

# **CA Promise**

## ***Two Year Pledge Program***



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UNIVERSITY**

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# What is the CA Promise (CAP) Two Year Program?

- CSU (System-wide) initiative to support Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) majors earn their degree within two years.
- Open to ADT majors only
- SDSU CA Promise Two Year Pledge Program [website](#)

# Why Pledge to Graduate Within Two 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  
CA PROMISE TWO YEAR PLEDGE  
PROGRAM**

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# CA Promise Two Year Pledge Conditions

- Be a CA resident for purposes of in-state tuition eligibility
- Attend August New Student Virtual Orientation
- Have an initial advising meeting with your major adviser to approve your fall 2020 academic plan
- 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 Two Year Pledge Conditions(cont'd)

- Remain in your ADT major in which you were admitted
  - If you chose to switch to another major, you are ineligible
- 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 Two Year Pledge BENEFITS**

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# CA Promie Two 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 [online application](#)
- Register by Monday, September 7, 2020

**YOU CAN DO IT!**

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

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


# ADVICE FOR SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION TO SDSU

- Your overall [health and well-being](#) is your first priority
- [Seek help](#) 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
- Class sizes - class sizes differ from community college and may be 2-3 times larger, depending on your class. Don't let this intimidate you and ask your professor for advice as you adapt to new teaching styles.
- Utilize a system to track important class and [campus deadlines](#)
- Develop strong time management skills early on - re-adjust early
- Utilize the [free Writing Center](#)
- Maintain a healthy Work-school-life balance
- Prepare for an increased homework load (reading, writing, critical thinking etc)

# **IMPORTANT SDSU DATES**

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# IMPORTANT FALL 2020 REMINDERS

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| 9/4/20      | <a href="#">Add/Drop Deadline</a> and other fall 2020 deadlines                   |
| October     | Advising Month - Meet with your <a href="#">major adviser</a> before October ends |
| Oct 19 - 23 | <a href="#">National Transfer Week</a>  |
| 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?
- [Major Adviser](#)- major advisers are experts for graduate school planning
- [Graduate & Professional School Fair](#) (October)

# PRE-PROFESSIONAL ADVISING

- [Directory of Pre-Professional Advisers](#)
- 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**

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# ONLINE ADVISING & COURSE PLANNING RESOURCES

- [Web Portal](#)
- [Degree Evaluation](#) (you will have access in August at new transfer 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](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 TWO  
YEARS**

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# **I WANT TO PLEDGE TO GRADUATE WITHIN 2 YEARS**

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

[CA PROMISE 2 YEAR ONLINE APPLICATION](#)

# CONTACT

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# **CA PROMISE TWO YEAR PLEDGE QUESTIONS**

**For questions about the CA Promise Two Year  
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