

# New Student Orientation and Academic Advising

## New Student Orientation

### New Freshmen

Newly admitted first-year students must participate in a Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration (SOAR) session before being permitted to register for classes. SOAR is designed to assist students in making a successful transition to USU. In addition to registering for classes, students have the opportunity to receive individual advice about degree requirements, as well as vital information about student services, campus life, and athletics. SOAR also gives students a chance to make new friends.

New students should be aware that a *registration hold* is placed on their file until some form of orientation is completed. After admission to USU, students will receive information about SOAR programs.

**University Deposit.** Beginning Fall Semester 2004, all new freshmen are required to reserve their spot at USU by paying a \$100 deposit. The \$100 will be applied toward a student's account. It will cover the cost of the SOAR option selected, and any remaining balance will go toward tuition and fees for fall semester. A deposit is not required of students who begin classes in the spring or summer.

**Course Clusters.** There is an incentive for new freshmen who will begin attending USU during Fall Semester 2004. Those who pay the \$100 deposit and register for SOAR prior to April 1 will be able to preregister for a cluster of courses, prior to registration for returning students. Those who pay the \$100 deposit and register for SOAR after April 1, but before the May 1 deadline, will still be allowed to preregister for a cluster of courses. The earlier students submit their deposit and register for SOAR, the more likely they are to get the course cluster of their choice and the orientation date of their choice. Students will *not* be allowed to modify their schedules until they participate in SOAR.

Students who miss the May 1 deadline must still pay the University deposit and register for SOAR. However, they will not be able to preregister for a course cluster. Course clusters are *not* available for students who begin classes in the spring or summer.

For further information or to receive more information about SOAR, call New Student Orientation at (435) 797-0283 or (800) 606-4878, or visit the SOAR website at:  
<http://www.usu.edu/soar>.

### New Transfer Students

New transfer students are required to contact their academic advisor before registering for classes. New transfer students are encouraged to participate in the entire SOAR process, but orientation is optional. A student is considered to be a transfer student if he or she has completed at least 24 semester credits of post-high school work at another institution. This does not include concurrent enrollment or AP credits.

## Academic Advising

Upon admission to USU, all new students are assigned to an academic advisor. During the New Student Orientation, students meet with their advisors, plan their class schedules, and register for classes. Advising is the process encompassing development and delivery of accurate and up-to-date information regarding career options, educational programs, courses of instruction, resources, policies, and procedures to aid students in pursuing their educational goals.

Each student should consult with his or her academic advisor on a regular basis, and as needed, until the student's program of study is completed. The advisor can help the student to select, plan, and complete a program of study which is consistent with the student's interests, abilities, and needs, and can assist the student in selecting appropriate courses in the proper sequence to complete all requirements for graduation.

Each student is responsible for learning and completing graduation requirements for academic programs selected. Major Requirement Sheets showing University, college, and departmental requirements for each academic program are provided by the student's academic department or college, and all sheets are also available in University Advising and Transfer Services. This office provides students with information and advisement concerning University academic requirements, policies, procedures, programs, and services.

The College or Division Academic Service Centers provide students with information and advisement concerning academic requirements, policies, procedures, programs, and services of that college or division. A listing of Academic Service Centers is provided below:

### University Advising and Transfer Services

Student Center 304, (435) 797-3373

### College Academic Service Centers

College of Agriculture

Agricultural Science 218, (435) 797-2383

College of Business

Business 310A, (435) 797-2274

College of Education and Human Services

Education 101, (435) 797-1443

College of Engineering

Engineering 310, (435) 797-2705

College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences

Student Center 302, (435) 797-3883

College of Natural Resources

Natural Resources 120, (435) 797-2448

College of Science

Eccles Science Learning Center 245, (435) 797-2478

An *Advisor List by Major* is available on the web at:

<http://www.usu.edu/ats/advisorlist>.