

# Undergraduate Advising

Your CSE Major Advisors are experts in all matters related to the CSE department. Whether you are a new student or a continuing student, we can help you with four-year academic plans, course prerequisites, enrollments and drops, academic policies and procedures, finalizing degree checks, graduate school, getting involved with undergraduate research, career goals, the engineering profession, graduate school issues, internship opportunities and CSE Department research.

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## First Steps

Our main goal is to help students with planning their academic career at UC San Diego. We can help you to become familiar with your major requirements. We can also help you be comfortable and productive, so you can accomplish your academic goals.

Sometimes students have problems with deciding the right number of courses to enroll into each quarter. If you find yourself adding an extra course in case you need to drop one, it's time to come and see us. This can become a hard habit to break. Come by our offices, we need to review your academic plan and help you to set up a workable schedule for each quarter.

You may also find yourself trying to decide if you should drop a course that you have worked very hard

in and no matter how much harder you try, the grade you might get is not comparable to the time you have spent working on your programming assignments or proofs. This is a good time to come and see us. First meet with your course professor, and then with us to discuss your options.

In addition, sometimes students feel that they have had a terrible quarter and start taking on more courses than normal in their subsequent quarters to try and catch up. This is usually never the right thing to do, and you should come and see us. We need to sit down together, review the courses you have completed, and come up with a plan to get you back on track.

On a lighter note, you should be planning on studying abroad before you graduate. It's important to prepare yourself for the global market, and one of the best ways to this is to take classes abroad. The paperwork process is cumbersome, this means that you need to start checking into what needs to be done at least a year before you plan to step into the airplane.

One more important item, and that's graduate school. Participating in research within the CSE Department is one perfect way to prepare yourself for applying to graduate schools. Enrolling into the right undergraduate courses, attending graduate research meetings, and getting invited by graduate students or faculty to work on projects are small steps you need to take to get you started. This type of work can also earn you technical elective credit. Once again, come meet with us to discuss your options.