

College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics • Jensen Student Access to Science & Mathematics Center

Mandatory Freshman Advising

STUDENT TIPS & REMINDERS

Just Started at CSULB?

- Complete all your Foundation coursework
- Take lower division major courses
- Meet with your major advisor each semester
- Spread out your General Education coursework
- Keep e-mail address updated on *MyCSULB* and check it regularly for announcements *we recommend using your csulb.edu account
- Take the WPE (Writing Proficiency Exam): You must attempt it by the time you earn 65 units – contact Testing Services
- You must declare your major by the time you earn 60 units

Tips for Registering for Courses

- Check *MyCSULB* - *Enrollment Appointment Date/Time
- Clear Holds on *MyCSULB* - *Do This EARLY
- Search for classes on *MyCSULB*
- Select alternative classes in case first choices are full
- Avoid waitlist when possible – enroll in class to ensure full-time status
- We recommend *no more than* 15-16 units per semester
- Pay fees within 30 days of registration
- Balance your schedule (school + work + studying + personal time)

FRESHMAN STUDENT ADVISING FAQs

How can I be sure I meet my General Education requirements?

- Consult your DPR (degree progress report) to determine any General Education (GE) categories you are still missing. See the University Center for Undergraduate Advising OR the Jensen SAS Center for assistance.
- Use some GE courses to fulfill the required nine (9) units of Capstone classes (including Global Issues & Human Diversity).

What are Capstone courses, and do I have to take them?

- Capstone = upper division General Education coursework.
- All students must take Capstone courses at CSULB.

What if I receive a grade I am unhappy with?

- If you earn a grade of *D*, *F*, or *U* in a course, you need to consider several things BEFORE retaking the course.
- Be familiar with new policies on repeating coursework and/or “forgiving” the poor grade– check with an advisor first!
- Be sure to consult with an advisor before finalizing your decisions!

Help! I’ve been placed on Academic Probation!

- If your cumulative GPA is less than 2.0, you are placed on academic probation.
- Attend a **Strategies for Academic Success** Workshop sponsored by the University Center for Undergraduate Advising.

How do I know if all my credit from AP/IB exams or from coursework taken at other schools has been received?

- If you have attended another college or received college credit through an exam such as Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) and want to make sure you receive credit for all of your units, you must have official transcripts and/or official test score reports sent to Enrollment Services, and contact them to follow up.

What if I want to take a class outside of CSULB and have it transferred here?

- You can verify if a class will transfer to CSULB from another California college/university by visiting www.assist.org.
- There are some limits to what you can do. Check with your CSULB advisor BEFORE you enroll in the non-CSULB course to make sure it will be accepted for grade and subject credit.

What if I want to take a class for the Credit/No Credit option?

- You may take a total of 24 units *CR/NC*, of which no more than 12 units may be upper division. Also, no more than 8 units in one semester can be taken *CR/NC*. **Most major classes cannot be taken *CR/NC*.**
- Please consult your major/faculty advisor, the Jensen SAS Center, or the Pre-Health Professions Advising Office to find out how *CR/NC* may impact your application to graduate school or a professional preparation program.

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Departmental Undergraduate Advisors & Drop-In Hours

Biology Department Office: PH1-109

Biology, Biology Education, Botany, Ecology, & Zoology:	Dr. David Huckaby	dhuckaby@csulb.edu	MW 2:00pm-4pm, T 9:30am-11am, 1:30pm-4pm Th 9:30am-12pm, 1:30pm-4pm	PH2-201
Cell and Molecular:	Dr. Kay Lee-Fruman	kleeefrum@csulb.edu	TTh 1:00pm-2:00pm	MLSC 224
Marine Biology:	Dr. Gwen Goodmanlowe	ggoodman@csulb.edu	MT 1-3pm	PH1-213
Microbiology:	Dr. Vern Eveland	eveland@csulb.edu	Contact advisor for appt times	MLSC 120
Physiology:	Dr. Balwant Khatra	bskhatra@csulb.edu	MW 3:30-5:00pm, T 9-10:30am	MICRO 008B

Chemistry & Biochemistry Department Office: MLSC-304

Undergraduate Advisor:	Dr. Roger Acey	racey@csulb.edu	T 2:30-3:30pm, W 10-11:30am, Th 1:30-3:00pm	MLSC 234
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Environmental Science & Policy Program Office: SS/PA-340

Undergraduate Advisor:	Dr. Paul Laris	plaris@csulb.edu	Contact advisor for appt times	LA4-101E
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Geological Sciences Department Office: PH1-104

Undergraduate Advisor:	Dr. Richard Behl	behl@csulb.edu	TW 1pm-3pm	PH1-133B
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Mathematics & Statistics Department Office: FO3-120

Undergraduate Advisor:	Dr. William Murray	wmurray@csulb.edu	M 11:00am-noon and 4:30pm- 6:30pm, T 2:30pm-4:30pm, F 10:30am-11:30am	FO3-215
Undergraduate Applied Math Advisor	Dr. Melvin Lax	mlax@csulb.edu	MW 11am-12:15pm, 5-5:45pm, Th 4-5pm	FO3-209
Undergraduate Associate Chair:	Dr. Kent Merryfield	kmerry@csulb.edu	M 2:30-4:30pm, W 8:30- 9:15am, Th 3:30-5:30pm, F 9:30-10:30am	FO3-201

Physics & Astronomy Department Office: PH1-210

Undergraduate Advisor:	Dr. Galen Pickett	gpickett@csulb.edu	TTh 10-11am or by appt	PH1-221
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Science Education Office: FO5-118

Credential Advisor:	Dr. Laura Henriques	lhenriqu@csulb.edu	M 4-5pm, Th 2-3pm or by appt	FO5-118
Credential Coordinator/Advisor:	Dr. Dave Nickles	dnickles@csulb.edu	M 3-5pm, T 1-6pm, W 2-5pm or by appt	FO5-131
Credential Coordinator/Advisor:	Tim Williamson	Twillia8@csulb.edu	T 1-5:30pm, W 1-5:30pm	PH2-112

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All hours subject to change without notice

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