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START YOUR COURSE
First-Year Advising

First-Year Advisor = primary contact
Advising: what to expect

**Who will I meet?**
- **Orientation:** Variety of Academic Advisors
- **Fall/Spring Semester:** Your assigned Academic Advisor

**How will I be advised?**
- **Orientation:** Group and/or one-on-one
- **Fall/Spring Semester:** One-on-one

**How long will advisement take?**
- **Orientation:** 5-10 minutes
- **Fall/Spring Semester:** At least 30 minutes
Advising: what to expect

Is advising required?

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Freshman & Transfer Pre-Orientation Advising Worksheet

1 View the Pre-Orientation Advisement Videos

You can find the videos online. Complete all components of this worksheet and bring it with you to Orientation advising.
sc.edu/advising

2 Enter Your Information

Legal First & Last Name: __________________________________________
Preferred Name: _________________________________________ VIP ID Number: __________
Student Cell Phone Number: ____________________________
USC E-Mail: ____________________________________________@email.sc.edu
Anticipated Graduation Year: ____________________________

3 Share Information on Your Major

Major: _________________________________________________________
College: ______________________________________________________

How committed are you to your currently selected major?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Not at all committed. I am ready to change majors today.
Unsure. I need to explore my options.
I am completely committed to my major and will never change fields.

4 Register for Placement Tests

Prepare for and complete the Math Placement Test online.

This is a requirement before coming to Orientation. Failure to complete the correct Math Placement Test will impact your advisement. You must take the Math Placement Test no later than 3 business days before Orientation.

The Pre-Calculus Placement Test covers Pre-Calculus and Trigonometry. If your major requires only MATH 141, you need to take this test.

The Algebra Placement Test covers basic high school Algebra II. If your major requires only MATH 122, you need to take this test.

If your major allows you to choose between MATH 141 and MATH 122 and you are undecided, we recommend you take the Algebra Placement Test first. Once the scores are loaded into the student record (2-3 business days), take the Pre-Calculus Test.

Uncertain which test to take? You may complete both tests!

Can I retake the Math Placement Test? Yes. You must wait at least 7 days before retaking the same Math Placement Test (Algebra or Pre-Calculus). You can take the same version of the Math Placement Test, with different questions, up to 3 times. The most recent score is the one that will be reported in Self Service Carolina and will be available to your advisor.

Algebra Math Placement Test Score: ____________________________
Pre-Calculus Math Placement Test Score: ____________________________

Learn more and complete Math Placement Tests online at
www.math.sc.edu/assess

Register online for the Foreign Language Placement Test and take in-person.

www.sc.edu/advising
Preparation also includes...

Send AP/IB scores directly to USC-Columbia Undergraduate Admissions

Complete the appropriate Math Placement Test ONLINE

Complete the Foreign Language Placement Test IN PERSON
Advising: what to expect

What will we discuss?

**Orientation**

- The essentials.
  - Carolina Core
  - Prior college work and AP/IB scores
  - Initial major courses

Quick conversation!

**Fall/Spring Semester**

- The details.
  - Course options
  - Degree timeline
  - Transition to Carolina
  - Campus resources

Multiple meetings encouraged!
Advising: what to expect

**Orientation**
- You will register for courses TODAY!
- Advising is part of Orientation today

**Fall/Spring Semester**
- You will be assigned a Registration Time Ticket
- Schedule online at www.sc.edu/advising
- Can be found in Self Service Carolina each semester
Important note regarding major change

TODAY you will be advised for the major in which you are currently enrolled

If you are considering a major change now, visit the Orientation Information Desk

In the fall, meet with an Exploratory Advisor (changing to another college), or your assigned advisor (changing within college)
Chris Hallum
• Exploratory Advisor
• University Advising Center
Key Dates & Deadlines

- **Wednesday, August 14** – Fall fee payment deadline 5pm
  *nonpayment = dropped classes*
- **Thursday, August 22** – Classes begin
- **Wednesday, August 28** – Add/drop deadline 11:59pm
- **Early/Mid September** – Advising begins for spring 2020
- **October 1** – Important major change date
- **Early/mid-November** – Registration begins for spring 2020
Advising Checklist

Advising and registration can be some of the more complicated parts of your college career. These comprehensive checklists will aid you in making this process much easier.

Pre-Orientaion Advising Resources for New Freshmen

All new freshmen will complete the online videos designed to prepare you for advisement with academic advisors at freshman orientation. New freshmen will also complete the Pre-Orientation Advising Worksheet for review with an academic advisor at orientation. Freshmen should complete the videos before orientation and bring the completed worksheet to orientation.
University Advising Center

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