What is Muir College Advising?

Muir College Academic Advisors serve as your first stop to navigating UC San Diego and your academic choices. We guide your academic journey from Orientation to Graduation! We are part of your UCSD advising team and want to help you thrive.

What do Muir Advisors do for you?

1. **Guide** you in general course selection decisions, intentional goal setting, and planning degree progress.
2. **Clarify** university rules, regulations, and deadlines.
3. **Refer** to campus resources and support programs.
4. **Empower** you to make informed choices.


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**GENERAL EDUCATION (GE)**

- 2 College Writing courses
- 3 courses in a Social Science theme
- 3 courses in a Math/Natural Science theme
- 6 courses overall from two themes in either Fine Arts/ Humanities/ Language Other than English

**MAJOR**

Provides the main structure of your academic plan

**UNIVERSITY**

ALL Muir students need:

- Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI)
- American History & Institutions (AHI)
- Minimum of 60 Upper Division Units
- Minimum of 180 total units

= GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
How can I graduate in 4 years or faster?

Check out plans.ucsd.edu to see how to graduate in any major within four years. Students can consider Summer Session to spread out courses for a faster graduation. Students with AP and IB credits can refer to AP CHART/ IB CHART for how their credits may apply toward requirements.

What if I’m pre-health?

Connect with the Pre-Health Advising (Health Beat) at Career Services, healthbeat.ucsd.edu. Students can be any major and decide to pursue pre-health.

What’s a typical Fall schedule?

3-4 courses (i.e. 16.0 units). NOTE: All students are expected to be enrolled in at least 12.0 units (i.e. 3 four-unit courses) to secure FULL-TIME status. Your schedule is primarily guided by plans.ucsd.edu.

Can I change to a CAPPED major?

Contact the specific MAJOR DEPARTMENT for details. Acceptance into a capped major is NOT guaranteed. So, If you choose UCSD today, you are choosing to attend based on other factors that draw you to this institution.

What is a MUIR GE THEME?

A GE theme is fulfilled by 3 courses at UCSD, or one year’s worth of college credit. Each theme offers a broad based look at a subject. Refer to options for each theme at Muir.ucsd.edu. Use catalog.ucsd.edu to find any course description and learn more about a specific class.
Once you Accept Your Offer (AYO), be mindful of the Enrollment Checklist from the UCSD Admissions office. This flyer highlights the Muir College items from that list:

1. **“COMPLETE YOUR NEW STUDENT COLLEGE ORIENTATION REGISTRATION”**

   Register for your Muir College Orientation session! Sign up for your mandatory one-day in person September session at [http://cor.ucsd.edu](http://cor.ucsd.edu). This site opens mid-May. The charge is applied to your Fall Billing statement and can be covered by Financial Aid.

2. **“COMPLETE YOUR ACADEMIC BACKGROUND”**

   Learn how to enroll in Fall classes with New Triton Advising (NTA) via the Virtual Advising Center at [http://vac.ucsd.edu](http://vac.ucsd.edu). This site opens in mid-May. Submit your Academic Background survey by mid-June in order to receive Fall enrollment guidance and to access Online Advising in early August. All new students enroll in mid-late August per their assigned registration times.

   **REMINDER:** Submit your official transcripts and test scores to the UCSD Office of Admissions as soon as possible by the July 1st posting deadline!

3. **ENGAGE with the Muir Orientation Program!**

   - **Muir Orientation CANVAS site** = self-paced informational modules about Muir student life
   - **New Student Webinar series** = interact with our experienced College Staff about various academic and non-academic topics
   - **Your Orientation Session** = continue building roots at Muir College by connecting with new students in person