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Welcome! This webinar is brought to you by ERC Academic Advising

Today we'll be talking about how to prepare and plan for your academic success and what you'll need to know to do that.

We have one hour for this webinar and will be answering questions at the end. Keep in mind all questions submitted to the webinar are visible to other participants. Due to Federal Law that protects students' privacy and records, we can't discuss or answer specific questions about your records without written consent. But we'll do our best to generalize and answer as many questions as we can during this time. By registering for this webinar, you are acknowledging that your name and questions will be visible to ERC Academic Advising and other attendees in the session. Let's get started!

## REQUIREMENTS TO GRADUATE

- ERC General Education Requirements (GEs)
  - Courses you need to complete for ERC.
- Major Requirements
  - Courses you need to complete for your major/minor.
  - Only lower-division courses can overlap with GE requirements.
- University Requirements
  - Specific requirements to meet minimum graduation requirements.
  - These courses can overlap with GE and Major requirements.

Review the Triton Tutorial videos for more information.

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As a quick review, let's talk about the different requirements you need to complete towards graduation. General Education courses, are courses to meet ERC-specific requirements. The topics and courses are based on the ERC philosophy of developing global citizens and may or may not be related to your major

Major requirements are courses needed to complete the major and provides knowledge of major's field of study. Only lower-division courses for your major can overlap with GE requirements.

(click next) University requirements are specific requirements that all UCSD students need to take to receive a degree. This includes completing all Major and GE requirements as well as the ELWR, AHI, DEI, and having at least 180 units of which 60 must be upper-division units. University requirements can overlap with major and GE courses.

You can find more information regarding these requirements by watching the Triton Tutorial videos in the New Triton Advising page of the VAC.

#### WHAT IS CONSIDERED A FULL ACADEMIC LOAD?

- 12 Units / Quarter = Minimum for full-time status
  - \* Financial Aid
  - Living on-campus
  - International student visas / I-20s
  - Athletes
- 36 units / Year = Minimum progress
  - Fall through Summer
- 16 Units / Quarter = Full load of courses (Recommended)
  - Most courses are 4-units so 4 classes
  - \* Cal Grant: Minimum 15 units/quarter

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A lot of incoming students ask, "What is considered a full academic load at UCSD?"

12 units per quarter is the minimum amount to be considered a full time student. It is also the minimum needed for financial aid (click next), living on campus (click next), international student visas and I-20s(click next), and student athletes

Also important to note is the Minimum Progress regulation. You must complete 36 units each academic year to maintain minimum progress and qualify for further registration.

However, we recommend that you enroll in 16 units per quarter. Most of our courses are 4 units therefore 16 units is about 4 courses. This will keep you on track to finish in four years and allows the option to drop a course and still be full-time. We do not recommend taking more than 16 units a quarter.

For those of you who are on Cal Grants, this funding is limited to four academic years. In order to graduate in four years, you must complete 15 units or more per quarter. Please view the academic plan for your major and, after you have completed

your first quarter of classes at UC San Diego, <u>contact your college and major academic advising offices</u> for additional guidance.

## WHAT IS CONSIDERED PART-TIME ENROLLMENT?

- **Definition:** You are a part-time undergraduate student if you're approved to enroll for 10 or fewer units per quarter. Must <u>apply online</u> and be approved for the quarter.
- Employment: Verification of 20 or more hours per week of employment on letterhead from employer is required.
- Family responsibilities: Documentation of immediate family responsibilities is required.
- Medical: Verification from a doctor for serious or sustained illness or injury.
- Graduating senior status: Only applicable for your last year at UCSD.

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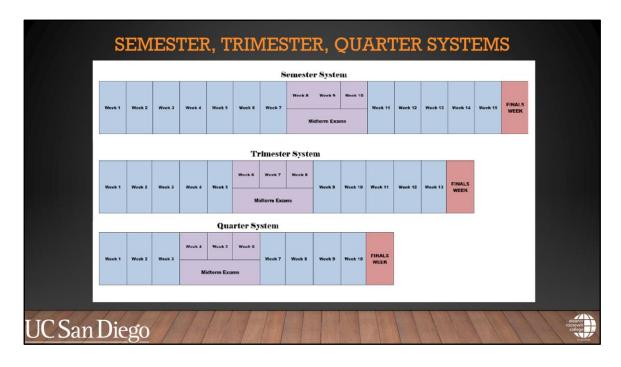
For some students, attending as a part-time student may be a viable option depending on your circumstances. Students who <u>apply online and are approved</u> for part-time status may enroll in 10 or fewer units per quarter.

You can be approved part-time status for the following reasons:

**Employment:** With required verification of 20 or more hours per week of employment on letterhead from employer.

**Family responsibilities:** With required documentation of immediate family responsibilities.

**Medical:** With required verification from a doctor for serious illness or injury. Or **Graduating senior status:** But this would only be for your final year at UCSD so you can discuss this last option with us at that time.



Most of you are familiar with the Semester system which is about 15 weeks of instruction and finals. This is similar to the Trimester system, which is about 13 weeks.

UCSD is on the Quarter system which, as you can see, is only 10 weeks of instruction and finals. The transition to the quarter system is often difficult due to the fast pace. This is something to keep in mind when planning your courses and we do not recommend enrolling in more than 16 units for this reason.

You can see in this illustration that the Quarter system midterms occur Week 4-6. But, in reality, midterms can start as early as week 3 and continue as late as week 8.

Because the quarter system goes by fast, we want to help you sooner than later. Coming to see us sooner when you encounter challenges can help you along your academic journey.

#### WHEN TO DO LETTER GRADE VS PASS/NO PASS?

Letter Grade Option:

- All courses default to Letter Grade on WebReg Grade counts in Grade Point Average (GPA)
- Grading Scale: A to F
- Most major courses must be taken for letter grade
- All MMW courses must be taken for letter grade
- Regional Specialization:
  - Freshmen: 2 of the 3 courses must be letter grade
  - Transfers: 1 of the 2 must be letter grade
- We recommend taking all of your first quarter courses as letter grade.
   Consult with ERC Academic Advising and your major during the quarter for questions.

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UCSD has two grading options: Letter Grade and Pass / No Pass.

When you enroll in courses on WebReg, all grading options are defaulted to Letter Grade.

A **Letter grade** reflects your performance in a class and results in grade points that count toward your GPA. Students can earn up to an A or as low as an F.. UCSD does not differentiate between A's and A+'s.

Keep in mind that most majors and graduate school requirements must be taken for letter grade. For ERC GE requirements, all MMW courses and some of your Regional Specialization must be taken for letter grade.

We recommend that you take all your first quarter courses as letter grade so you can get an idea of what level of work is considered a passing grade. (click next) You can always consult with ERC Academic Advising and your major department during the quarter before Week 4 if you have questions about your grading options.

#### WHEN TO DO LETTER GRADE VS PASS/NO PASS?

Pass / Not Pass (P/NP) Option:

- C- or better to Pass (or P grade)
- Below a C- results in No Pass (or NP grade)
- Receive units but not calculated in GPA
- Cannot exceed 25% of UCSD units taken as P/NP

Consult with ERC Academic Advising and your major department during the quarter to determine if P/NP is appropriate for the course.

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A Pass/No Pass, or P/NP, shows that you have either passed or not passed a class. Students whose overall performance in a class is a C- or better will receive a Pass grade. Performance in a class that is below a C- will result in a No Pass grade. Classes with P grades count towards your unit requirements for a degree but do not count towards your GPA.

No more than 25% of your total UCSD course units can be taken as Pass/No Pass. That's about 1 course per quarter if you're taking 4 courses per quarter. (click next)

Again, you can always consult with ERC Academic Advising and your major department during the quarter before Week 4 if you have questions about your grading options.

## **ACADEMIC STANDING**

Good Academic Standing

 Maintain a 2.0 quarter GPA and cumulative GPA (C average)

**Academic Probation** 

 Between a 1.5 – 2.0 quarter and/or cumulative GPA (Below a C average)

Subject to Disqualification

 Below a 1.5 quarter and/or cumulative GPA (Below a C- average)

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Students at UCSD are considered in **Good Academic Standing** as long as they maintain a 2.0 quarter GPA and 2.0 cumulative GPA.

If your quarter and/or cumulative GPA fall below a 2.0, you could face academic probation or subject to disqualification.

## **COURSE NUMBERING**

#### **Lower-Division Courses**

- Courses numbered 1 99
- General, introductory courses or prerequisites in that field of study

#### **Upper-Division Courses**

- Courses numbered 100 199
- Specialized, advanced courses in that field of study

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Now let's talk about course numbers:

(click next)Courses numbered 1 through 99 are lower-division courses and are normally designed for freshmen and sophomores who have little or no background in a particular discipline. These courses provide a general foundation and generally serve as prerequisites for upper-division courses.

(click next)Courses numbered 100 through 199 are upper-division courses and are typically open to students who have completed at least one lower-division prerequisite course in that given subject or who usually have junior or senior standing. These are advanced courses in that field of study.

## WHAT REQUIREMENTS CAN OVERLAP?

#### Acceptable Overlaps

- Lower-division courses taken for your major may overlap with ERC GE requirements and minor requirements (if applicable)
- All courses taken for a minor may overlap with ERC GE requirements
- Up to two (2) upper-division courses taken for your minor may overlap with your major \*
- The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI), ERC Upper-Division Writing, and the American History and Institutions (AHI) requirements may overlap with any other requirement for graduation including major, minor, and/or other GE's.

\*Pending department approval

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Some graduation requirements may overlap with each other so you can take one course to fulfill 2 requirements.

#### Acceptable overlaps are:

- Lower-division courses taken for your major may overlap with ERC GEs and minor requirements
- All courses taken for a minor, if you have one, may overlap with ERC GEs.
- Up to two (2) upper-division courses taken for your minor may overlap with your major (departments must approve the overlap)
- The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI), ERC Upper-Division Writing, and the American History and Institutions (AHI) requirements may overlap with any other requirement including major, minor, and/ or GE's.

## WHAT REQUIREMENTS CAN OVERLAP?

Not Acceptable Overlaps

- Upper-division courses taken for your major may NOT overlap with any ERC GE requirements except the Upper-Division Writing requirement.
- Upper-division courses taken for one minor may NOT overlap with any other minor requirement.
- Courses taken for one ERC GE requirement may NOT overlap with another ERC GE requirement (with exception of the Upper-Division Writing requirement).

More info at: https://roosevelt.ucsd.edu/academics/gened/index.html#OverlapPolicies

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There are also some graduation requirements that may NOT overlap with each other and must be taken separately.

Unacceptable overlaps include:

- Upper-division courses taken for your major may NOT overlap with any ERC GE requirements except the Upper-Division Writing requirement. There are some exceptions if you are a double major. (Please see acceptable double major overlap).
- Upper-division courses taken for one minor may NOT overlap with any other minor requirement.
- Courses taken for one ERC GE requirement may NOT overlap with another ERC GE requirement (with exception of the Upper-Division Writing requirement).



You can find sample four and two year plans for your major online at plans.ucsd.edu/roosevelt. These sample plans can give you an idea of how many courses you'll need to take to graduate and what courses are required. They will also show you what requirements can overlap.

Remember, these are just sample plans. Be sure to check with your major department and ERC Academic Advising regarding your specific academic plan.

## **UNDECLARED MAJORS**

See ERC Advising & Department Advising for assistance

You can also use the following to find new areas of interest:

- GEs
- General Elective courses
- Speaking to major departments and professors
- Talking to friends, classmates, family
- Career Services Center: http://career.ucsd.edu
- UCSD General Catalog: http://catalog.ucsd.edu

You can be any major at any college at UC San Diego!

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(click next) If you are Undeclared or thinking of changing your major, don't worry. ERC Advising can help you with that.

Some resource you can use to help you find a new area of interest are:

- Your Ges
- Taking elective courses in a major to try it out
- Talking to the department or your professors about possible areas of interest
- Asking friends, classmates, and family about different classes and careers
- Career Services Center
- And the UCSD General Catalog

Remember, you can be any major at any college at UCSD

## **ELECTIVES**

- Major Electives
  - Courses are required to complete a major.
  - Courses that are beyond foundational courses for the major.
- General Electives
  - Courses that do not count towards specific major or GE requirements.
  - Courses may or may not be required to graduate.

Review the UCSD Catalog for more information.

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(click next)Speaking of electives, there are two types of electives at UCSD:

Major electives are courses that are required by the major and encompass topics that are beyond the foundational courses the department has prescribed. If your major requires you to take major electives, the department will provide you with a list of courses you can choose from within the department.

General electives are courses that are not required, or do not count, towards completing major or GE requirements. Depending on your major, you may or may not need to take general electives in order to meet University requirements to graduate.

You can find more detailed information regarding these requirements by visiting the UCSD Catalog at http://catalog.ucsd.edu

## **ACADEMIC SUCCESS: STUDY TIME**

- Every 1 hour in class = about 2-3 hours of studying outside of class (depending on difficulty)
- A 4-unit class = about 8-12 hours of studying outside of class per week
- 3 classes (12 units) in one quarter = about 24-36 hours of studying outside of class per week
- 4 classes (16 units) in one quarter = about 32-48 hours of studying outside of class per week

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(click next)When it comes to studying, depending on how difficult a course is, a general guide to remember is for every hour you spend in-class, you will be studying 2-3 hours outside of class studying for that course.

For a typical 4-unit class, that means you will be studying about 8-12 hours per week for that one class.

If you're taking 3 class, or 12 units, you will be studying about 36 hours per week.

For 4 classes, or 16 units, you will be studying about 48 hours per week.

## SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS...

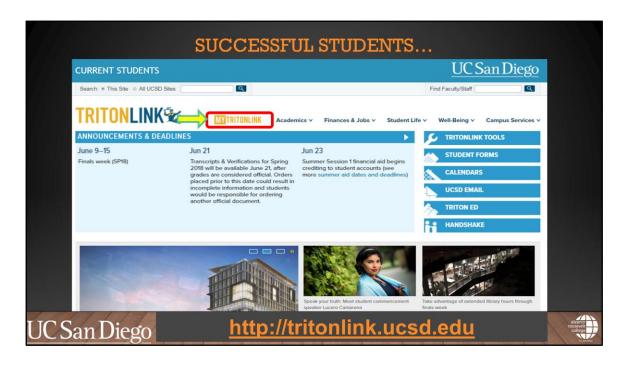
- Master time management
- Are proactive and prepared for class
- Utilize professor and TA office hours
- Get involved on- and off-campus
- Know deadlines and use resources available

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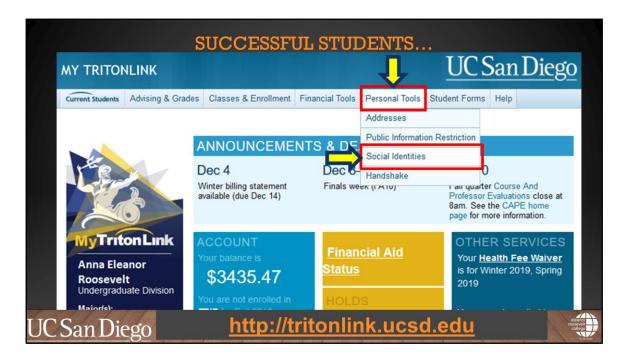
Students who are successful academically at UC San Diego tend to have:

- A mastery of time management
- Are proactive and prepared for class
- Utilize professor and TA office hours
- Get involved on- and off-campus
- · And know deadlines and use resources available to them

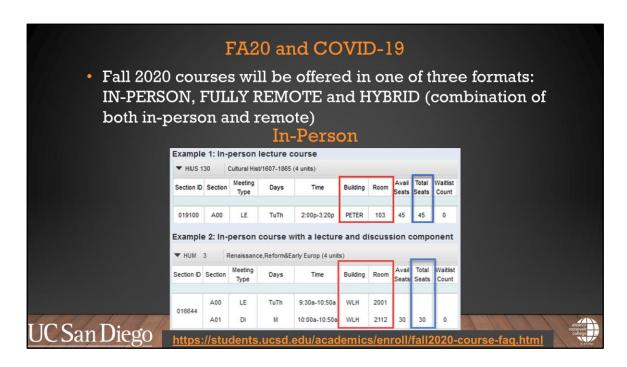


An important resource for your academic success is the TritonLink website. Make sure to bookmark this page since you will use TritonLink throughout your time at UCSD.

By logging in using your PID and Password on **MyTritonLink**, you can find your UCSD account information. If you go to **TritonLink Tools**, you can find your degree audit, general catalog, schedule of classes, webreg, academic deadlines and calendars, and other academic information.

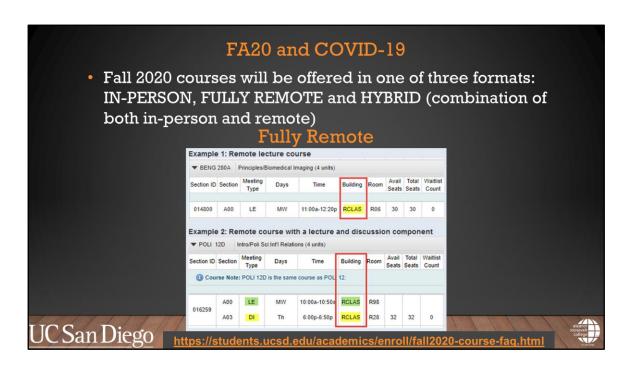


- On TritonLink, you can also see your billing information and Financial Aid status. You can even update your preferred name and indicate your gender pronouns under the **Personal Tools** and **Social Identities** tab.
- By knowing how to access and stay up-to-date with this site and information, you can avoid headaches in the future with potential holds, missed deadlines, or getting dropped from classes for not completing necessary steps.
- Be sure not to share you PID and Password for your UCSD accounts with anyone as you are responsible for your records. If edits are made to your account by someone else who has your information such as adjusting your class schedule, we won't be able to assist you.

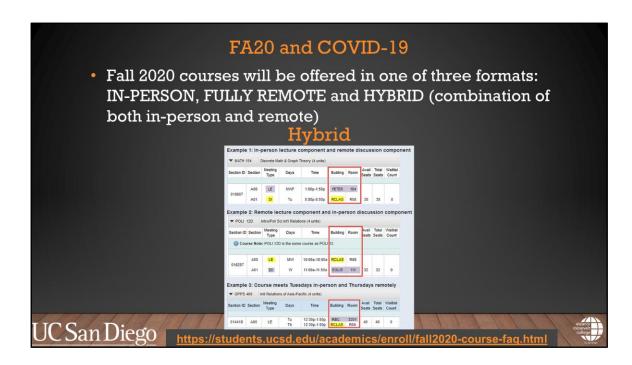


For this coming Fall, courses will be offered in one of three formats: IN-PERSON, FULLY REMOTE and HYBRID which is a combination of both in-person and remote. (click next)

You'll be able to tell on WebReg how the course is being taught by looking at the Building, Room number, and Total seats. For In-person classes, it will have an on-campus building and room. The enrollment capacity of in-person classes will also not exceed 50 students.



For fully remote classes, it will have a building name **RCLAS** which stands for "remote class". Classes will not meet in person.



And for hybrid classes, it will have a combination of an on-campus building and room assignment **AND** the building name **RCLAS** listed.

## FA20 and COVID-19

 Refer to the <u>UC San Diego Fall 2020 Schedule of Classes</u> <u>FAOs</u> for further clarification on how to identify the format for each course

> https://students.ucsd.edu/academics/ enroll/fall2020-course-faq.html

 Visit <u>UC San Diego's Coronavirus Portal</u> for the latest information for the campus community.

https://returntolearn.ucsd.edu

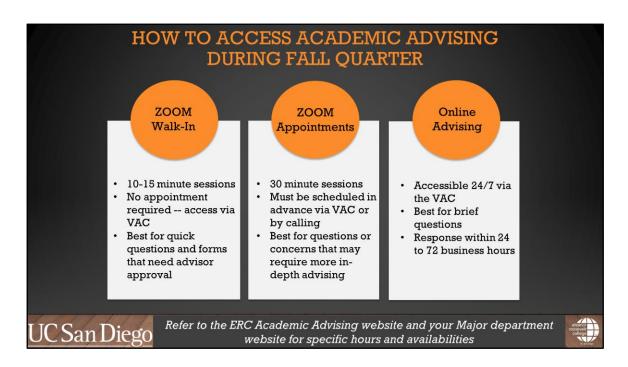
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For more information, refer to the <u>UC San Diego Fall 2020 Schedule of Classes</u>

<u>FAQs</u> for further clarification on Fall classes, the link is at the bottom of this page

You can also visit <u>UC San Diego's Coronavirus Portal</u> for the latest information for the campus community.



During the academic year, you will be able to utilize ERC Academic Advising and Major Academic Advising in three different ways:

During **Walk-In Advising Hours** you can meet with an academic advisor for 10-15 minutes to get quick questions answered. The link to access is on the Virtual Advising Center (VAC).

**Appointments** are usually 30 minute sessions that are scheduled in advance by calling our office. Appointments are designed for longer questions that cannot be answered during a Walk-in session. Please note that Long-Term Planning Appointments are not available to *Freshmen students* until the Winter Quarter. Transfer students can make appointments starting in Fall. Refer to the ERC Academic Advising website and your Major department website for respective hours and availabilities.

**Online Advising** is also available twenty-four/seven via the Virtual Advising Center (VAC). You can submit a brief, general question and an academic advisor will respond within 24-72 business hours. Online advising is a great way to get quick questions answered.

## ACADEMIC ADVISING AND YOU

- Check your @UCSD.edu email frequently
- Meet with ERC Academic Advising and your Major advisor
- Be an active participant in your educational development
- Know University policies and academic deadlines
- Come prepared for your appointments
- Don't hesitate to ask questions!

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(click next)To best support you in your academic journey, we strongly encourage you to check and read your UCSD email frequently, as this is the official means of communication at the University.

We encourage you to meet with ERC Academic Advising and your major advisors and establish a working relationship with us. We're here to help you.

We expect you to be an active-participant in your education and to be knowledgeable of University policies and deadlines and to ask for clarification when questions arise.

We also ask that you honor any appointments that you make with us and come prepared with any questions that you may have.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

- In the New Triton Advising page of the Virtual Advising Center: <a href="http://vac.ucsd.edu">http://vac.ucsd.edu</a>
  - Online Advising Transfers NOW
  - Online Advising Freshmen, Monday Aug 3
- Keep checking your UCSD email address for ERC Academic Advising Updates

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Please review the important dates and deadlines calendar in the New Triton Advising page in the VAC at http://vac.ucsd.edu and keep checking your UCSD email address for those updates from ERC Advising.

There is also online advising available on that site for transfers now, freshman online advising will start on Monday, August 3

# PLANNING FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS

#### **QUESTIONS?**

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  ANSWER AS MANY QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE DURING THE WEBINAR IN THE
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At this time, we will begin our "Question and Answer" portion of the webinar. If you have any questions, feel free to submit them through the webinar system and the counselors will answer them live.

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See the Webinar FAQs page on the ERC Website at

http://roosevelt.ucsd.edu/academics/academic-advising-resources/freshman-videos-webinars.html

for answers to questions submitted to the Webinar.

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So that is all the time that we have. We will be sending out a recorded version of our

webinars later on to your UCSD email addresses along with some other important academic information so be sure you check your UCSD email address frequently. Make sure to enroll in courses during your appointment time like we showed you on our Webinar and use the Online Advising System in the New Student Site so that we can help you with your Fall schedule. Hopefully we will see you all again at one of our other webinar sessions this summer and we look forward to working with you all soon. Thanks for watching!