Welcome New Aggies!

Online International and National Academic Advising

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How this webinar works:

- PowerPoint Presentation hosted by Academic Advisor
- Submit your Questions (using Q&A Tool)
- Questions Reviewed by Academic Advisors
- Questions Answered Live or via Q&A Tool
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Welcome to UC Davis!
Biology Academic Success Center (BASC)

1023 Sciences Lab Building
Front Desk: 530-752-0410
Email: cbsundergrads@ucdavis.edu
Appointments and Resources: basc.ucdavis.edu

**BASC Advisors:**
- Academic planning & course selection
- Strategize with you to meet graduation requirements (Major, GEs, College English Composition Requirement, etc.)
- Can help with academic difficulties
- Leave of absence(s)
- Petitions & Exceptions
- Referrals to other campus resources
Your BASC Advisors

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Additional BASC Advising Services

- **Faculty Advisors**: Associated with each major and can help you:
  - Research options
  - Assist with graduate school plans and career opportunities

- **Peer Advisors**: Students in the College of Biological Sciences (CBS) can help you with:
  - Courses and scheduling
  - Filling out petitions
  - General Education requirements
  - On-campus involvement and resources
How to Prepare for Registration

5 Steps to Success

1. Review Placement Exam Scores: English, Math, and/or Chemistry
2. Confirm AP/IB/A-Level Scores (if any)
3. Enter information into 1st Quarter Course Recommendation Tool
4. Save preferred schedule and confirm Pass Time in Schedule Builder
5. Register for courses during Pass 1
Placement Exams and Scores

**Entry Level Writing Requirement**
- Satisfied with one of the following:
  - SAT/ACT/AP Test Scores
  - Placement Exam (ELPE)

**Math**
- Satisfied with one of the following:
  - AP/IB/A-Levels
  - Placement Exam

**Chemistry**
- Satisfied with one of the following:
  - SAT/ACT/AP Test Scores
  - Chemistry Placement Exam
  - OR Preparatory Options (ALEKS or course WLD 41C)
Pass Times – Fall 2017

Pass 1
Register for Recommended Courses

Pass 2
Register or Waitlist for Courses that were not available during Pass 1

Open Registration
Any necessary changes to your schedule can be made at this time

Registration Freeze
Advisors will be reviewing your schedules and may be suggesting changes

Schedule Adjustment
Last chance to make schedule adjustments
What is a “good” schedule for fall quarter?

• Balanced schedule with 13-15 units
  • How do I calculate total units?
  • Do workload units count? Ex: WLD 57 or WLD 41C

• What do I do if a class is full?
  • Waitlist during Pass 2
  • Select alternative classes

• Avoid Time Conflicts

• Lower Division 1-99, Upper Division 100-199
  • You should only be in lower division classes this quarter

If you are unsure, ask your academic advisor!
How do I know if my schedule is right for me?

- Go to each class meeting the first week of instruction
- Carefully review each syllabus
- Talk to an advisor right away if you have questions or concerns about your course schedule
- Courses have a 10-day or 20-day drop deadline
- The last day to add a course is the 12th day of instruction
Policies and Procedures are specific to each College

Mandatory Advising
- One-on-one meetings to discuss academic success, student tools, resources, and policies

Holds
- Placed if you miss a deadline
- Contact the department that placed the hold

Check out our website!
basc.ucdavis.edu
How do I choose my courses?

1. Look up the courses for your major using the 1st Quarter Course Recommendation Tool.

2. Start taking courses required for your major in your first quarter. If you want to change your major, take the courses required by the major that you plan to change to.

3. Meet with your academic advisor in the fall to learn about how to change your major.
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Recommended Courses by Major

- BIS- Biological Sciences; CHE- Chemistry; MAT- Mathematics
- If you enroll in any sort of WLD course, push these courses back for the appropriate amount of quarters.
- BIS 005 (cohort) only to be taken in 1 quarter, assigned by your cohort designation
- Suggested GE courses: CLA 30F/CLA 30, PHI 15, PHI 31, GEL/EDU 81 lower division English Composition Requirement
What we covered:

- Registration
- Where to Get Advice
- How to Choose Your Courses
- Placement Exams and Scores
- Pass Times and Waitlists
- Units
- Changing Majors
What I Wish I Knew as a First Year Aggie!
Questions and Answers
(Q & A)

Q 1

• Do classes get more difficult when the course numbers get higher?
• For example: Is UWP 1 easier than UWP 21?

A 1

• No. Many courses are not taken in order. Read the full course description in order to determine if you are prepared to take the course.
• Only take courses numbered 1 - 99 your first year at UC Davis. Do not register for courses numbered 100 - 199.
Questions and Answers
(Q & A)

Q 2

• What do I do if a course that I want to take is full?

A 2

• If a course is full you can add yourself to the waitlist during Pass 2 registration. (If another student drops this course you may be added).
• However, there is no guarantee that you will be added to a waitlisted course. Use the “1st Quarter Class Registration Tool” to find another course in case you do not get into your first choice.
Q 3

• I have Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and Advanced Levels (A-Level) Exam credit. Can I skip any classes?

A 3

• Some AP and IB credit may allow you to skip a course, however we do not recommend it. Exam credit is not the same as a University level course
• In some cases you are not allowed to take a course that you have earned AP or IB credit for. Refer to the General Catalog or talk to your Academic Advisor
Questions and Answers (Q & A)

Q 4

• Can I take more than 15 units?

A 4

• New students are strongly recommended to only take 13-15 units their first quarter. If you earn good grades in your first quarter you can discuss increasing your units for winter quarter with your Academic Advisor.
For More Information

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