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Transfer Pre-Advising Guide

WELCOME TO CAL STATE CHANNEL ISLANDS!

The Advising Center would like to take this opportunity to introduce our staff and to acquaint you with our advising services. Now that you have been admitted to CSUCI, you are probably waiting anxiously, wondering what comes next. This guide is designed to explain how advising and registration take place at CSUCI, and to answer some of your questions about what to expect in the next few months.

ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT:

WHAT WILL HAPPEN AND WHEN?

Your first experience with CSUCI Academic Advisors for the new semester will take place through group advisement workshops. All admitted transfer students will be invited to attend a New Student Advisement Workshop. Workshops will be offered for each major, but general workshops will also be offered for students unable to attend the scheduled workshop for their particular major.



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NEW STUDENT ADVISEMENT WORKSHOPS WILL:

- Explain the “Advising Model” developed for CSUCI
- Explain CSUCI’s general education, graduation and major requirements
- Help you to interpret the University catalog, schedule of classes and begin your first semester course planning
- Explain registration procedures and teach you ways to double count courses to maximize your schedule
- Provide important materials such as advising and registration guidelines, major checklists, the course schedule, Island Compass (Academic Resource Guide), registration forms, a University catalog, and more...



New Student Advisement Workshops are presented in an interactive group format with questions answered throughout. Professional academic advisors will facilitate the workshop and will provide you with the tools and academic information needed to select your first semester class schedule. Faculty advisors will also be on hand to answer questions you might have specific to your major. Keep in mind, advising during advisement workshops is done in a large group format and although some individual attention is available, it is not designed for extensive counseling/advising. Attendance at a New Student Advisement Workshop is strongly recommended, since individual appointments are not available before you register.

REGISTRATION

After you have attended a New Student Advisement Workshop, you will receive a registration appointment time. You will then register for classes using an **on-line** registration process. Information and instructions regarding registration appointment times, guidelines and procedures will be distributed during the New Student Advisement Workshop.

REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE

Since students are registering on-line and are not required to attend a separate registration day, academic advisors will be able to provide assistance for students experiencing scheduling difficulties. Advisors will be available in the Advising Center on a walk-in basis or by calling 805-437-8571 to accommodate students with scheduling concerns and issues. In addition, Registrar staff will also be available to answer questions regarding registration difficulties. Students should contact 805-437-8500 for any registration concerns.

ONCE THE SEMESTER BEGINS

New Student Advisement Workshops are not designed to provide individualized counseling, nor take the place of one-on-one advising. These workshops are simply designed to give you the information and materials you need to choose your courses for your **first semester** at CSUCI. Once you are attending CSUCI, you should make an appointment to meet with an advisor for an individual advising session “STAR” appointment to get a comprehensive look at your educational plan.

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THE ADVISING CENTER

The Advising Center is conveniently located on the first floor of the Bell Tower. Our current hours are 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Stop by the Advising Center check-in counter or call to schedule an appointment with one of our professional academic advisors. Whenever possible you are encouraged to make an appointment for advising rather than dropping by. **Remember academic advisors are busiest during registration periods and the first weeks of the semester.** Try to schedule longer advising sessions (to discuss issues such as exploring major options or full degree planning) during the middle part of the semester.

In addition to professional academic advisors, you will have access to faculty advisors in your major. Faculty advisors are available on a walk-in basis or by appointment. Each semester office locations, hours and phone numbers are posted in the display case outside the Advising Center.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How will I know which courses to take?

That's exactly the question advisors will be addressing at the New Student Advisement Workshops! You will learn which courses to take for your major, upper division general education, and other graduation requirements. Workshops will also offer tips on how to double-count courses, therefore reducing the number of courses you need to take. When you leave the workshop you should be able to choose courses for your first semester.

What if I don't attend a New Student Advisement Workshop?

If you are unable to attend a new student advisement workshop, you must contact the Advising Center at 805-437-8571 to discuss possible alternatives. Your registration date may be delayed since registration appointment times are assigned after you have attended a workshop.

Will I have an assigned advisor in the Advising Center?

No, we do not assign advisors in the Advising Center. All academic advisors are cross-trained in all majors and any one of them can assist you.

I have been going to college for years, why do I need to attend the Island View Orientation?

Every university has its own orientation because every university is different. Island View Orientation provides you with an overview of what services are available at CSUCI as well as introducing you to key people on campus. Orientation will also be an opportunity for you to listen to speakers on topics such as campus involvement, financial aid, career counseling, personal counseling, and student services. You may also take care of some key practical matters such as purchasing your parking permit and getting your student ID picture taken. Campus tours will also be available. Attending Island View Orientation is optional, however we strongly believe attending orientation is key to getting you on the right track for a successful first semester.

“Good advising is a team effort! Our advisors are here to unlock your potential at CSU Channel Islands. Together we will develop an educational plan just right for you.”



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SEVEN EASY STEPS

1. Apply to CSU Channel Islands
2. Attend a New Student Advisement Workshop
3. Register On-Line
4. Attend Island View Orientation
5. Attend classes
6. During your first semester, make a “STAR” appointment for a one-on-one advising session with a professional academic advisor to clarify general education and graduation requirements
7. Make an appointment to meet with a faculty advisor to clarify major

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