

Program

Academic Advising Programs provides the following: Advising, Articulation, Evaluations, National Student Exchange, New Student Orientation and Getting Connected. The purpose of these programs is to help you develop and achieve your educational goals and use the diverse resources available at our university. Our focus is on you! Our staff wants to work with you to facilitate your understanding of all the opportunities here, as well as the policies, procedures, and other matters related to your academic experience and progress. It is our goal to make our offices accessible and friendly. We welcome your questions. If we don't have the answer, we will find someone who does.

ADVISING

Advisers and academic evaluators are available to answer your questions regarding academic matters. We can help you understand how to meet General Education and other graduation requirements, choose courses of interest and value to you, select majors and minors as well as other educational offerings (certificates, exchange programs, and internships), and resolve problems related to policies and procedures. We also assist transfer students in understanding their transfer credit evaluations and degree audits. Among our resources is a reference library of college catalogs and course equivalency agreements between Chico, community colleges and other California public institutions.

Advising staff help you explore how General Education, your major, any minor(s) and elective credit complement each other and lead to development of your overall educational program.

Academic evaluators explain how your transfer credit and courses at Chico meet degree requirements for your program—what requirements you have completed and what requirements remain.

If you have a question regarding course selection, General Education, your overall educational program, or your academic status, stop by Meriam Library 190 and ask at the advising front desk. During the academic year, our Advising office is open between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. If you need to review your Transfer Credit Evaluation or Degree Audit, sign up for an appointment with an academic evaluator in the lobby outside Student Records and Registration, MLIB 180.

Advising in your major is provided by the academic department of your major field of study. Students who have declared a major are assigned academic advisers through their major departments and should consult with them soon after they arrive on campus. Faculty advisers will work with you to determine your status towards meeting major requirements. Our advisers and academic evaluators complement the work of faculty advisers. We encourage new and continuing students to develop close advising relationships with their advisers and other faculty in their major department.

Whether you plan to meet with an Academic Advising Program staff member or your faculty adviser, it is important to plan for your meeting. If possible, request your Degree Audit at least five days in advance from Evaluations at 530-898-5957 before your appointment and review it carefully. Make a list of your questions and concerns to maximize the value of the time you spend with your adviser.

Undeclared Student Advising

Advising and Orientation (MLIB 190) is the home office for undergraduate students who are undecided on a major course of study. If you are an undeclared student, we invite you to meet with a staff adviser regularly to plan each semester's academic program and to explore the ways in which your interests can lead to the choice of a major and even a career. You will also discover ways in which you can create an educational experience that is uniquely yours by combining a major with a minor, certificate program, or even "selected electives." We provide special advising help for undeclared students who are unsure about their educational direction, as well as those who just want to explore options.

We encourage students who are in the process of deciding on a major to seek assistance from Advising and Orientation when needed.

The Advising Office maintains a list of program coordinators and will direct you to appropriate program advisers who share your interests. Prospective student visitors are welcome to call on academic departments in which they are interested to discuss academic programs and resources.

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OTHER ADVISING CENTERS

There are other centralized advising centers on campus that may be of help to you. They are:

Business Administration—For students contemplating a business major, or who are declared pre-business or business administration majors, visit the Undergraduate Business Advising Center, GLNN 323.

Liberal Studies—For students contemplating a multiple subjects teaching credential (K-8) or a liberal arts degree, visit the Liberal Studies Advising Office, HOLT 101.

Education and Credential Programs—The School of Education offers teaching, specialist, and service credential programs. The Education Services Center, HOLT 101, provides information regarding credential programs and connects students with appropriate subject matter program advisers or professional education coordinators.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

To welcome new students to Chico—the university and our wonderful community—we provide a variety of orientation opportunities.

Summer Orientation

One- and two-day summer orientation sessions highlight academic scheduling and registration activities for new freshmen and transfer students. These sessions provide comprehensive advising assistance to new students. Information on Summer Orientation is mailed to applicants in April.

Summer Orientation program components are as follows: small group discussions regarding how to meet graduation requirements and choose and register for classes; information on student life; advising in your major; requesting fall classes; campus and residence hall tours; advising for deciding students; and information on special programs. There is also a full schedule of orientation activities for parents.

When deciding to attend Summer Orientation, consider the following comments from new students and their parents:

"My orientation leader offered information and asked if we had questions, then promptly answered them. It made me feel welcome and at ease." —student.

"I received very good information when selecting my classes. It prepared me for the upcoming

semester. I especially enjoyed being able to meet someone from my major department." —student.

"The time was worthwhile. I feel relieved. Personal attention was given and was very helpful." —parent.

"The Small Group Overview was excellent as well as the Insiders' Panel with student advisers. They give the real picture." —parent.

"Mini" Orientation

As an alternative to Summer Orientation and the best advising program for students admitted to a spring semester, Advising offers brief, two-hour orientation and academic planning sessions for new students. Mini orientations are offered each working day during June, July, November, and December. An evening session and a Saturday session are offered in November and December for spring applicants. Call ahead to get comprehensive information on how one of these sessions might help you get off to a good start (530-898-5712).

"Getting Connected"

The week before classes begin, the university celebrates your presence as a new member of our community. As part of that celebration, the university and the Chico community sponsor a variety of special activities for new students. Our theme, "Getting Connected," is our way of suggesting the importance of making good and early connections in our community with:

The learning environment at Chico, Faculty and staff, Administrative and student leaders, Programs that can improve and enrich your experience, and The community of Chico.

These activities are explained in the *Getting Connected* booklet mailed to all new students shortly before the beginning of each semester.

Extended Orientation - UNIV 001C

We encourage all new freshmen to enroll in our semester-long course, UNIV001C—Introduction to University Life. By doing so, you will earn units that will apply to your General Education requirements. More important, you will participate in a semester-long orientation experience that extends your introduction to higher education begun in your orientation program.

Use of technology applications in university study and familiarity with Chico campus opportunities are featured in this program.

International Students

The week before classes begin, the International Programs office conducts a special four-day orientation program for new international students. Among the topics covered are housing assistance, money matters, academic advising, pre-registration information, testing requirements, general university as well as Chico community information.

Underrepresented Students

Summer and other orientation programs are designed for EOP and other underrepresented students. See "Educational Support Programs" in this catalog.

ARTICULATION

California Articulation Number (CAN)

Courses from other California colleges and universities are reviewed and aligned with CSU, Chico's lower-division curriculum to enable students to transfer these credits for use in their degree programs. CSU, Chico is a participating campus in the California Articulation Number (CAN) System. Qualified CSU, Chico courses carry a CAN designation. Courses at other institutions with the same CAN designations represent automatic articulation and can be used in lieu of the CSU, Chico course. CAN designations are listed in catalog descriptions of the qualified courses (e.g., MATH 007A is qualified as CAN MATH 18).

ASSIST is the statewide intersegmental program that provides a computerized database for articulation and major preparation for transferring students. ASSIST displays California Community College courses which are articulated and may be used in lieu of CSU, Chico lower-division courses to meet major requirements. Access to this information is available on the Web: www.assist.org. For more information, call 530-898-4280.



OTHER ADVISING SERVICES

Declaration of a Major or Minor

In some academic programs, students who are declared majors have a higher registration priority than non-majors. This priority may be a factor in obtaining the schedule of classes you desire. It is best to declare or change your major at the first opportunity. "Declaration and Change of Matriculation" forms for declaring and changing an undergraduate major, option, or minor are available in the Office of Advising and Orientation (MLIB 190) or on the CSU, Chico web. You need to obtain the signature of a faculty adviser representing the academic program you are declaring and then return the form to Advising. We also prepare a list of advising coordinators in each of the academic units of the university and can refer you to a specialist in any of the programs in which you have an interest. To access this list check out www.csuchico.edu/adv/.

Four Year Degree Plans

All first-time freshmen who are eligible to enroll in General Education level mathematics and English courses immediately upon admission may be able to graduate in four years. Those with less preparation may take longer. See the chapter on "Undergraduate Education" for steps to graduate in four years.

You may request a suggested eight semester plan for achieving this goal from your major department adviser, the Advising Office, or you may view and print it and other advising information via either www.csuchico.edu/catalog/programs.html or www.csuchico.edu/adv/.

Visit the Advising Office regarding other ways to facilitate your progress towards graduation. Advisers will assist you in beginning the process of meeting your graduation goals within an appropriate time frame.

EPT and ELM Advising

For critical information on EPT and ELM policies, refer to the "Math and Writing Requirements" section of this catalog. The Advising Office staff can answer questions about test results and appropriate course placement. If you are concerned about your ability to progress through our mathematics or writing requirements, special help is available.

Academic Probation Advising

If your Chico or cumulative grade point average falls below 2.0, you will be placed on academic probation. In this case, you should immediately meet with your faculty adviser, and/or a staff member in Advising and Orientation (MLIB 190) as soon as you can, but don't wait beyond the first two weeks of the semester. Why? So that changes can still be made to your academic program. You may be able to take advantage of helpful university policies, such as repeating courses with academic forgiveness. You should also restrict your course load to fourteen units or less each semester until you achieve clear academic standing.

All students who are placed on academic probation are required to see their advisers during the first two weeks of the semester to discuss strategies for a return to clear academic standing.

Disqualified Student Advising

We encourage students who have been academically disqualified to seek special advising from staff in Advising and Orientation. We will review your academic record, explain the appeal process that is necessary for reinstatement to the university, and help you to develop a strategy that will maximize your changes of academic recovery. Academically disqualified students desiring reinstatement must file an appeal for reinstatement through this office by the published deadline. If they were not enrolled during the previous academic semester, they must also apply for readmission to the university.

For the handout, "How to Appeal or Reappeal Your Disqualification," call Advising and Orientation (898-5712).

Emergency and Absence Notifications

If you must be absent from class for a week or two and would like us to notify your instructors, please call Advising and Orientation (898-5712). Messages can also be delivered to you on campus if a personal emergency situation warrants.

Withdrawing from the University

Should you ever find it necessary to withdraw from all your classes during the first twelve weeks of the semester, begin the exit process in the Office of Advising and Orientation. Our staff will be able to discuss alternatives with you, as well as how to apply for a Planned Educational Leave from the university. For information on the withdrawal process, see "Academic Policies and Regulations: Withdrawing from the University."

EVALUATIONS

We encourage you to sign up for an appointment with your academic evaluator in the lobby of Meriam Library (MLIB 180) if you have any questions regarding your transfer credit, your remaining degree requirements (your Degree Audit), or other matters that might affect your graduation status. If you cannot sign up in person, call 530-898-5957 to make an appointment with your academic evaluator.

Transfer Credit

Academic evaluators review college course work taken previously and apply it to meet your general degree requirements. If your admissions file is complete, and if you have completed at least fifteen General Education units, you will receive a full Degree Audit no later than your first semester in attendance. These documents will inform you and your adviser regarding requirements remaining for your bachelor's degree.

Generally, credit for work completed at regionally accredited institutions will be transferred and applied where appropriate towards degree requirements, other than for courses identified by such institutions as remedial or non-transferable. There are certain limitations. No more than 70 semester units (105 quarter units) in course work at a two-year college may be accepted for unit credit towards the bachelor's degree. However, courses in excess of 70 semester units will receive subject credit and will be applied to satisfy content requirements as appropriate. Neither upper-division

Advanced Placement Examinations Chart		
AP Exam	Credit (in semester units)	Meets this GE area or course equivalent
Art—StudioArt/General	6	Area C1
Art—Studio Art/Drawing	6	—
Art—History	6	Area C1: ART 001A, ART 001B
Biology (includes lab)	6	Area B2 and GE lab requirement: BIOL 001, BIOL 006A, or BIOL 008 plus additional life science
Calculus AB	4	Area A4: MATH 007A
Calculus BC	8	Area A4: MATH 007A and MATH 007B
Calculus AB Subscore on BC Exam	4	Area A4: MATH 007A
Chemistry (includes lab)	8	Area B1 and GE Lab Requirement, plus additional physical science
Computer Science A (A only)	3	CSCI 015A
Computer Science A and B	6	CSCI 015A and CSCI 015B
Economics—Macro	3	Area D2: ECON 002
Economics—Micro	3	Area D1: ECON 003
English—Language and Composition	6	Area A2: ENGL 001
English—Literature and Composition	6	Area A2: ENGL 001 & Area C2: ENGL 070
Environmental Science	4	—
French—Language	6	Area C2*
French—Literature	6	Area C2*
German—Language	6	Area C2*
Government and Politics—U.S.	3	U.S. Constitution or any Area D objective**
Government and Politics—Comparative	3	Area D1 or D2 (D4 pre-fall 1987)
History—European	6	Area D3 (D4 pre-fall 1987)
History—U.S.	6	HIST 050 and GE Area D3
Latin—Vergil	6	Area C2
Latin—Latin Literature	6	Area C2
Music—Theory	6	Area C1*
Physics B (includes lab)	8	Area B1 and GE Lab Requirement: PHYS 002A and PHYS 002B
Physics C (Mechanics)	4	Area B1 and GE Lab Requirement: PHYS 004A
Physics C (Electricity & Magnetism)	4	Area B1 and GE Lab Requirement: PHYS 004B
Psychology	3	Area E: PSY 001A
Spanish—Language	6	Area C2*
Spanish—Literature	6	Area C2*
Statistics	3	Area A4: MATH 005

Either 3 or 6 units of credit will be allowed for all other exams and applied to meet lower-division breadth requirements as appropriate.
 *Department requires formal assessment for placement into appropriate courses.
 **Does not meet California State and Local content requirement.

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credit nor credit for professional education courses is allowed for two-year college course work. Additionally, no more than 24 semester units earned in extension (including correspondence) courses will be allowed toward the bachelor's degree. Baccalaureate-level course credit certified by Defense Activities in Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) falls under this limit. California Community Colleges are authorized by the California State University Trustees to certify the transferability of courses they teach. Therefore, if you are attending one of the California Community Colleges, you should consult a counselor there for information on the transferability of courses.

Transfer credit is not limited to those courses that precisely parallel the courses offered at Chico. Chico honors the grading and recording practices of other accredited collegiate institutions when transferring credit. Academic evaluators convert quarter units of credit to semester units by multiplying the quarter unit totals by two-thirds.

Transfer Credit from Overseas Institutions

Credit is granted for study completed at recognized overseas institutions. The awarding of credit varies depending on the educational system of the country. Chico students planning to attend overseas institutions should check with Evaluators regarding the acceptability of credit prior to departure.

CREDIT BY EXAMINATION

Advanced Placement Examinations

CSU, Chico grants credit toward its undergraduate degrees for successful completion of examinations of the Advanced Placement Program of the College Board. Students who present scores of 3, 4, or 5 will be granted up to 8 semester units (12 quarter units) of college credit. The number of units and how they meet specific academic content requirements are specified in the chart on the previous page.

Other Credit by Examination

College Level Examination Program (CLEP)

CSU, Chico grants credit and/or fulfills requirements for certain CLEP Exams taken July 2001 or later as indicated in the chart below. For CLEP Exams taken prior to July 2001, please consult an Academic Evaluator (530-898-5957).

There are some limits to the amount of credit that will be granted for results on external examinations. First, no more than 30 semester units of such credit may count toward degree requirements. Credit for Advanced Placement examinations is not included in this limit. Where credit has already been awarded at the equivalent or at a more advanced level, additional credit by examination shall not be awarded. Where partial overlap exists, credit in the amounts indicated above will be reduced accordingly. Credit by examination is not considered residence credit for purposes of residency requirements for the bachelor's degree.

Credit for Non-Collegiate Instruction

CSU, Chico grants undergraduate degree credit for successful completion of non-collegiate instruction, either military or civilian, appropriate to the baccalaureate, that has been recommended by the Commission on Educational Credit and Credentials of the American Council on Education. The number of units allowed are

those recommended in the *Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services* and the *National Guide to Educational Credit for Training Programs*.

Credit for Prior Learning

CSU, Chico grants up to 30 units of credit for learning, knowledge, or skills-based experience that has been documented and evaluated according to campus policy. Please see the chapter on "Academic Policies and Regulations" subsection on "Academic Credit for Prior Experience" in the catalog for complete information.

NATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE

Approximately fifty-five students participate in domestic exchanges between CSU, Chico and the 174 member institutions of the National Student Exchange (NSE) Consortium in the United States and its territories. If you are interested in this exciting opportunity and want to learn more, schedule an appointment with the NSE adviser in the Office of Advising and Orientation (MLIB 190, 898-5712).

College Level Examinations Programs (CLEP) Chart

CLEP Exam (July 2001 Version)	Passing Score	Credit (sem. Units)	Meets this GE area or course equivalent
Accounting, Principles of	50	—	*ACCT 015 and 016
American Government	50	3	—
Calculus/Elementary Functions	50	3	A4
Chemistry	50	3	—
College Algebra	50	3	A4
College Algebra/Trigonometry	50	3	A4
College Mathematics	50	3	A4
French, Level 1	50	6	C2
French, Level 2	52	12	C2
German, Level 1	50	6	C2
German, Level 2	63	12	C2
History United States I	50	3	HIST 50
History United States II	50	3	HIST 50
Human Growth and Development	50	3	—
Humanities	50	3	C1
Social Sciences and History	50	3	—
Spanish, Level 1	50	6	C2
Spanish, Level 2	54	12	C2
Trigonometry	50	3	A4
Western Civilization I	50	3	D3: HIST 001A
Western Civilization II	50	3	D3: HIST 001B

*Fulfills content requirement only, no units earned.

