

ACADEMIC RESOURCES

Undergraduate Academic Advising

CAB 202 & BLH 441 for College of Business advisors | (210) 784-1307

Your academic advisor is here to help you develop an educational plan that supports your academic, personal, and career interests, while ensuring that you meet graduation requirements. Academic advisors help students make decisions by drawing upon their own educational experiences and their understanding of the curricula and academic policies of Texas A&M University-San Antonio.

Academic advisors are professional staff members. As each academic program has unique requirements, your assigned academic advisor is based on your major or, in the case of first-year college students, on your prior college experience. First-year college students are required to meet with their academic advisors prior to registering or making changes to their schedules. All students are strongly encouraged to meet with their academic advisors in their first semester and at least once per year for the remainder of their time at A&M-San Antonio. Meeting with your academic advisor will help you ensure you understand course sequencing and have a plan for graduation.

As the title of the role suggests, your advisor works with you in an advisory capacity. The decisions you make are yours and yours to own. Your advisor might suggest you to take one course of action over another, but in the end, your advisor honors your agency and your ability to make your own decisions.

We expect you to use DegreeWorks to track your progress toward graduation, and we strongly encourage you to meet with your academic advisor prior to the registration period for the upcoming semester. Ultimately, you are responsible for your final choices, and for ensuring that you fulfill the university degree requirements and the requirements of your major.

For information or to schedule an appointment with an undergraduate academic advisor, please call (210)784-1307, or visit the undergraduate academic advising website at: <https://www.tamusa.edu/student-resources/academic-affairs/undergraduate-academic-advising/>. Appointments can also be scheduled via the Civitas Inspire link in JagWire.

First-Year Experience

Patriots' Casa, Room 204 | (210)784-1435

First-Year Seminar (FYS)

Beginning in the 2020-21 catalog, First-Year Seminar, UNIV 1301, replaces Jaguar Tracks I, II, and III in all degrees. This course is designed to assist first-year students in adjusting to university expectations through enhancing quantitative reasoning skills and acquiring essential skills for academic success.

For transfer students, UNIV 1301 may be waived if a student has completed at least 24 credits with a GPA of 2.0 or higher OR has successfully completed an equivalent 3-hour course with a grade of C or better. Examples of equivalent courses include EDUC 1300: Learning Framework or PSYC 1300: Learning Framework. BS Interdisciplinary Studies students who have transfer credit for EDUC 2301 should have

that course applied to the UNIV 1301 requirement for compliance with field-of-study transfer.

For first-time-in-college students, UNIV 1301 is required to be taken within their first year. This course may be waived if a student has successfully completed an equivalent 3-hour course with a grade of C or better. Examples of equivalent courses include EDUC 1300: Learning Framework or PSYC 1300: Learning Framework. BS Interdisciplinary Studies students who have transfer credit for EDUC 2301 should have that course applied to the UNIV 1301 requirement for compliance with field-of-study transfer.

Effective Fall 2022, Jaguar Tracks I and II will no longer be offered.

Peer Leaders

Peer Leaders promote student engagement and foster an inclusive environment for students to find their sense of belonging to thrive on campus. Peer leaders are upperclassmen at A&M-SA who are passionate about working with a diverse group of students and committed to these students' learning and development. They are high-achieving students and serve as a positive role model for students and assist them in navigating the academic, social, and personal challenges during their college journey. Mentees can expect to meet one-on-one or in small groups with their peer leader, attend on-campus activities and social events together.

PROWL

Students participating in the PROWL program will

- Have access to a Peer Leader who will transition them into a career pathway through a connection to experiential learning opportunities;
- Increase their wellness through connections to campus resources;
- Create community and build relationships through social experiences on and off campus;
- Be assisted in finishing out the first year and enrolling for their second year at the institution;
- Learn to advocate for themselves to cultivate academic, professional, and personal growth.

Learning Communities

Learning Communities (LCs) will strive to create a culture of learning to improve student success and to increase overall retention during the first year of the undergraduate experience. Students will have the opportunity to opt-into a semester-long learning community during registration at new student orientation. Cohorts of 20 students will be enrolled in same 2 to 4 courses during the semester. These linked courses will have a direct connection and shared assignments to encourage students to collaborate and master material by working together. The fundamental purpose of LCs at A&M-San Antonio will be to develop cohort identity, to establish a culture of learning and to create a sense of belonging to the university.

Common Experience

The Common Experience at Texas A&M University-San Antonio is a yearlong initiative designed to cultivate a common intellectual conversation on a theme and facilitate increased interactions among faculty, staff, and students. It is a tradition that provides participants an opportunity to deconstruct and explore a common subject through multidisciplinary lenses and apply academic thought towards finding meaningful solutions to discovered challenges. Throughout the year,

the University Library's website. You can reserve one of approximately 40 study rooms for yourself or a group from the library's home page or via a QR code on an available study room's door. Most study rooms are equipped with white boards and display panels for your laptop. If you need a break, you can borrow our private Reflection Room with a soft recliner and yoga mat available for your use. The library also has a family study room complete with toys for children. The library circulates laptops, headphones, calculators, and video cameras to students. You can create posters and other innovative projects for your classes in the library's Innovation Lab. In addition, the library offers laminating services.

A coffee shop sits right outside the library. Drinks with covered lids and cold snacks and foods are allowed in the library.

Archives & Special Collections

<http://www.tamusa.edu/archives>

The University Library's Archives & Special Collections provides access to collections of enduring historical value that are relevant to the academic programs at A&M-SA. Researchers can find manuscript collections, photographs, maps, artwork, books, newspapers and more. Topics focus on San Antonio, South Texas, Mexican American Studies, borderlands, the military, and local political figures. Staff provide one-on-one research guidance to students, faculty, staff, and the general public. The hours for the Reading Room are listed on the library's website.