CA PromiseFour Year Pledge Program



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What is the CA Promise (CAP) Four Year Program?

- The CA Promise Four Year program is a CSU (System-wide) initiative to support first year students to earn a degree in no more than four years, provided you pledge to, and follow, specific requirements.
- Open to majors listed on our SDSU CA Promise Four Year Pledge Program <u>website</u>

Why Pledge to Graduate Within Four Years?

- Save \$\$
 - Graduate sooner save on additional tuition and book costs
 - Higher earning potential with your credentials
- Increase your earning potential
 - Enter the workforce sooner

CONDITIONS TO STAY IN THE CAPROMISE FOUR YEAR PLEDGE PROGRAM

CA Promise Four Year Pledge Conditions

- Be a CA resident for purposes of in-state tuition eligibility
- Have an initial advising meeting with your major adviser to approve your fall 2020 academic plan if you still have questions
- Meet with your major adviser every semester thereafter. Let your major adviser know you are in the CA Promise program.
- Maintain good academic standing
 - 2.0 or higher
 - Cumulative
 - Campus GPA
 - Major GPA

CA Promise Four Year Pledge Conditions(cont'd)

- Remain in your CA Promise major you were admitted to. If you switch out, you are no longer eligible to stay in the program.
- Complete a minimum of 30 adviser approved units per academic year
 - Includes summer sessions
 - Students are encouraged to take summer session courses to stay on track
 - Consult with the Financial Aid Office & Scholarships regarding aid for summer school
- Apply for May or August graduation six months in advance

CA Promise Four Year Pledge BENEFITS

CA Promie Four Year Pledge - Program Benefits

- Additional advising services and connections to mentorship programs
- Elevated (improved) registration times within your group
- Individual and small group mentoring
 - Receive special invitations to virtual mentoring sessions

HOW TO SIGN UP and DEADLINE

- Students will be directed to the <u>online application</u>
- Register by Monday, September 7, 2020

YOU CAN DO IT!

As a new SDSU CA Promise student, do the following:

- Schedule an appointment with your <u>major adviser</u> before you register for classes every semester and demonstrate progress completing approved major coursework every semester
- Understand how to read your <u>Degree Evaluation</u>
- Meet with a main campus academic adviser if you have questions about your GE courses, policies, procedures or non-major graduation requirements
- <u>Activate your Career Services Handshake Account</u> to connect or prepare for future employment opportunities

ADVICE FOR SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION TO SDSU

- Your overall <u>health and well-being</u> is your first priority
- <u>Seek help</u> throughout your SDSU undergraduate studies we want to help you!
- Meet with your professors during virtual office hours for help or to connect to peers in your class
- Utilize a system (e.g. planner, online calendar reminders) to track important class and <u>campus deadlines</u>
- Develop strong time management skills early on re-adjust early
- Utilize the <u>free Writing Center</u>
- Maintain a healthy Work-school-life balance
- Prepare for an increased homework load (reading, writing, critical thinking etc)
- Attend <u>supplemental instruction</u> (see the list of courses for additional academic enrichment/support/tutoring

IMPORTANT SDSU DATES

IMPORTANT FALL 2020 REMINDERS

9/4/20 Add/Drop Deadline and other fall 2020 deadlines

October Advising Month - Meet with your <u>major adviser</u> before

October ends

Nov 26-27 Thanksgiving Holiday

Dec 11-17 Final examinations

GRADUATE SCHOOL PLANNING

- Reflect on your why
 - I want to attend graduate school because...
 - Career Advancement? Is an advanced degree required?
- <u>Major Adviser</u>- major advisers are experts for graduate school planning
- Graduate & Professional School Fair (October)

PRE-PROFESSIONAL ADVISING

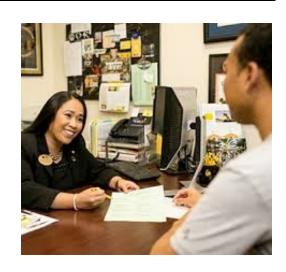
- <u>Directory of Pre-Professional Advisers</u>
- Pre-medical, Pre-dental, Pre-Veterinarian
 - Health Professions Advising Office (College of Sciences)
- Pre-Law Advising
 - (Political Science Department)
- Pre-Physical Therapy
 - (Kinesiology Department)
- Major Adviser
 - Major adviser directory
- Professional Association Websites (Google A Professional Association in Your Discipline)



ONLINE RESOURCES SUMMARY

ONLINE ADVISING & COURSE PLANNING RESOURCES

- Web Portal
- <u>Degree Evaluation</u> (you will have access in July at new student orientation)
- My Map
- General Catalog
- Class Schedule
- Major Adviser Directory
- Academic Calendar



SDSU ACADEMIC ADVISING CENTER HOURS

Virtual Academic Advising Sessions

Monday-Thursday, 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.

https://advising.sdsu.edu/advising/seeing_an_adviser
/virtual-advising

VIRTUAL STUDENT RESOURCES WEBSITE

Virtual Student Resources

https://virtual-academic-help.sdsu.edu/

I AM READY TO PLEDGE TO GRADUATE WITHIN FOUR YEARS

I WANT TO PLEDGE TO GRADUATE WITHIN FOUR YEARS

Complete our online application on or before Monday, September 7, 2020

CA PROMISE 4 YEAR ONLINE APPLICATION

CONTACT

CA PROMISE FOUR YEAR PLEDGE QUESTIONS

For questions about the CA Promise Four Year Pledge program, email

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THANK YOU



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