

Sixth College Advising

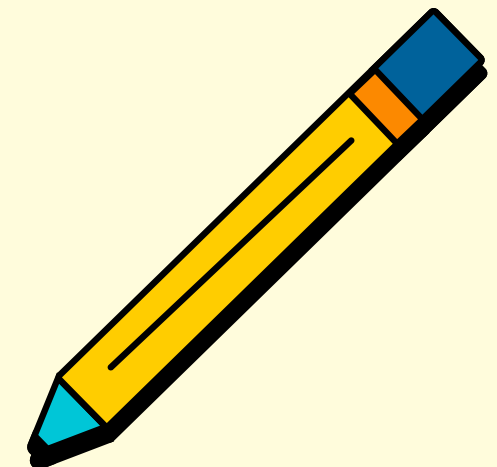
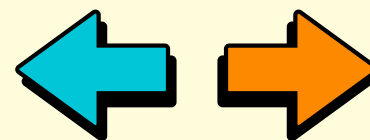
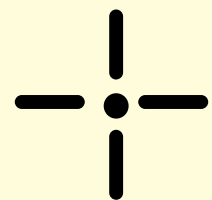
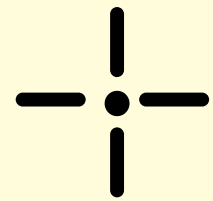


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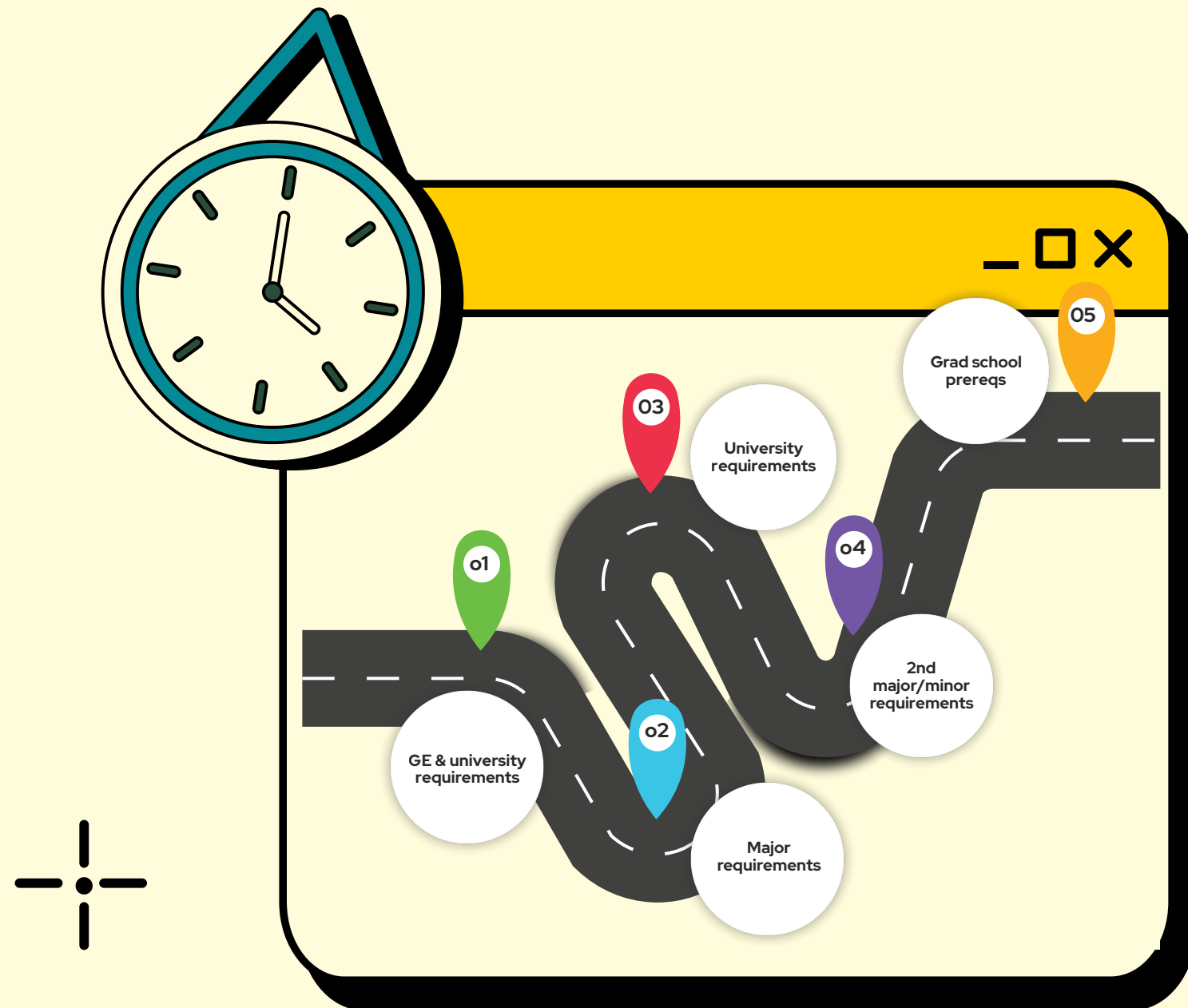
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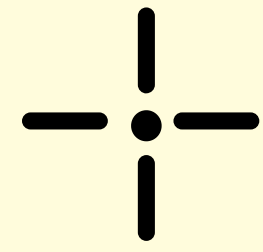
From CAT to Cap (& gown)



Agenda

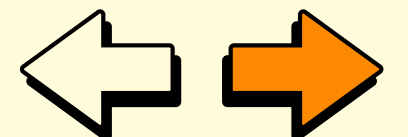
- Learning Objectives
- Process for creating your plan
- Other Considerations
- Q&A / Create a plan





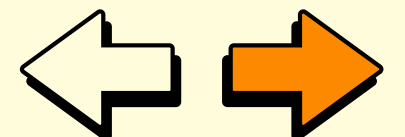
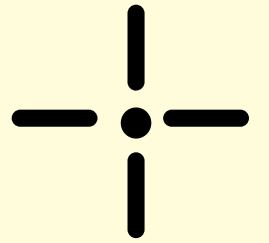
Learning Objectives

- Identify the tools and resources available to students to help create your long term plan(s)
- Demonstrate knowledge of differences between college and major academic advising
- Understand how and when to communicate with academic advisors to seek support with potential changes
- Understand the university policies regarding time to degree
- Acknowledge that long term academic plans can and will change

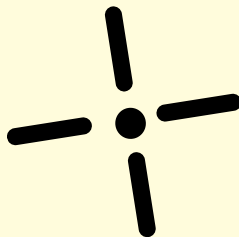


Creating A Long Term Plan

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Utilize resources available to you to
start the foundation of your plan



Academic plans

Degree audit

Sixth GE List

Major exploration

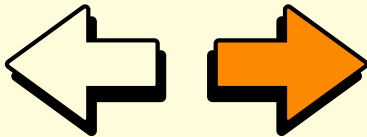
Academic history

General Catalog

First, consider your long term goals

Here are some examples you may want to take into consideration when creating your plan.

Research	Study Abroad	Graduate Early
Internship	Minor	Work Experience
Graduate School	Double Major	Graduation



Review Academic Plans

plans.ucsd.edu

Step 1: Enter the information for the plan you want to view

ACADEMIC PLANS

Select an academic plan

College
Sixth

Entering Year
2025-2026

Department / Program
Biology

Major *indicates available this year
General Biology* (BI31)

Step 2: Review the plan.

General Biology (BI31)
total units 180.0
Published May 20, 2025

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

2025-2026 annual units 51.0

Fall	term units 14.0	Winter	term units 18.0	Spring	term units 19.0
MATH 10A/MATH 20A	4.0	MATH 10B/MATH 20B	4.0	MATH 11	5.0
CHEM 6A	4.0	CHEM 6B	4.0	CHEM 6C	4.0
BILD 4 (*SEE NOTE*)	2.0	BILD 5 (*SEE NOTE*)	4.0	CHEM 7L	4.0
CAT 1	4.0	CAT 2	6.0	CAT 3	6.0

Things to take note of:

- 4 Year or Transfer Plan
- GE Overlaps
- These plans are a *guide* to help start your planning. Your individual plan may vary based on placement, transfer coursework, etc.

Step 3 Read the comments (under the plan)

Comments

Sixth College

Welcome, Sixth College Students!

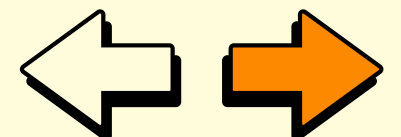
This sample academic plan serves as a generalized guide to help you complete your *University*, *General Education* (GE), and *Major* requirements within four years (12 quarters). Academic plans do not take AP, IB, or transfer credit into account. You may create a [personalized academic plan](#) based on your academic background and [Degree Audit](#). Refer to the General Education (GE) information on the [Sixth College website](#), and your major requirement information on your [major department website](#) when developing your academic plan. [IGETC](#) certification cannot be applied to students admitted as first-years.

Biology

This is a sample plan and is subject to change.

NOTE:

- **BILD 4** - It is recommended this lab course be taken as soon as possible, preferably no later than the end of the student's first year. The course is taught fall, winter and spring.
- **BILD 5** - It is recommended this course be taken no later than the end of the student's first year. The course is taught fall, winter and spring.
- **BIBC 100/102** - Students may select from BIBC 100, BIBC 102, CHEM 114A or CHEM 114B for the Biochemistry requirement.
- **UD BIO LAB** - Students may select one of the following options:
 - Option #1:** Complete one upper-division six-unit lab - Human Physiology Lab (BIPN 105).
 - Option #2 (as shown on plan):** Complete two upper-division lab courses (at least four units each) offered by the UC San Diego School of Biological Sciences. One BISP 196/197/199 (at least four units) may count toward this requirement.
- **UD BIO ELECTIVE** - The number of required upper-division Biology elective units shown on this plan is based on completing two 4-unit upper-division Biology labs. Total number of upper-division Biology elective units is dependent on the upper-division Biology lab option a student completes. Students are required to complete at least 48 upper-division units that apply toward the major.



Unsure of what you want to major in?

That's okay! You can still look through plans.ucsd.edu as well as use the tools below for major exploration



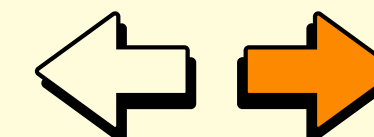
Take a variety of GE courses

Utilize Career Center resources

Other campus resources - AIP, Study Abroad, etc.

Talk to professors & TAs about their journey

Research careers/jobs you are interested in



Understanding your Degree Audit

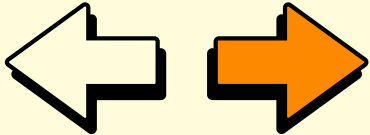
TritonLink Tools

this tool helps track your progress towards meeting your graduation requirements

& it allows you to see which requirements you've already met with transfer courses or test scores

▼	SIXTH COLLEGE GENERAL EDUCATION			
▼	✖	**For a list of courses, please go to http://sixth.ucsd.edu Click on Academics and GE and Graduation Requirements.		
		ERND/WIP:	44.00 Units	5 requirements
		NEEDS:		5 requirements
	✓	1) Freshman Core Sequence		
		FA18 CAT 1	4.00	B
		WI19 CAT 2	6.00	A-
		SP19 CAT 3	6.00	A
	✖	2) Information Technology Fluency		
		NEEDS:	1 Course	
		COURSES:	COGS 3, 8, 18 CSE 3, 5A, 7, 8A, 11 DSC 10, 20 ECE 15, 85 MAE 5, MAE 8 NANO 15 CENG 15 SE 9	
	---	3) Social Analysis		
		S218 EDS 25	4.00	A-
		S219 PSYC 2	4.00	WIP
	✖	4) Narrative, Aesthetic and Historical Reasoning		
		FA19 TDGE 25	4.00	WIP
		NEEDS:	4.00 Units	

scan the QR code below for an in depth tutorial on degree audits





Reading your Academic History

TritonLink Tools

Where your transfer credit is coming from

Transfer Credit		
Entity Name	Dates	Credit
Advanced Placement Credit	05/22 - 05/23	8.00
UC Santa Cruz	07/23 - 08/25	116.00
De Anza College	09/22 - 08/24	9.00

How many units you've transferred to UCSD

CAUTION: Transfer Course Disclaimer

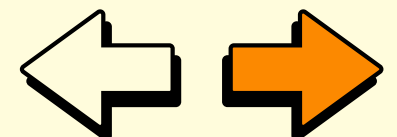
Substitution of Transfer Courses for UCSD requirements may be subject to additional checks or approvals. Colleges and Departments require additional approvals. Please see your College or Department for clarification. Please note: Transfer courses will display approximately 8 weeks after they are received on campus.

How the course was numbered/titled at previous institution

Transfer Courses							
Subject	Course	Course Title Transferred From	Units	Grade	Term	Level	UCSD Approx
ANTH	2	Cultural Anthropology De Anza College	4.00	A	S124	LD	ANTH 1
CSE	12	Computer Systems And Assembly UC Santa Cruz	7.00	B	FA24	LD	CSE 30
CSE	30	Program Abstractions: Python UC Santa Cruz	7.00	A	SP24	LD	CSE 11
CSE	13S	Comp Sys and C Programming UC Santa Cruz	7.00	A-	WI25	LD	CSE 12
CSE	16	Appl. Discrete Math UC Santa Cruz	5.00	B+	WI25	LD	CSE 20
CSE	101	Intro Data Struct & Algorithms UC Santa Cruz	5.00	C	SP25	UD	CSE 100
MATH	11A	Calculus I UC Santa Cruz	5.00	B	FA23	LD	MATH 10A

How your courses transferred to UCSD courses

Note: it's okay if the 'UCSD approx' is blank. You can still receive transfer units even if there isn't an exact equivalent.



General Catalog

catalog.ucsd.edu



It may feel overwhelming to choose GE course just from looking at the list of options. The catalog provides descriptions of courses which can help you decide if a class sounds interesting to you.

The catalog also provides important information, such as prerequisites and duplication of credit

☐ **Narrative, Aesthetic, and Historical Reasoning (2 Humanities Courses/8 units)** - A score of 3, 4, or 5 on AP Art History, History, Foreign Language, or Literature (non-English) can be used towards satisfying this requirement.

African American Studies: AAS 10

Communication: COMM 80

Chinese Studies: CHIN All Courses

Critical Gender Studies: CGS 108, 119

Global South Studies: GSS 21-26, 132

History: HILD 2A-2C, 7A-7C, 10-12, 14, 30; HI 100-189

Japanese Studies: JAPN All Courses

Jewish Studies: JWSP 1-3, 110, 130, 131

Linguistics: Any Linguistics course taught in languages other than English (except LIDS)

Literature: LT** 1-189 (except LTWR) and/or any Literature course taught in languages other than English

Music: MUS 4, 6-19, 111, 114, 115, 127, 150

Philosophy: PHIL 1, 13-15, 26, 31-33, 35, 148, 160-164, 170

Religion, Study of: RELI 1, 2, 101, 148, 149

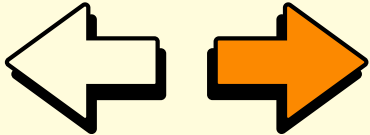
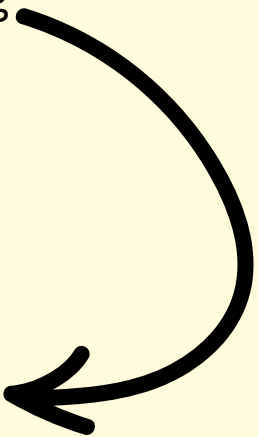
Theatre and Dance: TDGE 1, 10, 11, 25, 124-127; TDHD 20, 21, 175, 176; TDHT 10, 21-23, 103, 107, 109, 114

Visual Arts: VIS 20-22, 84, 85A, 120A-C, 121AN, 121B, 122AN-CN, 122D, 124BN-CN, 125A, 125BN, 125DN, 126AN-BN, 126I-K, 128A-E, 158, 159

MATH 180A. Introduction to Probability (4)
Probability spaces, random variables, independence, conditional probability, distribution, expectation, variance, joint distributions, central limit theorem. (Two units of credit offered for MATH 180A if ECON 120A previously, no credit offered if ECON 120A concurrently. Two units of credit offered for MATH 180A if MATH 183 or 186 taken previously or concurrently.) Prior or concurrent enrollment in MATH 109 is highly recommended. **Prerequisites:** Math 20C or MATH 31BH, or consent of instructor.

MUS 4. Introduction to Western Music (4)
A brief survey of the history of Western music from the Middle Ages to the present. Much attention will be paid to the direct experience of listening to music and attendance of concerts. Class consists of lectures, listening labs, and live performances. **Prerequisites:** none.

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Sixth College GE Requirements

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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.

Academics

- Sixth College Advising
- Advising Calendar
- General Education Requirements**
 - General Education Requirements for Transfer Students
- University Requirements
- Academic Plans
- Academic Resources
- Academic Opportunities
- Applying to Graduate

UC San Diego Sixth College General Education Requirements 2025-2026 Academic Year

SIXTH WRITING REQUIREMENT (3 Courses)

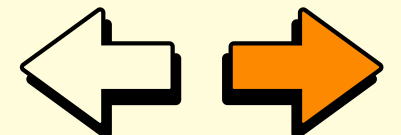
☐ **Core Sequence**
All students admitted as first year students will take a three-quarter core sequence titled Culture, Art, and Technology (CAT). CAT is a highly interdisciplinary sequence integrating learning in arts and humanities, social sciences, science, and engineering. Students must complete CAT 1-2-3 in order. The Entry Level Writing Requirement must be completed to enroll in CAT 1. The Sixth College Core Sequence cannot be replaced with college courses taken at other institutions. When possible, CAT 1, 2, and 3 should be completed in the first year.
CAT 1 (Fall 4 Units) | CAT 2 (Winter 6 Units) | CAT 3 (Spring 6 Units)

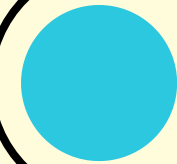
BREADTH REQUIREMENTS (11 Courses) Select courses from the list below - if you have any questions, please contact Sixth College Academic Advising through [vac.ucsd.edu](#). Courses offered by major departments can overlap with GE Requirements. 'R' versions of courses on the GE list below are also permitted.

☐ **Information Technology Fluency (1 Programming Course/4 units)** - A score of 4 or 5 AP Computer Science A will satisfy this requirement.

[Sixth College General Education \(GE\) requirements \(PDF\)](#)
[Sixth College GEs & University Requirement Overlaps List \(PDF\)](#)

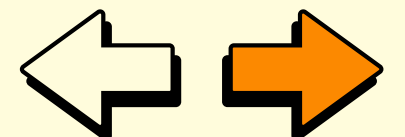
- You can overlap between major & GE requirements (remember this is also noted on Academic Plans)
- Make sure you understand where your transfer courses and test scores count so you don't duplicate
- We have helpful lists on our website:
 - Course Offerings (updated quarterly) - this will show you what Sixth GEs are being offered, from each area, for that specific quarter
 - The Sixth GE and University overlaps list - this will help you find overlaps with requirements like DEI and JTCCER





Let's Review!

- ☐ Determine your goals
- ☐ Select a major (or plan for major exploration)
- ☐ Learn your requirements (use plans.ucsd.edu + degree audit + Sixth GE List)
- ☐ Check where your transfer work applies (use academic history + degree audit)
If something is missing or appears incorrect, always let your advisor know!
- ☐ Learn more about the courses you can/will take (use the general catalog)
- ☐ Make a quarter by quarter draft to take to advising





Major Department Advising

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Go to for..

- Major requirements
- Faculty Advisors
- Research/Internships guidance
- Graduate school questions



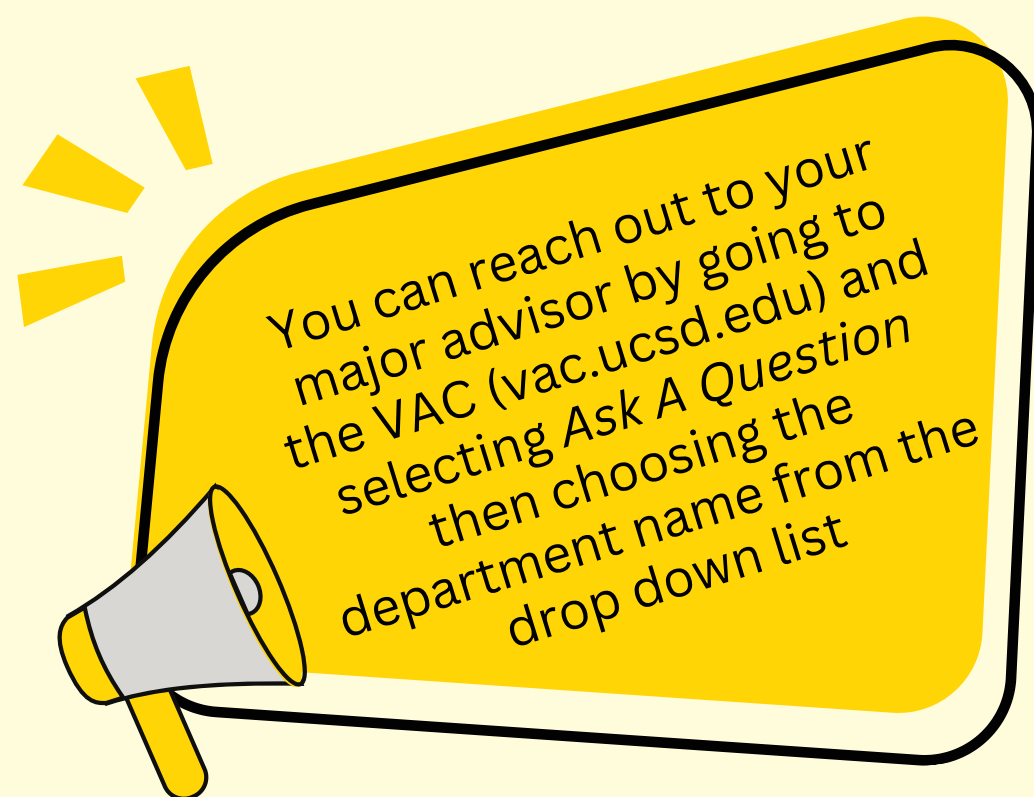
ACADEMIC ADVISING Sixth College Advising

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Go to for..

- Sixth College GEs
- University requirements
- University policy and procedures
- & the 'I dont know where to go for ____' questions!

Major Department Advising



Long term
planning &
Major
Requirements

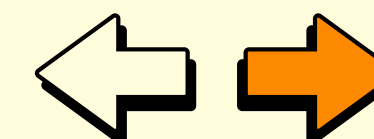
Research &
Internships
guidance

Graduate
school
questions

Specific
career
objectives

You can also typically find
their drop-in advising /
appointment offerings on the
VAC or on their website.
(Hint: Google UCSD
'<department name> advising')

**It's helpful to go through the 'Do It Yourself'
planning steps so you have a draft and
questions for your major advisor to review!**



Sixth College Advising

It's recommended to have your major advisor review your plan first as the GE/University requirements tend to have more flexibility than major requirements as to where they can be placed in your plan.

General education requirements

Major exploration

University policies

Academic difficulty

Referrals

General career objectives

For long-term planning, Sixth College advising can assist you with all your GE and University requirements (DEI, AH&I, JTCCER, unit totals)



Things to Consider

Quarter Limit Policy

Quarter Limit Policy

This [Academic Senate policy](#) applies to students who entered UC San Diego in Fall 2019 or after.

Students admitted as New First Year students (Freshmen) have 12 quarters to complete all requirements, while Transfers have 6 quarters.

The following are not included in the Quarter Limit calculation:

- Summer sessions
- Approved part-time quarters
- Fully withdrawn quarters (with or without W grades)

- There is a process to petition for extra time, if needed
- Not something to panic about, but something to be aware of

Academic Department Tentative Course Offerings

- Most departments will post their tentative course offerings for the academic year, on their website. *Remember: Google UCSD <department name> and it should come right up!*
- Some courses may only be offered once a year so it's important to check these lists to avoid any delays in your plan!

2025-26 Course Offerings

This is a **tentative** schedule. Classes and/or instructors may change or be canceled. Please consult the official [Schedule of Classes](#) on TritonLink each quarter. **L** indicates a lab course.

i Currently listing courses for **academic year 2025-26** and **Summer '25**.

List of offered Courses

Selective / Screened Majors

What programs have selective majors on our campus?

- [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](#)

Note: As of spring 2025, Biological Sciences majors are no longer selective.

For more information about selective majors, see the [selective majors page](#) and the [FAQ page](#).

Screened Majors

What does *screened major* mean?

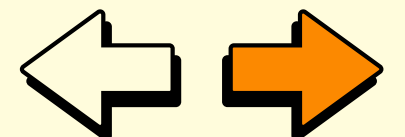
A screened major is a major that has significant enrollment pressure and is growing quickly. Any student who meets the screening criteria will be allowed to declare the major.

What majors are screened majors?

- [Structural Engineering](#) (effective Summer 2025)
- [NanoEngineering](#) (to be effective Winter 2026)

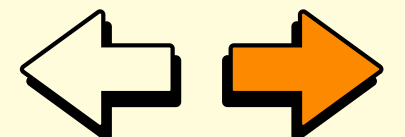
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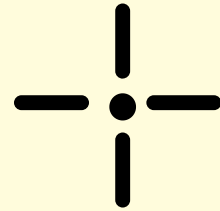
- Know the requirements + process to apply (ask department advisor any questions you have)
- Not a guarantee so always have an alternate plan



Long Term Planning Advice

- Choices are a good thing!
- It's a good idea to check in with Academic Advisors regularly
- Long term plans are not set in stone! They can and will evolve - and we're here to help!
- Having alternate plans is always smart idea





QUESTIONS?

Now, you can start your own draft!

Blank QxQ planning sheet:



Sixth GE page:



Sixth YouTube channel:



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catalog.ucsd.edu

