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The point? Our students will leave here well-rounded graduates who are prepared to think critically and creatively; communicate effectively across a variety of media; work collaboratively; and, act as responsible citizens who can contribute positively to their specific career fields, communities, nations and the world.

GENERAL EDUCATION AT SDSU: SGRs & IGRs
As one of six public universities in the state, SDSU’s guidelines are mandated by the South Dakota Board of Regents (BOR). In short, all BOR students — including our New Jacks — are required to complete 30 credits of System General Education Requirements. We call them SGRs. SGRs span seven disciplines that include written communication, oral communication, social sciences/diversity, humanities and arts/ diversity, mathematics, natural sciences and information literacy.

Along with the SGRs, there are also requirements specific just to South Dakota State — Institutional Graduation Requirements, or IGRs. Five credits across two disciplines are required. As a Jackrabbit, you will enroll in a first-year seminar and a course that addresses cultural awareness and social and environmental responsibility.

General education is necessary, but it’s also enriching and fun. Really. At no other time will you have the opportunity to explore topics that interest you while both sharing your perspectives and gaining new ones. Take advantage of general education now; it will only strengthen the contributions you’ll make to your specific field of study later.

LEARN MORE ABOUT GENERAL EDUCATION AT STATE.

PREPARING FOR ADVISING & REGISTRATION
We know that advising and course registration are two of the most important and exciting pieces of the New Student Orientation experience. We also recognize that they can also be the most nerve-wracking for many of our students and their families, too. We want you to take the advising and registration process seriously, but we also want you to enjoy learning how to navigate advising conversations, schedule-building and course selection. You’re going to take these same steps at least three more times before graduation.

NEW IN 2015: MULTI-TERM REGISTRATION
Until this year, SDSU students have registered for courses one semester at a time. We now offer the opportunity for students to take it further. With multi-term registration, you will be able to build a schedule and register for courses for the next two semesters. That means you’ll leave Orientation knowing what you entire first year [fall 2015 + spring 2016] is going to look like — your courses, your credits and your daily schedule. Now that’s planning ahead!

LEARN MORE ABOUT MULTI-TERM REGISTRATION.

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Before NSO
• Learn about general education requirements at SDSU [hint: see above].
• Review the academic program advising sheet for your major.
• Familiarize yourself with your major’s college and department and the resources they offer.
• Chat with your parents, siblings, teachers or friends about their experience with this process and what you’re hoping to get from yours.

At NSO
• Make sure the correct major is listed on your profile. Let us know if you’ve changed your mind, and we’ll get you to the right advisors.
• Pay close attention to your orientation leader during the OLI session that takes place on Day 1.
• Follow along with the “Academics at SDSU” presentation that will kick off the advising session on the morning of Day 2.
• Take advantage of the time you have with advisors, orientation leaders and other New Jacks who share your major interests.
• If you’re a student-athlete or plan to enroll in the Honors College, be sure to check in with the advisors who specialize in those areas.
• Take time to talk to your parents, guardians or guests about the schedule you’ve built before you get to registration on the afternoon of Day 2.
• Ask clarifying questions at any time throughout this process. Advisors, OLI’s and other NSO staff are here to help you get comfortable with your final course schedule.

THE UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG: YOUR ACADEMIC GUIDEBOOK

As promised, here is the second in our series of GET TO KNOW NSO e-newsletters. If you’ve just recently registered for NSO, you can find all previous editions of the GTK NSO newsletter on our Web site at GET TO KNOW NSO.

We’ve said it before, but we really encourage you to read this information carefully and share it with those who need it. In doing so, you’re getting that much closer to being JACKRABBIT READY.

WHAT IS GENERAL EDUCATION ANYWAY?
As a comprehensive, land-grant university, SDSU has an expectation for our students to develop skills and proficiencies across a broad curriculum spectrum — one that includes arts, humanities, communication, and the social and physical sciences. That’s why a biology student might take courses in music, art, or modern languages and a journalism student might enroll in chemistry, calculus, or economics.

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