



TRANSFER STUDENTS KEY INTO ADVISING EARLY

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Academic Advising

Unlock the Mystery of Advisement

At California State University Channel Islands, students begin the advising process long before setting foot in the classroom! Academic advisement is an essential component to the success of each student. From the time of admission until registration, transfer students often anxiously wait to hear from the University about what comes next. Academic Advising created a program to address student advising needs prior to the first day of the semester.

Early Communication Plan

Once students are admitted, each student is sent a personal letter along with a pre-advising guide. The pre-advising guide covers frequently asked questions about advising and registration and invites students to attend on-campus advising workshops specific to their major. The guide provides an early opportunity to introduce the advising staff and to acquaint students with advising services. Academic Advising generates an early connection through:

- Pre-Advising guide (explains how advising and registration take place at CSUCI)
- Invitation to attend a two hour on-campus workshop facilitated by professional advisors. Students RSVP to attend a workshop specific to their major.

On-campus Advising Workshops

On-campus group workshops are held prior to the beginning of the semester. Although not mandatory, 98% of newly admitted transfer students attend each semester.

Benefits of attending the optional workshop:

- Interaction with professional advisors
- Explanation of the advising model, when and where to go for advising
- Explanation of general education, graduation and major requirements
- Explanation of on-line registration process
- Acquire important materials such as Island Compass, major checklists, course offering schedules, articulation charts and the University Catalog
- Receive complementary copy of "Reading Celebration" book
- PowerPoint presentation highlighting the Island Compass!

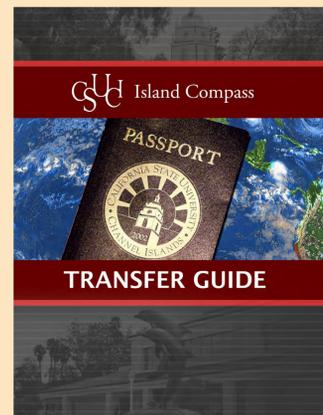


Island Compass

The Island Compass, distributed at workshops, is a valuable tool for students to explore the academic opportunities at Cal State Channel Islands. The 28 page guide provides academic information, tips and tools to assist each student chart out a course for their individual academic journey.

Island Compass Features:

- CSUCI Mission, Academic Affairs Mission and the Academic Advising Mission
- Advisor/Advisee Responsibilities
- Advising Partnership for Success
- A Partnership for Academic Excellence
- Key Steps to Mapping out the Perfect First Schedule
- Goal Setting and Forms to Monitor Individual Student Progress
- Planning Tips and Tools for Success
- Tips for Registration, Understanding Schedule/Catalog
- Suggestions to Make the Most of the College Experience



CSUCI's Early Communication Plan for Advising was presented at the National Association for Academic Advising (NACADA) Regional Conference in April 2006 and received the "Best in Region" award. As a result of this award, the presentation was recognized as an innovative program at the National NACADA Conference in Indianapolis, October 2006. The program was also selected for presentation as a best practice to facilitate graduation at the CSU Campus Practices for Student Success Conference.



- Academic Advising developed an Early Communication Plan for new transfer students
- Prior to the beginning of the semester students receive a Pre-Advising Guide and a personal invitation to attend on-campus advising workshops
- Students meet with faculty and receive an overview of the major
- Island Compass serves as the student's guide to exploring the academic opportunities at CSUCI
- After attending a workshop students gain an understanding of the CSUCI advising model, where to go for advising and acquire important advising materials
- 98% of newly admitted transfer students attend these interactive workshops