

# NEW TRITON ADVISING HANDBOOK

Our goal is to provide you with the knowledge, resources, and guidance you need to maximize your time at UCSD.



Use the blue links in this handbook to view further information on the UCSD website.



**WARREN COLLEGE**  
***TOWARD A LIFE IN BALANCE***

# UC SAN DIEGO ADVISING SYSTEM



**Keep in mind, it is your responsibility to reach out to the departments listed below. Be proactive and you will be successful here at UC San Diego!**

**At UC San Diego, you have a variety of advisors to help you navigate our system.**

## [Warren College Academic Advisors](#)

Available to advise students on quarter planning, scheduling, graduation requirements, and connect students with resources inside and outside of Warren College. Warren College academic advisors also conduct workshops/webinars to provide guidance on a variety of topics, such as long term planning and remote learning resources. They will help you better understand what is required of you so you are successful at Warren College and at UC San Diego.

## [Department Advisors](#)

Located in each academic department and assist in planning major and minor specific coursework. A large portion of your graduation requirements are in your major. Your major advisors will help you understand your major requirements and show you how the courses you have already taken may satisfy major requirements here at UC San Diego.

## [Career Advisors](#)

Located in the Career Center off of Library Walk. They assist students with career exploration, graduate and professional school advising, offer career assessments, job fairs, and many other resources to get students connected and to prepare them for life after UC San Diego.

## [Internship Advisors](#)

Located in the Academic Internship Program (AIP) office. AIP provides students with a variety of internship opportunities across many different career fields. Internships through AIP are taken for academic credit usually in your 3rd or 4th year.

## [International Advisors](#)

Available to help international students become familiar with UC San Diego and can answer any questions about your visa or immigration status.

# ACADEMIC SUCCESS RESOURCES



**Students are required to maintain a 2.0 GPA to be in good academic standing. Make sure to utilize the variety of support services dedicated to your success!**

## Tutoring and Study Programs by Department

UC San Diego offers numerous tutoring and study assistance programs, most of them free of charge. Use this link to find a tutoring or support program that's right for you.

## The Teaching + Learning Commons

The Teaching + Learning Commons provides comprehensive academic support for students. Services provided by the [Academic Achievement](#), [Experiential Learning](#), and [Writing](#) Hubs.

## Office of Academic Support and Instructional Services (OASIS)

Empowers students to build culturally engaging communities, grow personally, develop intellectually, and become enriched professionally.

## Where to Study on Campus

List of study spaces plus available days and times

## Tips for Academic Success

Use these tips and techniques to improve your academic performance and optimize your learning experience.

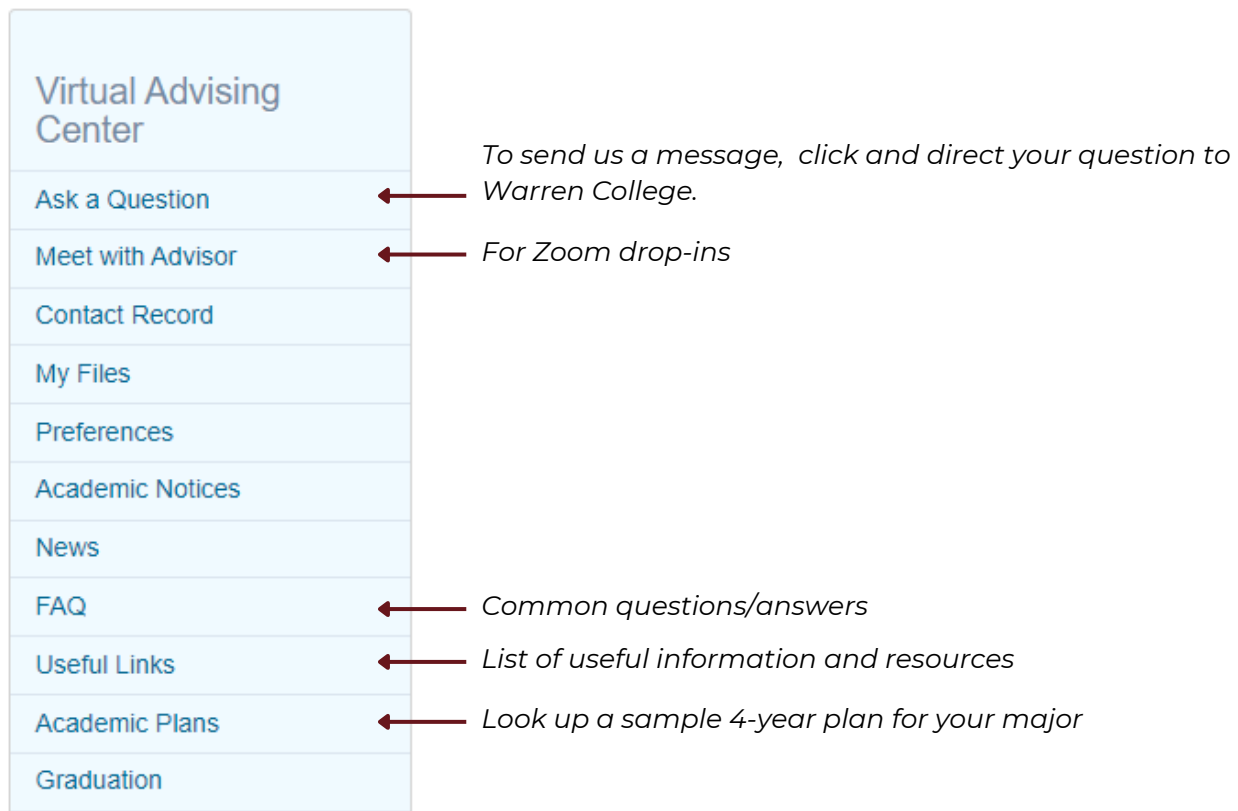
## English Language and ESL Resources

Find campus resources for ESL and international students, as well as for all students who use English as a second language

# WARREN COLLEGE ADVISING

## The Virtual Advising Center (VAC) | [vac.ucsd.edu](http://vac.ucsd.edu)

Sending a message to our team of academic advisors via VAC is the preferred and most efficient way to contact our office with questions. Click on 'Ask a Question' to send us a message. Questions submitted via VAC typically receive a response within 24-48 hours.



## Zoom Drop-Ins

We will be offering virtual 'drop-in' one-on-one advising sessions. Please see [the schedule](#) for drop-in advising hours via zoom. You can access our drop-in remote sign-on through the "Meet with an Advisor" tab in the VAC. **\*\*\* Incoming students gain access to Zoom drop-ins once they enroll in their first class\*\*\***

## In Person Drop-Ins

We will be offering in-person drop-ins when Fall quarter begins. Our In Person Drop-In remote sign-in is located at the front lobby computer in [CSE \(EBU3B\)](#). **\*\*\* Incoming students gain access to in-person drop-ins once they enroll in their first class\*\*\***

## Warren Advising Email

If you are not able to use the VAC or connect with us via Zoom, you can email us at [waadvising@ucsd.edu](mailto:waadvising@ucsd.edu)

# WARREN COLLEGE GE'S

## Warren College Requirements

Every Warren College student must fulfill four sets of GE course requirements that the college motto, Toward a Life in Balance, is integrated to encourage exposure to fields outside of your major discipline and to ensure depth and breadth of study.

### Warren Writing

**A two-course sequence: Warren College Writing Program (WCWP) 10A and 10B**

Completion of ELWR is required to enroll in WCWP 10A.

*Both courses must be taken at UC San Diego for a letter grade. Please note that students are expected to complete these courses within their first two years.*

### Ethics and Society

**Completion of WCWP 10A and 10B is required to enroll in PHIL 27 or POLI 27 and PHIL 28 or POLI 28.**

*Both courses must be taken at UC San Diego for a letter grade. Please note that students are expected to complete these courses within their first two years.*

### Formal Skills

These courses may overlap with other applicable lower-division requirements and may be taken on a Pass/No Pass basis unless required on a graded basis for the major or other requirements.

AP/IB credit may apply, as well as completed, transferrable community college coursework.



**The Warren general education requirements must be completed by all Earl Warren College students in addition to the [University requirements](#).**

# WARREN COLLEGE GE'S

All majors except B.S. Engineering majors must complete two Programs of Concentrations (PofCs); B.S. Engineering majors must complete two Area Studies.

## Programs of Concentration (PofCs)/Area Studies

PofCs/Area Studies must be non-contiguous (unrelated) to each other and to the major.

AP/IB credit may apply, as well as completed, transferrable community college coursework. AP/IB and community college coursework may only satisfy lower division requirements.

Watch [Selecting PofC/Area Studies](#) for additional information.

## PofCs Required for Non-B.S. Engineering Majors

Each PofC consists of six 4-unit courses, at least three of which must be upper-division (numbered 100-199) unless otherwise specified.

Two courses for each PofC must be taken at UCSD.

See [Choosing Programs of Concentration](#) for more information.

## Area Studies Required for B.S. Engineering Majors Only

Each Area Study consists of three 4-unit courses, two of which must be upper-division (numbered 100-199).

One course from each Area Study must be taken at UCSD.

See [Choosing Area Studies](#) for more information.

**The major, combined with your two Area Studies, must represent all three disciplines:**

- **Humanities and Fine Arts**
- **Math, Natural Sciences, and Engineering**
- **Social Sciences**



**Contact Warren Advising during walk-in advising or online at <http://vac.ucsd.edu> to have your choices added to your degree audit. We recommend declaring by the end of your second year.**

# UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS

All UC San Diego students must complete the following University of California requirements:

## UC Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR)

The University of California requires all undergraduate students to demonstrate a minimum proficiency in English composition.

This requirement is fulfilled with an appropriate score on one of the following:

- Score of 680 or higher on the SAT, Evidenced-Based Reading and Writing
- Score 3 or higher on AP Exam in English Language or English Literature
- Score of 5 or higher on ACT Combined English/Writing test (Language A only)
- Score of or higher on IB Standard or Higher Level Exam in English (Language A only)
- Approved community college course
- Writing Placement Process (WPP)

An official transcript of exam scores and/or college courses must be on file with the UC San Diego Office of Admissions. You must complete ELWR prior to enrolling in the Warren College Writing Program (WCWP 10A)

**If you have not satisfied ELWR and your WPP score places you into:**

- **AWP 3 (Analytical Writing):** you must enroll in Fall Quarter
- **AWP 4A (Analytical Writing and Academic English):** you must enroll in either Fall or Winter Quarter

You must complete ELWR within your first year at UC San Diego.



For additional information and guidelines, see the [Analytical Writing Program website](#).

# UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS

## University Requirements

All UC San Diego students must complete the following UC requirements:

### American History and Institutions (AHI)

All UC students must satisfy knowledge of American history and the principles of American institutions under the federal and state constitutions.

**This requirement is met by:**

- A grade of C or better in an approved high school course in American history and/or American government
- A score of 3 or higher on the Advanced Placement (AP) U.S. History exam
- A passing mark in an approved UC San Diego course or approved transfer course

If you are on an F-1 or J-1 student visa at the time of graduation, you will be able to waive the AHI requirement

For additional options and guidelines, see the [UCSD General Catalog](#).

### Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)

A knowledge of diversity, equity, and inclusion is required of all UC San Diego undergraduate students.

**This requirement is satisfied with a grade of at least C- or Pass (P) in one course on the UC San Diego-approved [DEI list](#).**

### Climate Change Education Requirement (CCER)

The establishment of this new graduation requirement for incoming first-year students, beginning Fall 2024, is designed to empower our students with the knowledge and skills needed to confront the urgent global challenge of climate change. A list of approved coursework is forthcoming.



**The DEI/CCER course may overlap with any upper division or lower division major, minor, or general education course.**



# INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEOS



Advisors have worked hard to ensure you have access to the information you need to be successful. Please make sure to view these videos to inform yourself.

- [Area Studies](#)
- [Specialized and Interdisciplinary Area Studies](#)
- [Programs of Concentration](#)
- [Specialized and Interdisciplinary Programs of Concentration \(PofCs\)](#)
- [How to: Advanced Placement \(AP\) and International Baccalaureate \(IB\) Credit](#)
- [Taking Summer Classes at UC San Diego](#)
- [Taking Summer Classes at a Community College](#)
- [WebReg Tutorial \(Enrollment Basics\)](#)
- [How to Use the Virtual Advising Center \(VAC\)](#)
- [Undeclared Majors: 200 Majors - How Do I Decide?](#)
- [Walk-In Advising](#)
- [Waitlist Information](#)