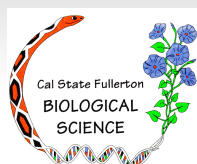


Departmental Advising: Biological Science

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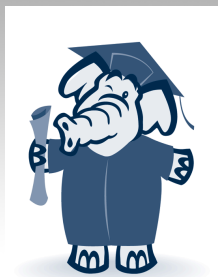
Faculty Involvement in Advising

- All faculty are advisors
- Faculty advisors complete first grad check
- Undergraduate Advancement Committee (5 faculty members and a staff member)
 - Freshmen group advising sessions
 - Advising handbook and website
 - Final grad checks
 - Coordinate all advising and orientations



Advising is Mandatory

- Students have registration holds placed early in the semester
- These are cleared once students attend advising
- If they do not attend advising ...



Biology Major at A Glance

Lower Division Core 20 Units

Biology 171, 172, 273, 274

Supporting Courses

Calculus and Statistics
General Chemistry
Organic Chemistry
Physics

Upper Division Electives 23 Units Inside a Concentration

1. Cellular and Developmental Biology
2. Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
3. Marine Biology
4. Molecular Biology and Biotechnology

University and General Education Requirements



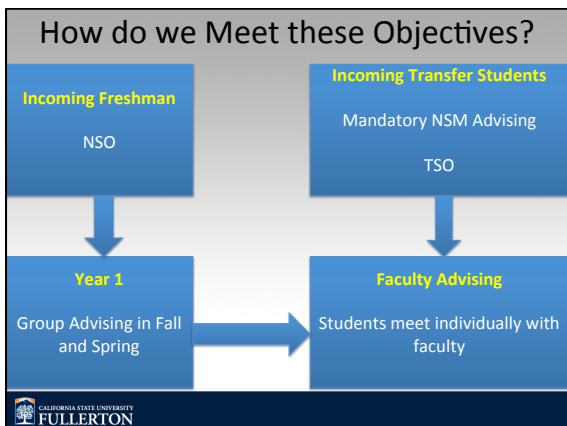
Research Opportunities and Careers



Advising Objectives

1. Understand CSUF & Biology Major degree requirements
2. Facilitate graduation in a timely fashion
3. Develop an appreciation for the diversity of careers available to biology majors
4. Inform students of research/special opportunities available at CSUF and in the department
5. Develop an ongoing relationship with a faculty mentor





Challenges for Advising

- Diversity of Student Goals/Problems
 - For example, varying course requirements for students wishing to enter “health professions”
- Transfer Problems
 - TDA Exceptions
- Repetition of Course Policy
- Managing an Increasing Number of Students with the Same Number of Faculty
- Assessment - How successful are we?

