

# 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

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.

### Early Registration Request

Students who pay the \$100 deposit and register for SOAR prior to the posted deadline will be able to submit an Early Registration Request. The earlier students submit their deposit and register for SOAR, the more likely they are to get the classes 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 posted deadline must still pay the University deposit and register for SOAR. However, they will not be able to submit an Early Registration Request.

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>

### Mathematics Placement Test

Students who have a valid Math ACT score of less than 23, who *do not* have a valid Math ACT score, or who have *not* taken a Math course (e.g. MATH 1050 College Algebra) are required to take the Math Placement Test. The fee for this test is \$10, and students attending SOAR will be given the opportunity to take this test while attending SOAR on campus at USU. The results of this test will be used to advise new students into appropriate mathematics or statistics courses.

### New Transfer Students

New transfer students are required to contact their academic advisor before registering for classes. 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. Transfer students are not required to participate in orientation. However, during the summer, the SOAR office does provide a half-day nonmandatory informational session for transfer students.

## Academic Advising

Upon admission to USU, all new students are assigned to an academic advisor. During 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 available at:

<http://www.usu.edu/majorsheets/>

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:

### Office of University Advising

Taggart Student Center 304, (435) 797-3373,  
[stephanie.hamblin@usu.edu](mailto:stephanie.hamblin@usu.edu)

### College Academic Service Centers

#### College of Agriculture

Agricultural Science 216, (435) 797-2215, [lisa.allen@usu.edu](mailto:lisa.allen@usu.edu)

#### Jon M. Huntsman School of Business

Business 309, (435) 797-2272, [ruth.harrison@usu.edu](mailto:ruth.harrison@usu.edu)

#### Emma Eccles Jones

#### College of Education and Human Services

Education 103, (435) 797-1443, [terri.gass@usu.edu](mailto:terri.gass@usu.edu)

#### College of Engineering

Engineering 314A, (435) 797-2705, [kathy@engineering.usu.edu](mailto:kathy@engineering.usu.edu)

#### College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences

Taggart Student Center 302, (435) 797-3883, [mary.leavitt@usu.edu](mailto:mary.leavitt@usu.edu)

#### College of Natural Resources

Natural Resources 120, (435) 797-2448, [maureen.wagner@usu.edu](mailto:maureen.wagner@usu.edu)

#### College of Science

Eccles Science Learning Center 245, (435) 797-2481,  
[janalee.johnson@usu.edu](mailto:janalee.johnson@usu.edu) or [rmueller@biology.usu.edu](mailto:rmueller@biology.usu.edu)

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

<http://www.usu.edu/advising/advisors/>.

## E-mail Communication Policy

All students enrolled at USU are provided with a University e-mail account. University officials, including advisors, professors, administrators, and various office personnel, use a student's e-mail account as an *official* means of communication.

It is the responsibility of *all* students to check their e-mail accounts on a *regular basis*. Students will be held accountable as being *officially notified* when any correspondence is sent by University representatives to their e-mail accounts. For verification and security reasons, once a student is enrolled at USU, *only* the USU e-mail account will be used for official communications.

Prior to students' enrollment at USU, University officials may correspond with them electronically via other e-mail providers.