Tips for New Transfer Students:

1. Become familiar with the department website.
2. The SISS Department office can be reached at sociology@sjsu.edu, and is located on the second floor of Dudley Moorhead Hall (also known as DMH) in room 241.
3. Use your sjsu.edu email. This is the best way to communicate with professors and to be sure you get announcements from the University.
4. Complete the Writing Skills Test (WST) Directed Self Placement as soon as possible.
5. Complete SOCI 100W and SOCI 101 before the start of your third semester at SJSU.
6. Complete either SOCI 104 or 105 (ideally both) before the start of your fourth semester at SJSU.
7. When you create your schedule, take into account that in addition to being at a new university, you will be transitioning from lower division to primarily upper division classes. Build in extra time for more studying and other adjustments in your semester plan.
8. The University encourages students to take 15 units per semester to complete their degrees in two years. However, if this does not work for your schedule, alternatives include taking courses in summer and winter session. Compare costs and schedules to see if this option will work for you.
9. Most transfer students will need to take courses in addition to the major requirements to complete their degree with 120 units. Courses include the SJSU Studies courses (Areas R, S, V, and Z). See advisors at ACCESS Success Center for assistance in determining what other requirements are needed overall.
10. Advising at SJSU takes a multi-pronged approach. ACCESS Success Center advisors help you navigate the University policies like general education requirements, residency rules, and minimum units needed. Major/Minor faculty advisors in the academic departments guide students in completing major- and minor-specific requirements.