Intro to Academics for Transfer Students

An Eleanor Roosevelt College Webinar

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Today we'll be introducing you to Academics at UC San Diego and Eleanor Roosevelt College.

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.
  Only lower-division courses can overlap with GE requirements.
- **University Requirements**
  Specific requirements to meet minimum graduation requirements.
  These courses may overlap with GE and Major requirements.

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We'll begin with the different requirements you need to complete to graduate. General Education courses (aka GEs) 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 your major and provide knowledge of your major's field of study. Only lower-division courses for your major can overlap with GE requirements.

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, and DEI requirements which we will take a closer look at in a bit. Please note that university requirements may overlap with major and GE courses.

You can find more information regarding all of these requirements by watching the Academic Overview video in the New Triton Advising website. ** or roosevelt.ucsd.edu?
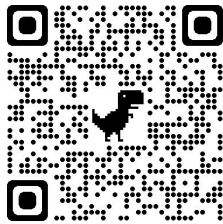
Requirements to Graduate

- **180 total units**
  - **60 units must be upper-division (numbered 100+)**
- **2.00 Major and Overall GPA minimum**

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Additional university requirements needed to graduate include completing at least 180 units (60 of which must be upper-division units). Students must also maintain at least a 2.0 major and overall GPA minimum.

Transfer Agreements

http://roosevelt.ucsd.edu
Under "Academics" tab >
General Education

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IGETC or Partial–IGETC
Certification

UC Reciprocity Agreement or
Partially Completed UC Reciprocity
Exception

GE Certification or Partial GE
Certification Exception

General Transfer Student

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All transfer students will be under one of the following Transfer Agreements. You can find information about each one on our website (roosevelt.ucsd.edu) or by scanning the QR code on the screen. You can determine which transfer agreement you qualify for, how to get it on your records, and what ERC requirements will be needed based on each respective agreement.

Making of the Modern World (MMW)

All MMW courses must be taken for a LETTER grade

- **MMW 121/121R: Exploring the Pre-Modern World (4 units)**
  +
- **MMW 122: Exploring the Modern World (4 units)**
  OR
  MMW 12: Classical and Medieval Traditions
  See an ERC advisor to confirm.

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Making of the Modern World (known as MMW) is ERC's 2-quarter core sequence. You must take these courses at UC San Diego for a letter grade. There are no exceptions. Find more information about sequencing and quarterly course offerings by scanning the QR code.

All transfer students, regardless of agreement, must complete MMW 121. You can check the transfer agreements discussed on the previous slide to determine whether you need MMW 122 or MMW 12 as the second required course. You may consult an ERC advisor to confirm.

Major Information

- Take required major courses for a letter grade
- Earn a minimum 2.0 GPA in your major related courses to graduate
- Each department has a website detailing major requirements

* For major advising, contact the major advisor

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There are also guidelines to your major requirements:

In general, major courses must be taken for a letter grade. However, you should always check in with your respective department to confirm their policies.

You must earn a minimum 2.0 GPA in your major related courses in order to graduate.

Each department has a website listing out the detailed major requirements as well as academic advisors that you may contact for major-specific questions.

Capped Majors

Capped Majors:

- Some Academic Departments limit the number of students into their major(s)

- Students must complete eligible screening courses to apply into a capped department

- See "Capped Major" in TritonLink or specific Major Department website for more information

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A capped major is a major that limits enrollment. If you were not admitted directly to a capped department, you must go through their application process. Note that admission is not guaranteed so we recommend that you have an alternative major to pursue. Additionally, some departments may not accept any transfer students so please confirm on the department's website before planning to apply.

You may also see the "Capped Major" page in TritonLink by scanning the QR code. This page will provide specific Major Department websites for more information.

University Requirements

- **American History and Institutions (AHI)**
- **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)**

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Now we will discuss two of the university requirements that were previously mentioned. Remember, university requirements are required of all UC San Diego students regardless of your college or major.

American History and Institutions (AHI)

- How to clear requirement:
  - Attended a California high school and passed U.S. History and Government class(es) with a grade of C or better
    - Students who attended high school outside of California can also clear the requirement with comparable coursework determined by UCSD Admissions
  - Completion of an acceptable one-quarter or one-semester course, with a grade of C or better, in either American history or American government at a community college within the state.
    - Students who completed comparable coursework at a recognized institution of higher education (junior college included) outside of California may also clear the requirement with comparable coursework determined by UCSD Admissions
  - A student attending the university on an F-1 or J-1 visa status will be exempt from this requirement (as long as you are still on the visa at the time of graduation)

IF SATISFIED, AHI WILL POST *AFTER* WEEK 4
BY UCSD ADMISSIONS

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First, we have the American History and Institutions requirement, also known as AHI. The University requires knowledge of American history and/or government and it may be cleared in one of the following ways:

- If you attended a California high school and passed your U.S. History and U.S. Government class(es) with a C or better.
  - For students who attended high school outside of California, you can also clear the requirement with comparable coursework but that will be determined by UCSD Admissions
- If you completed an acceptable one-quarter or one-semester course, with a grade of C or better, in either American history or American government at a community college within the state.
  - Similarly, if you completed an acceptable one-quarter or one-semester course, with a grade of C or better, in either American history or American government at a recognized institution of higher education, junior college included, in another state as determined by UCSD Admissions.
- If you are attending the university on an F-1 or J-1 visa status, you will be exempt from this requirement as long as you are still on the visa at the time of graduation.

IF SATISFIED WITH COURSEWORK, UCSD ADMISSIONS WILL BEGIN UPDATING *AFTER* WEEK 4.

More information about the AHI requirement can be found in the UC San Diego General Catalog (catalog.ucsd.edu).
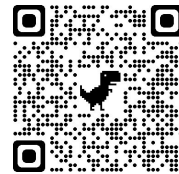
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Requirement (DEI)

One four-unit course required

A knowledge of diversity, equity, and inclusion is required of all candidates for a Bachelor's degree at UC San Diego.

- Students must select a course from the approval list on the DEI website.
- Undergraduates may satisfy the requirement by passing, with a grade of at least C- or P.
- This course may overlap with major or general education requirements.

https://undergrad.ucsd.edu/programs/dei/index.html

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Another University requirement you will need to satisfy is the Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion, also known as DEI. One four-unit course is required to meet the DEI requirement.

The DEI website with the approved list of courses can be found on the degree audit and on the ERC website. Information about the DEI requirement can be found in the UC San Diego General Catalog.

This course may be taken for a letter grade or P/NP and may overlap with major or general education requirements.

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 we'll discuss some general information about courses and policies at UC San Diego. Courses are categorized as either Lower-division or Upper-division.

Lower-division courses are general introductory courses. These are numbered 1-99 and are often prerequisites to courses including upper-division ones.

Upper-division courses are advanced courses in a field of study and are numbered 100-199. Most students will begin taking upper-division coursework when they have junior or senior standing.

Course Prerequisites

- Courses that need to be completed prior to enrollment in subsequent courses
  - For example: CHEM 6A is a prerequisite to CHEM 6B.
- You can check course prerequisites in the UCSD course catalog (catalog.ucsd.edu)

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Prerequisites are courses that need to be completed prior to enrollment in subsequent courses. For example, CHEM 6A is a prerequisite to CHEM 6B. In other words, you cannot enroll in CHEM 6B without completion of CHEM 6A first.

You can check course prerequisites in the UCSD course catalog (catalog.ucsd.edu)

Enrollment Authorization System (EASy)

Students who need to ensure prerequisites are met with transfer coursework or need to request exceptions to prerequisites should submit a request through the Enrollment Authorization System (EASy).

Note: Admissions is still working on posting transfer coursework so please do not submit unless you see your coursework has not been posted and your enrollment is approaching.

Before sending the EASy request:

- Check posted transfer coursework on your Academic History (TritonLink)
- "Run" a new degree audit on TritonLink to see if your transfer course(s) met any requirements

The request will.be sent directly to the academic department/program for review (and college if necessary). You will receive an email notification from the academic department/program with the results of your request.

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Enrollment Authorization System (EASy): http://easy.ucsd.edu

If you have transfer coursework that has not been posted to your Academic History by the time enrollment begins and it is a prerequisite to courses you need to enroll in, you will need to submit a Pre-Authorization request through the Enrollment Authorization System (also known as EASy). Students who need to request exceptions to prerequisites should also submit a request. Please note approval is not guaranteed and up to the discretion of the respective department.

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Before sending the EASy request:

- Check whether your transfer coursework has been posted on your Academic History (TritonLink)
- "Run" a new degree audit on TritonLink to see if your transfer course met any requirements

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You can access the EASy system through easy.ucsd.edu

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.

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Review the UCSD Catalog for more information.

There are also different types of electives -- Major Electives and General Electives

Major electives are required to complete a major. These courses are outside of the core courses required for the major where students are given the opportunity to select from a range of courses from their field of study

On the other hand, General Electives are courses that do not count towards a specific major or GE requirement. Some students may need these to fulfill the 180 unit minimum requirement. These may or may not be required for graduation.

Overlap Policies

Acceptable Overlaps

- Lower-division courses taken for your major may overlap with ERC GE requirements and minor requirements (if applicable)
- 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.

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

Acceptable overlaps include:

- Lower-division courses taken for your major may overlap with ERC GEs and minor requirements
- 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.

Overlap Policies

Not Acceptable Overlaps

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

More info at :

https://roosevelt.ucsd.edu/academics/gen-ed/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 ERC Upper-Division Writing requirement.
- Courses taken for one ERC GE requirement may NOT overlap with another ERC GE requirement (with exception of the Upper-Division Writing requirement).

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

We recommend taking all of your first quarter courses as letter grade.
Consult with ERC Academic Advising and your major department by
Week 6 to determine if P/NP is appropriate for the course.

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

When you enroll in courses on WebReg, the grading option will default to Letter Grade. You will need to manually change it if you want it to be P/NP.

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 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.

You can always consult with ERC Academic Advising and/or your major department during the quarter before Week 6 if you have questions about your grading options.

Letter Grade vs. Pass/No Pass

Pass / Not Pass (P/NP) Option:

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

Consult with ERC Academic Advising and your major department by Week 6 to determine if P/NP is appropriate for the course.

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When electing P/NP, you must receive at least a C- or better to earn a Pass (or P grade) in the class. Passing a course earns you units but is not calculated into your GPA.

Keep in mind that students may only take up to 25% of all UCSD units as P/NP.

Again, contact ERC Academic Advisors or major advisors by Week 6 to determine if P/NP is appropriate for a course.
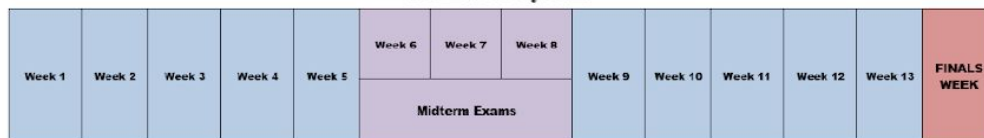
The Quarter System

Now we'll move onto discussing the quarter system. Many students coming to UCSD will be transitioning from a semester or trimester system to the quarter system.
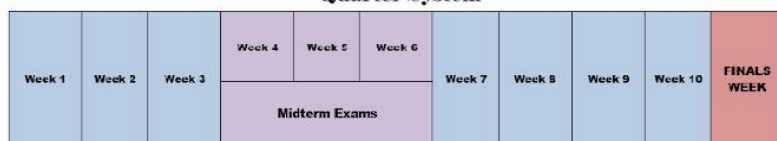
Most of you are familiar with the Semester system which is about 15 weeks of instruction and finals. This is similar to the Trimester system, which is about 13 weeks.

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. **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 9.**

This is something to keep in mind when planning your courses. We do not recommend enrolling in more than 16 units during your first quarter for this reason.

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

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* Cal Grant: Minimum 15 units/quarter

A lot of incoming students will then 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, living on campus, student athletes, international student visas and I-20s.

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

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

For those of you who are on Cal Grant, this funding is limited to four academic years. To stay within this limit, you should be completing 15 units or more per quarter.

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 apply online 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.

International students in F-1 or J-1 visa status, please check in with the International Students & Programs Office (ISPO) for additional eligibility criteria.

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For some students, attending as a part-time student may be a viable option depending on your circumstances. Students who apply online and are approved for part-time status may enroll in 10 or less 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.

International students in F-1 or J-1 visa status, please check in with the International Students & Programs Office (ISPO) for additional eligibility criteria.

To get a general idea of your academic plan at UCSD, please view the academic plan for your major on plans.ucsd.edu. Contact your college and major academic advising offices for additional guidance and to create a personalized academic plan beginning in the fall quarter.

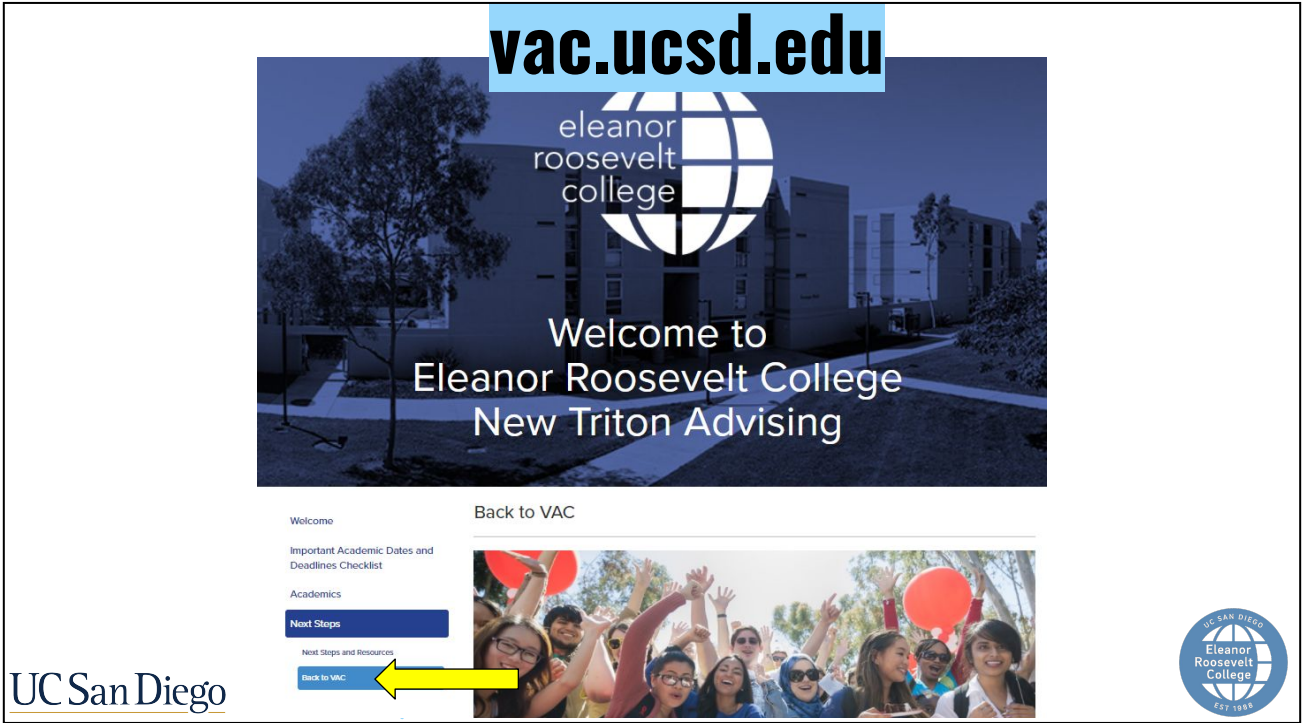Students are encouraged to view their intended major's sample two-year plan for an overview of how to complete the major, GEs, and University requirements to graduate. Again, to view a sample major plan, go to plans.ucsd.edu.

Note that these sample two-year plans assume a student has an IGETC agreement so please be sure to read the notes associated with the plan for guidance especially if you do not have an IGETC.

Sample Degree Audit

Log in to TritonLink to access your personalized degree audit.

You will find course requirements for the following:

- Major
- ERC General Education
- University requirements

Tritonlink.ucsd.edu > TritonLink Tools > Advising Tools > Degree Audit

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To track your academic progress, the campus a tool called the degree audit. On the screen you can see what a sample degree audit looks like. Log into TritonLink to see your own degree audit.

The degree audit is a checklist that shows all requirements needed for your major, General Education, and University requirements to graduate. The degree audit will list the courses to fulfill those requirements with color status indicators:
- **RED** indicates areas have not been completed
- **BLUE** indicates work in progress which is when a requirement is in the process of being completed
- **GREEN** indicates areas have been completed

In a couple weeks, ERC advisors will host a webinar on how to read and interpret the degree audit in more detail. Webinar registration is already open so be sure to register.
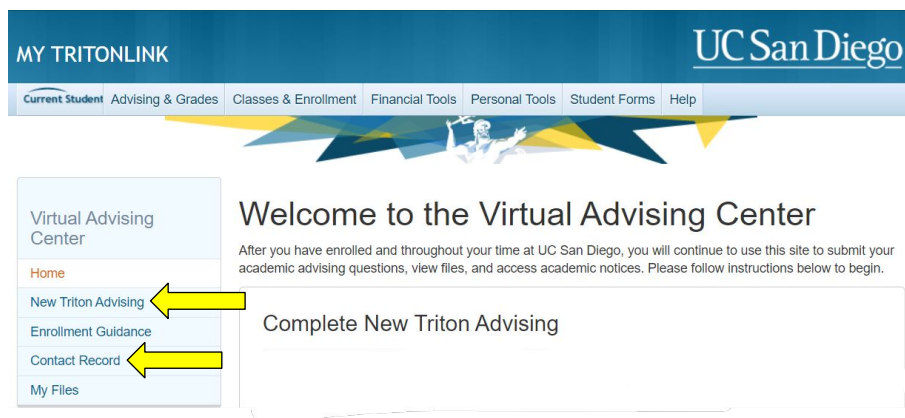
Now, you should have a general understanding of academics and degree requirements to graduate.

Prior to Fall enrollment, return to the "Back to VAC" section in the New Triton Advising site to view your Enrollment Guidance.

You currently already have access to the Virtual Advising Center (vac.ucsd.edu) where you can send questions in to ERC Advisors or to your major advisor(s).

Let's take a quick look at how to submit your questions.

The Virtual Advising Center, known as the VAC, is an online advising system that students use to submit questions to academic advisors. With access to the VAC, you will be able to submit a question to ERC Advising, major department, or any other academic department on campus.

To access the VAC go to http://vac.ucsd.edu.
- Click on the "New Triton Advising" tab on the left hand side
- Once an advisor responds to your question, you will be notified by email to log in to the VAC and view the response in the "Contact Record" tab also on the left hand side.

An academic advisor will answer questions during business office hours.