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START YOUR COURSE
First-Year Advising

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

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Advising: what to expect

Is advising required?

Yes! You will have a registration hold until you complete advisement.

Should I prepare?

Yes! You should have viewed the Pre-Orientation Advising videos and completed the Pre-Orientation Advising Worksheet.

Fall/Spring Semester

Yes! You will have a registration hold until you complete advisement with your assigned academic advisor.

Yes! Use the Pre-Advising Checklist found online at www.sc.edu/advising.
1. Complete the Pre-Orientation Advising Module. You can find this module online at sc.edu/advising.
Complete all components of this worksheet and bring it with you to Orientation advising.

2. Enter Your Information

Name: __________________________
Student Cell Phone Number: ________________
USC E-Mail: ________________________@email.sc.edu
Anticipated Graduation Year: ________

3. Share Information on Your Major

Major #1: __________________________
College for Major #1: ______________________
Major #2 (if applicable): ______________________
College for Major #2 (if applicable): ______________________

How committed are you to your currently selected major?

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

If you provided a score of 3 or lower and you are ready to change your major, contact Undergraduate Admissions before Orientation to change your major at 803-777-7700.
Learn more about USC academic programs at sc.edu/admissions

If you provided a score of 4-7, what major(s) are you considering?

4. Register for placement tests

Prepare for and complete online the Math Placement Test.

This is a requirement before coming to orientation. Failure to complete the correct Math Placement Test will impact your advisement. Visit math.sc.edu/assess. You must take the Math Placement Test no later than 3 business days before orientation.

- The PreCalculus 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 version first. Once the scores are loaded into the student record (2 to 3 business days), take the PreCalculus version.

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

Can I re-take the Mathematics Placement Test? Yes. You have to wait at least 7 days before retaking the same Mathematics Placement Test (Algebra or Pre-Calculus). In fact, you can take the same version of the Mathematics Placement Test, with different questions, up to three (3) times. The most recent score is the one that will be reported on VIP and available to your advisors.

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

This is strongly recommended before orientation advisement. Visit artsandsciences.sc.edu/dllc/faq

If you do not take the Foreign Language Placement Test or submit the exemption form if enrolling in a new language, you will not be able to register for foreign language courses.

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
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What will we discuss?

Summer 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

**Summer Orientation**
- You will register for courses **TODAY**!

**Fall/Spring Semester**
- You will be assigned a Registration Time Ticket
  - View your Registration Checklist in Self Service Carolina
- Schedule online at www.sc.edu/advising

**When do I register for courses?**
- Already scheduled for **TODAY**!

**How do I schedule an advising appointment?**
Advising: what to expect

TODAY you will be advised for the major in which you are currently enrolled
Changing Majors
Chris Hallum

*Exploratory Advisor*

University Advising Center
According to a study, how many times does a student change his/her major in undergrad?
Changing Majors:

Changing majors within your college

Changing to a major in another college

after Orientation

Talk first with your academic advisor who may be able to assist you

See an Exploratory Advisor in the University Advising Center
Key Dates & Deadlines

• **Wednesday, August 15** – Fall fee payment deadline 5pm
  
  *nonpayment = dropped classes*

• **Thursday, August 23** – Classes begin

• **Wednesday, August 29** – Drop/Add deadline 11:59pm

• **Early September** – Advising begins for spring 2019 classes

• **October 1** – Important major change date

• **Early/mid-November** – Registration begins for spring 2019 classes
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-Orientation 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.
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