Advising Overview

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SJSU 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 –California Promise, #Frosh Finishin4
- Why some students take less than 15 units first term and alternatives if that is needed.
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 course load.
- Do NOT register for classes you know you don’t need.
- 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 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).
- #FroshFinishin4
Student Perspective

• You have already paid for the classes
• Lost wages from entering your field later
• Research shows students taking more units earn higher GPAs

Community Perspective

• If our current graduation rates persist, by 2025 California will be short 1 Million bachelor’s degree needed for the economy and society to thrive!
• Students graduating faster opens more SJSU access for future high school and community college graduates

Extending your graduation by a year will cost a CSU student ~$50,000 in additional tuition and lost wages. RealCostOfCollegeInCA.org

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sjsu.edu/CaliforniaPromise
California Promise: Senate Bill 412

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• Open to incoming freshmen who are California residents (for tuition purposes, includes Dream Act students)

• Benefits
  • Advising specific to graduating in four years for frosh
  • Early registration time
  • On time completion of your degree can save you up to $50,000 over the course of your career
Eligible students have a link in their MySJSU account (until July 31st).

Follow the link and submit an intent to participate in the California Promise program.

Utilize the pre-orientation tools sent to you via Canvas to create a draft of your 4 year degree plan.

During fall semester, submit the California Promise pledge form that will be sent to you.

During your fall semester California Promise advising session, verify your 4 year degree plan.

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California Promise: Maintaining Eligibility

- Maintain a GPA of 2.0 or above
- Earn 30 degree applicable units each year
- Complete California Promise advising each semester
- Take the required classes when they are offered
- Enroll in classes during the established priority registration time and pay fees by the required deadline
- Changing major: See an advisor to determine if still eligible

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- Take 15 units a semester for timely completion of your degree.
- Resources exist to help you figure out what is the right path to graduation for you personally.
  - Degree Roadmaps
  - Advising, Tutoring, and Mentoring Services
  - Financial Resources
  - Time Management

#FINISHIN4

Stay on track with the right amount of units

#15TOFINISH

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MyGPS: Graduation Path to Success

MyRoadmap
MyProgress
MyScheduler

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SJSU Degree Requirements

Minimum 120 units

- **Major**
- **G.E.** (lower division & upper division)
- **2 units P.E.**
- **American Institutions**

Minimum 120 units
The Value of General Education

- Becoming an Educated Person
- Exploring/Developing Areas of Interest
- Developing Transferable 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 – C2
- 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 570 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 students will be prevented from returning to SJSU** until they have completed an approved remedial English course or English 1A and/or an approved Intermediate algebra or college level math course at community college.

• **Importance of passing** – 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.

• **Students in a remedial English or Math class are restricted to a specific course list.**

For more information about Remediation: developmentalstudies@sjsu.edu
http://www.sjsu.edu/sfs/developmental_studies/
Payment Deadlines

AVOID DROPPED CLASSES:
PAY FEES ON TIME!
(Classes are dropped the next day.)
Encourage student to allow family access to bills!
The Parent User function reduces stress!

In case of last minute issues – CONTACT BURSAR –
they can work with emergencies. Frontloading is always better.
Fall 2017 registration details

- New students are limited to 16 units.

- Registration approved at orientation will be frozen until classes begin.

- Students may add classes but may not drop without advisor approval.

- Block enrollment in 2 classes for some students.
Maximum Unit Load & Study Hours

It is recommended to take 14-15 units during
the first semester –
(Newly admitted students are limited to 16
units for F17)

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!
# Class Schedule Worksheet

**Fall 2009**

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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
Student Success Portal

- Link on my.sjsu.edu
- 47 online workshops some in both English and Spanish
- Topics range from academics to financial planning
- Available to ALL SJSU students and families
Final Reminders

• Students should check MySJSU at least once a week!

• Students should keep their orientation folder & other important papers!
Questions?

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