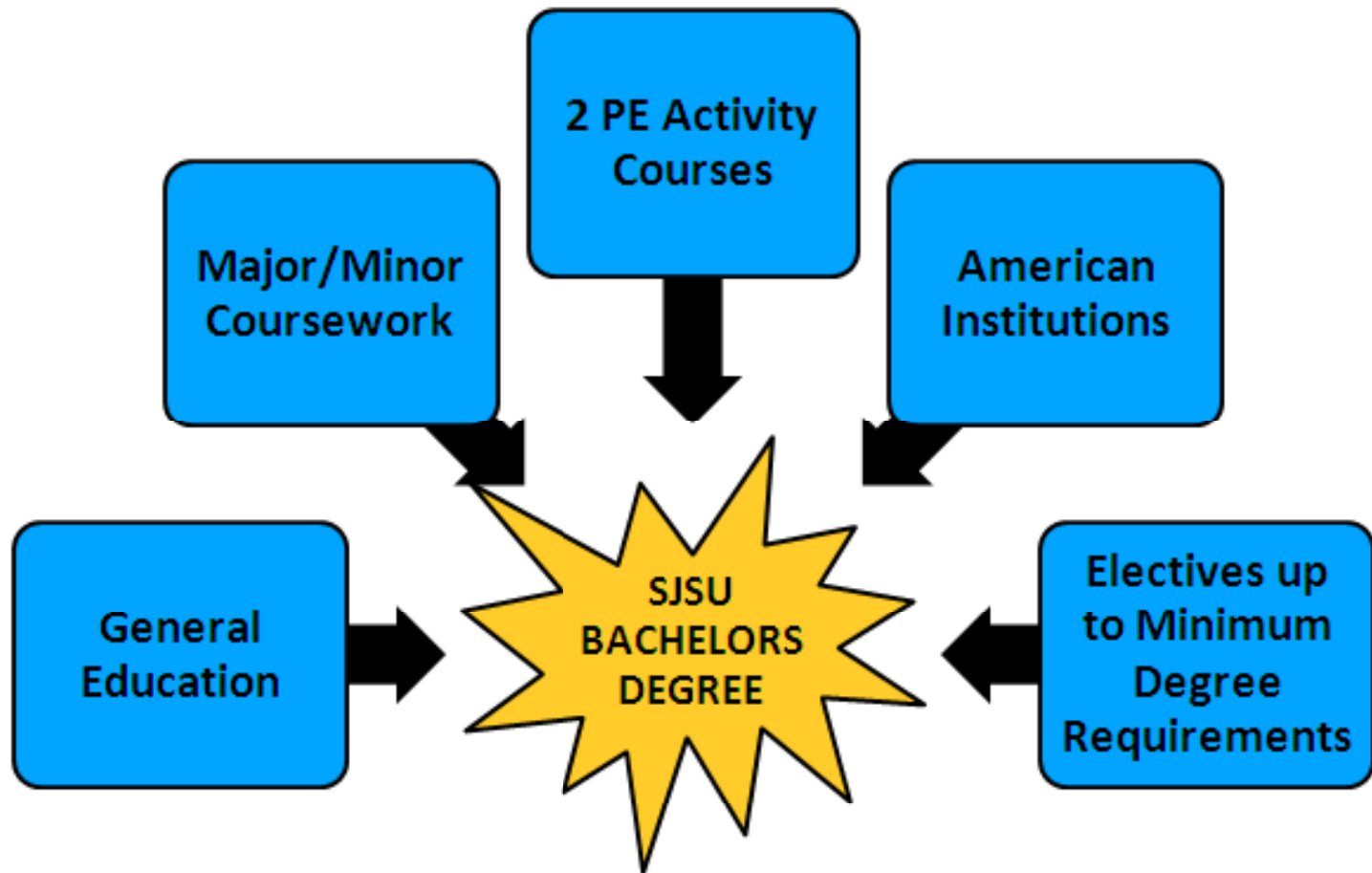
- Use online resources and see academic advisor at least once a year to make an academic plan.
- Do your best in every class.
- Take only classes that count toward the degree. Take a reasonable courseload.
- Do NOT register for classes you know you don't need. Do NOT “hold” classes.
- Financial Aid does not always require 12 units.



# Graduation is the goal!

- San Jose State expects students who attend full-time to complete their degrees in 4-5 years.
- We prefer that students take a reasonable number of classes for their personal situation and complete those classes successfully. Avoid overload (the most frequent mistake students make).

# Degree Requirements



[http://www.sjsu.edu/advising/grad\\_reqs/](http://www.sjsu.edu/advising/grad_reqs/)



# General Education

## The Value of General Education

- Becoming an Educated Person
- Exploring/Developing Areas of Interest
- Developing Skills for the Future

## Divided into 3 main categories:

- Core GE: Areas A-E
- American Institutions: Area F
- SJSU Studies: Areas R,S,V,Z



# GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS CORE COURSES

- Basic Skills: A1 – A3
- Science & Mathematical Concepts: B1 – B4
- Humanities & the Arts: C1 – C3
- Social Science: D1 – D3
- Human Understanding & Development: E

Areas A1, A2, A3 & B4 (Basic Skills & Math)

**MUST EARN A “C” OR BETTER!**



# Executive Order 665 (EO 665)

- All freshmen must clear the ELM and EPT if not exempt.
- If one or both tests are not passed then students must register for the appropriate remedial math and/or English course their first semester at SJSU.

## **ELM/EPT EXEMPTIONS:**

SAT Math 550 and SAT Critical Reasoning 500

ACT Math – 23; ACT English – 22

AP Test Score of 3 or higher

EAP exam/course

# Important to Note: Remedial English & Math

- **The One Year Rule:** All remedial courses **must be completed** by the end of the first academic year **or you will be prevented from returning to SJSU** until you have completed English 1A and/or an approved Intermediate algebra or college level math course at community college.
- **Importance of passing** – Beginning Fall 2009, students who fail remedial Math or English courses must retake and complete those courses at a community college. Students are not permitted to retake the courses at SJSU. The One Year Rule still applies.
- **No College Credit is given** – these classes do not count toward your degree, but they are counted for financial aid purposes, toward “full time” status.
- **If you are in a remedial English or Math class, you are restricted to a specific course list (see restricted course list)**

**For more information about Remediation:**

Susan McClory - 408-924-5070

<http://www.math.sjsu.edu/~mcclory/>



# Payment Deadlines

**AVOID DROPPED CLASSES:  
PAY FEES ON TIME!**

**Encourage student to allow family access to bills!  
The Parent User function reduces stress!**

Registration Date	Due Date	Classes Dropped for Non-Payment
June 14-July 13	July 18 (1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> IPP for 6/15 registrants)	July 19
July 20-Aug 3	August 17	August 18
Aug 24-Sept 13	Sept 17	Sept 19



# Creating the Semester Schedule

[http://www.sjsu.edu/advising/schedule\\_creation/](http://www.sjsu.edu/advising/schedule_creation/)

Best time of the semester to seek advising  
for long term planning:

**FALL: mid-Sep to mid-Nov**

**SPRING: mid-Feb to mid-Apr**

**\*\*All new students will be required to meet with their advisors within their first two semesters to create an academic plan.\*\***

# Maximum Unit Load & Study Hours

It is recommended to take **ONLY 12-15 units** during your first semester –  
4 academic courses **ONLY**  
(limitation of 14 units until classes begin)

## **Study Formula for College:**

Two to three times the number of units  
you've registered for, per week (minimum)!

### **Example:**

2(or 3) X 12units = 24-36 hours/week of studying!

*Time management is key!*



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Class Schedule Worksheet  
Fall 2009

Class Level

EMPLID

Name

College

Plan

Phone Nbr

EPT

c\_EnglStat

ELM

c\_MathStat

EAPM

Dept / Course #	Section	Code #	Time	Days	Room	Units

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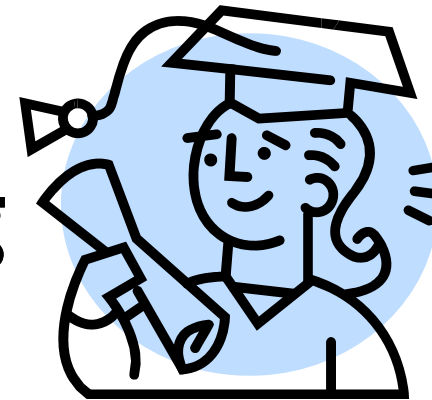
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Check out the campus-wide advising resource:

# The SJSU Advising Hub!



<http://sjsu.edu/advising>



- Advisor Contact Info
- Campus Resources
- Graduation Requirements
- Parent Page
- Advising FAQs
- Advising Calendar
- Year by Year Advising Guide
- GE Information
- SJSU Glossary

# Final Reminders

- Students should check MySJSU at least once a week!
- Students should keep their orientation folder & other important papers!



**Questions?**