

Sixth College Presents: **Orientation Part I**

For Incoming First-Year Students

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SIXTH COLLEGE
ORIENTATION

Welcome to Orientation Part I!

- Attendance for Orientation Part I - Stay for the entirety of this presentation; no further action is required. We have record of your attendance via Zoom. A recording of this webinar will be uploaded to: sixth.ucsd.edu/academics/events.html
- Orientation Part II - Online Canvas Modules will be assigned in early September. At this time, no further action is required.
- Orientation Part III - In-Person Program will take place **September 16, 17 and 21**. Please register for one session by **July 24**.
 - If you have not yet registered, please do so ASAP at cor.ucsd.edu.
- For questions related to Orientation, email **sixthorientation@ucsd.edu** and include your name and TSN.



Questions During Presentation?

Feel free to utilize the Q&A box at the bottom of your Zoom window toward the end of our presentation - please be attentive and we will do our best to address questions at the conclusion of our presentation.

Orientation Part I Agenda

- 1. Welcome to UC San Diego, Sixth College**
 - a. Sixth Academic Advising Mission
 - b. UCSD Advising Structure
 - c. Sixth College General Education (GE) Requirements & University Requirements
 - d. Campus Resources
- 2. Timeline & Resources Leading Up to Fall**
 - a. Important Dates!
 - b. Enrollment To-Do's
 - c. Selective Majors
 - d. Placement Tests
- 3. Enrollment Planning and Information**
 - a. Academic Plans, Degree Audit, VAC Ask a Question
 - b. Enrolling for Fall Classes - First Pass/Second Pass
 - c. Summer Enrollment
 - d. Important Contacts
 - e. Videos and Resources
- 4. Q&A and Wrap-Up**

Through this presentation, students will:

- Understand the Sixth College Academic Advising mission, and the Sixth College General Education (GE) requirements
- Review the timeline for Summer and important resources to prepare for course enrollment
- Acquire information on course planning and how to enroll for Fall courses

Sixth College Academic Advising

Our academic advising team's mission is to provide a supportive environment for students to develop and advance their educational, professional, and personal goals.



UC San Diego Advising Structure

College Advising

- General Education (GE) requirements
- University requirements
- University policy
- Navigating campus resources
- “Who do I ask about...?”

Department Advising

- Major/Minor Requirements
- Research and Internship Questions
- Graduate School planning

Sixth College Academic Advising can advise on...

Sixth College General Education (GE) Requirements

- Writing Sequence - CAT 1, 2, 3 (must be taken at UCSD)
- Breadth (GE) Requirements
 - 11 courses
 - May be satisfied with transfer work
 - AP scores, IB scores, community college courses
- Upper Division GE:
 - Upper division writing - CAT 125/R
 - Experiential Learning (may potentially overlap with major coursework)

University Requirements

- Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR)
- American History & Institutions (AHI)
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)
- Jane Teranes Climate Change Education Requirement (JTCCER)
- Minimum 180 units / 60 upper division units



Questions about Major requirements? Discuss with department advisors!



General Education Requirements

Students admitted as first-years must plan to complete the following general education (GE) requirements for Sixth College. IGETC certification cannot apply to students admitted as first-years.

Transfer students should review [General Education Requirements for Transfer Students](#) to better understand their requirements given their transfer agreement.

All students must meet Sixth College GE requirements in addition to [University Requirements](#).

Course Offerings: View the [list of scheduled GE courses \(PDF\)](#) to plan for the upcoming term. This list is updated typically 1-2 weeks before course enrollment begins. We also have a [list of GE courses offered in Summer 2026](#).

Academics

The Advising Edit

Sixth College Advising

Advising Calendar

General Education Requirements

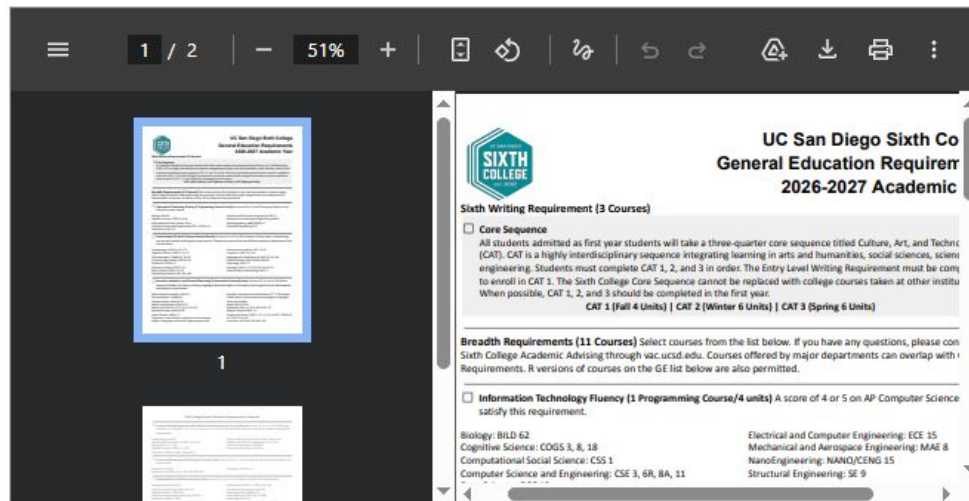
General Education Requirements for Transfer Students

University Requirements

Academic Plans

Academic Resources

Academic Opportunities



[Sixth College General Education \(GE\) requirements \(PDF\)](#)

[Sixth College GEs & University Requirement Overlaps List \(PDF\)](#)

Campus Resources

Sixth College Academic Advising can advise on General Education and University requirements.

- For any questions about housing contracts, meal plans, roommate selection, or move-in, please contact Housing, Dining, & Hospitality (HDH)
(<https://hdhhome.ucsd.edu/>)
- If you have questions about your Financial Aid package, please contact Financial Aid & Scholarships
(<https://fas.ucsd.edu/>)



Timeline & Resources Leading Up To Fall



Important Dates

- **Now:** If you have not already done so, complete your Academic Background in the New Triton Advising (NTA) portal as soon as possible!
- **Now:** Online Advising is open: [VAC.ucsd.edu](https://vac.ucsd.edu) “Ask a Question”
- **July 24:** Deadline for College Orientation Registration
- **Tentative Mid August:** Use TSS to view your assigned booking windows (First Pass and Second Pass) and the Fall Schedule of Classes
- **Tentative Early September:** Course booking for incoming First Year Students begins
- **Sept 24:** Fall Classes begin
- Full timeline of all dates can be found on NTA and the Undergraduate Academic Advising [Important Dates](#) website



Fall Enrollment To-Do's

- ❑ Review all the info in the [NTA pages](#)
- ❑ Send your AP/IB/Transcripts to UC San Diego Admissions
- ❑ Confirm no holds on your account
- ❑ Compare UCSD academic plans (plans.ucsd.edu) to your academic background
- ❑ Understand your GEs, University requirements, and major requirements
- ❑ Consider if you need placement tests
- ❑ Plan your classes and have back up options
- ❑ Review the [Preparing to Book Courses](#) student guide
- ❑ Check your enrollment times on tentative date of mid August
- ❑ Enroll!



Selective Majors

- If you were not admitted into your desired selective major upon admission, you should have an alternative, non-selective major in mind as back up.
- Go to the selective/screened major official webpage to see list for current selective majors and what their admission policy is.

Current Selective Majors:

- [Data Science](#)
- [Public Health](#)
- Jacobs School of Engineering – all majors in these departments:
 - [Bioengineering](#)
 - [Chemical Engineering](#)
 - [Computer Science and Engineering](#)
 - [Electrical and Computer Engineering](#)
 - [Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering](#)

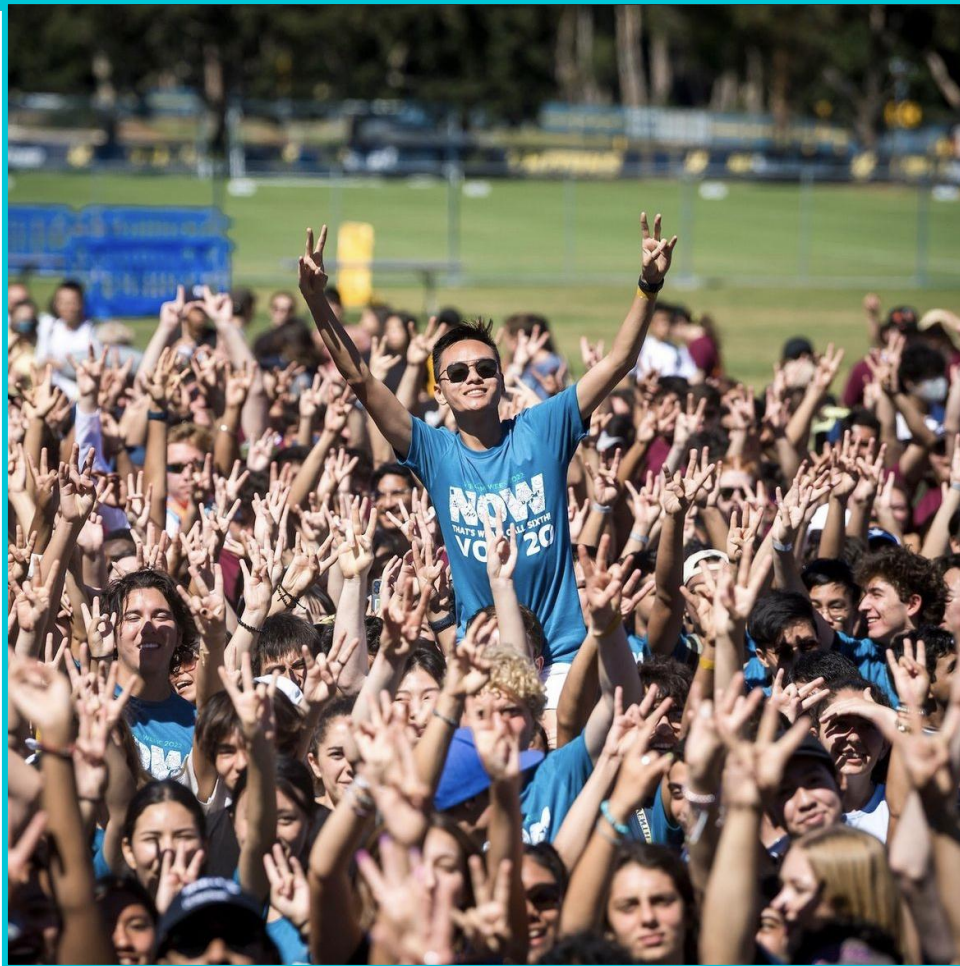


Enrollment Planning & Information

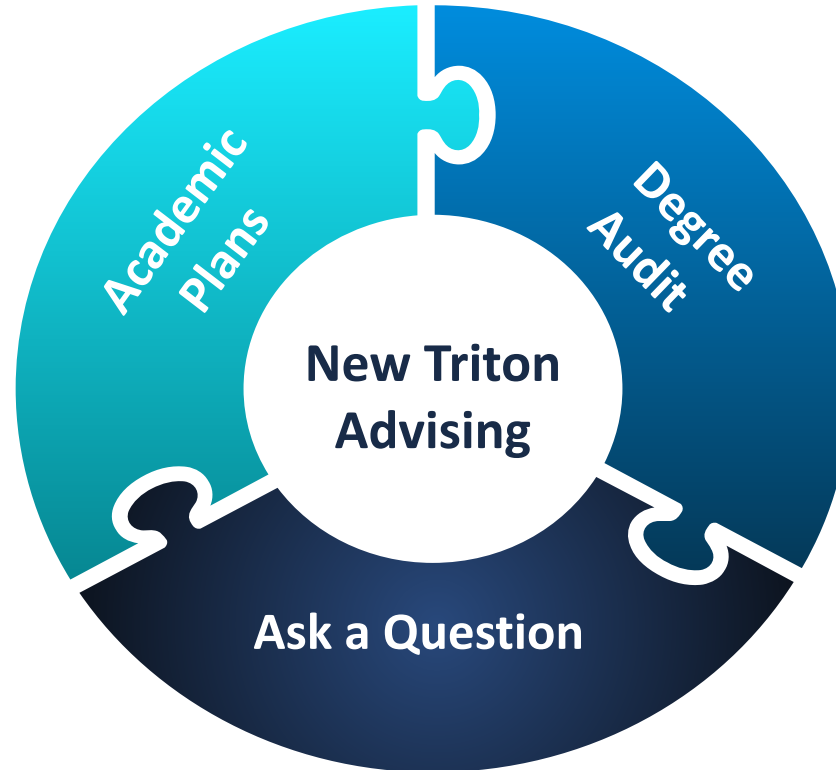


Placement Tests

- **Math Placement:** Online math placement exam through ProctorU (there may be a fee)
[MathTesting.ucsd.edu](https://mathtesting.ucsd.edu)
- **Language Placement:** If your academic plan includes language, refer to New Triton Advising for language placement exam info. Many are offered online and are free.
- **Writing Placement Process:** Students who have not met Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR) must complete the Writing Placement Process (WPP) offered through the UC San Diego Analytical Writing Program (AWP).



Planning for Fall Enrollment



Psychology (PC26)

total units **180.0**

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This sample academic plan is designed to help students complete their degree in a timely manner. Please note that plans are meant to be used as guides and will need to be modified based on individual academic background. Refer to the comments below this plan for additional information and recommendations from college and major advisors.

Writing Placement

Students who place into AWP 3 or AWP 4A-4B [🔗](#) must adjust the sample academic plan below and enroll in their AWP course in the first quarter it is offered. This additional coursework is required to complete the time-sensitive UC Entry Level Writing Requirement [🔗](#) and is the prerequisite for the college writing requirements. Review the [ideal pathways](#) [🔗](#) to fulfill both the ELWR and College Writing requirement in a timely manner.

Math Placement

Students who place into MATH 2, MATH 3B, MATH 3C, or MATH 4C will need to adjust the sample academic plan below to accommodate additional coursework needed to complete major and/or college requirements. Refer to the [UC San Diego General Catalog](#) [🔗](#) for Mathematics course descriptions and prerequisites.

Four Year Plan

Transfer Plan

[🔗](#) Indicates course overlaps GE & major requirements

[Print](#)

2025-2026

annual units **40.0**

Fall	term units 12.0	Winter	term units 14.0	Spring	term units 14.0
1 NATURAL SCIENCE 🔗	4.0	1 NATURAL SCIENCE 🔗	4.0	1 NATURAL SCIENCE	4.0
CAT 1	4.0	MATH 10A OR MATH 20A 🔗	4.0	MATH 10B OR MATH 20B	4.0
GE	4.0	CAT 2	6.0	CAT 3	6.0

2026-2027

annual units **48.0**

Fall	term units 16.0	Winter	term units 16.0	Spring	term units 16.0
PSYC 60 🔗	4.0	PSYC 70	4.0	1 COMPUTER PROGRAMMING 🔗	4.0
GE	4.0	GE	4.0	GE (DEI)	4.0
GE	4.0	JTCCER	4.0	GE	4.0
ELECTIVE	4.0	ELECTIVE	4.0	ELECTIVE	4.0

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Academic Plans

plans.ucsd.edu

SIXTH COLLEGE GENERAL EDUCATION

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Sixth College General Education Requirements

For a list of courses, please go to <http://sixth.ucsd.edu>

Click on Academics and GE and Graduation Requirements.

EARNED: 5 requirements

NEEDS: 5 requirements

✓ 1) Freshman Core Sequence

FA22	CAT 1	4.00	A-	Culture, Art & Technology 1
WI23	CAT 2	6.00	A-	Culture, Art & Technology 2
SP23	CAT 3	6.00	B+	Culture, Art, and Technology

2) Information Technology Fluency

FA23	COGS 3	4.00	WIP	Introduction to Computing
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✓ 3) Social Analysis

SP20	AP EA4	4.00	tP	Economics:Macro
FA22	COGS 11	4.00	A	Minds & Brains

✗ 4) Narrative, Aesthetic and Historical Reasoning

FA23	PHIL 13	4.00	WIP	Intro to Philosophy: Ethics
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NEEDS: 4.00 Units

✓ 5) Analytic Methodologies/Scientific Method

WI23	BILD 38	4.00	A	Dementia, Science and Society
SP23	SIO 10	4.00	B+	The Earth

✓ 6) Structured Reasoning

SP23	MATH 10A	4.00	C+	Calculus I
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✗ 7) Exploring Data

NEEDS: 1 Course

✗ 8) Art Making

WI23	DSGN 1	4.00	A-	Design of Everyday Things
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NEEDS: 4.00 Units

✗ 9) Experiential Learning

Visit sixth.ucsd.edu/elr to learn more

NEEDS: 1 Course

✗ 10) CAT 125: Public Rhetoric and Practical Communication

NEEDS: 1 Course

Degree Audit

Your degree audit is a living document and checklist to graduation. The TSS degree audit is not available yet. Expect it to be available to you around the start of the Fall quarter. Thank you for your patience.

Ask a Question Available Now!

- The New Triton Advising (NTA) portal, available at vac.ucsd.edu, is currently New Triton Advising and will evolve into the Virtual Advising Center (VAC) once you are enrolled.
- Once you review all the info in New Triton Advising (NTA) and complete academic background, you have access to **Ask a Question**
- The **Ask a Question** feature at vac.ucsd.edu allows you to submit questions and academic advisors will reply in 1-3 business days
- Know that transcripts are not yet posted. For now, we are working off of the info in your academic background.
- vac.ucsd.edu is your homebase for advising help and questions now and for the next 4 years!
- Responses to questions will go to **Contact Record**
- Sign up for text alerts!



Enrollment Considerations & Policies

- Review the [Schedule of Classes](#) in TSS to see what courses are offered and make sure you meet any prerequisites of your planned courses
- Recommended Units: 12-16 units
 - 12 units minimum required for Housing & Financial Aid qualifications
- Quarter Limit Policy - 12 full-time quarters (4 years)
- Grading options
 - Letter Grade
 - Pass/No Pass
- Course enrollment is an online process
- Waitlisting
- Class modalities:
 - In-Person: Every class meeting time for the course will have an on-campus building and room
 - Fully Remote: Course has an R designation and every class meeting time for the course will have a building name RCLAS

Enrolling for Fall Courses - First Pass / Second Pass

- Students are provided with two enrollment times
 - If you miss your first pass, you will have to wait until your second pass to enroll. Make sure you set a reminder for both!
- During your **First Pass**, you will be able to:
 - Enroll in up to 11.5 units (no waitlists) - this is only open for 48 hours
- During your **Second Pass**, you will be able to:
 - Enroll in up to 19.5 units - second pass remains open until the add deadline
 - Waitlists become available (if directed to do so by your major department)
- Ready to book?
 - Visit “**UCSD [Preparing to Book Courses](#)**” for step-by-step instructions on checking your booking window, resolving holds, unit caps, and course prerequisites.
- **Clear holds before your window opens:** Check *My Holds* in [TSS](#) ahead of time to make sure nothing prevents you from booking when your appointment starts.

Change of Major, Minor, or Double Majoring

- Prioritize maintaining Good Academic Standing; GPA 2.0 and above
- To Change Your Major/Declare an Optional Minor:
 - Be enrolled for Fall courses
 - Requests will be made directly in My Requests in Triton Student System (TSS)
- To submit a Double Major petition:
 - Have a UC GPA of 2.0 or higher - you will need to complete at least 1 quarter at UC San Diego
 - Talk to Department & College Advisors to prepare for the double major petition process



Reminders & Important Contacts!

- Keep an eye on your Admissions Portal; your checklist will update as your transcripts or test scores are received. Contact **Admissions** through your **Applicant Portal** if you have any questions.
- For questions about housing contracts, meal plans, roommate selection, or move-in, please contact **Housing, Dining, & Hospitality (HDH)** hdhhome.ucsd.edu
- For questions about your Financial Aid package and requirements (including scholarships, grants, or loans), please contact **Financial Aid & Scholarships** fas.ucsd.edu.
- For questions about student billing (including when/how to pay your tuition, payment, or any fees associated with your account) please contact **Student Financial Solutions** sfs.ucsd.edu
- **Reminder:** Review all pages in your New Triton Advising - much of today's information is there for your reference!



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