

## **What Advise would you give to an incoming student?**

SDSU is an amazing Campus. A variety of people coming together to learn from all facets of life.

Study Hard.

Go see your professors at their office hours to check on your test grades to go over your results and also just to introduce yourself to them. They really appreciate it and it shows you care about your grade.

Be prepared to encounter unhelpful faculty and a great deal of bureaucracy.

Find out about Blackboard before the semester starts

Allow yourself 4 hrs a week to compensate for unexpected events when transferring. I did not allow any extra time in my schedule so when I had to do the writing assesment, health card information, etc. I was extremely pressed for time, always. Also, you can use those hours to visit your professors during office hours when you are having a hard time with the material. And try to meet one person in all of your classes as quickly as possible!

Go to school because you want to learn, not because you want to party!

Manage your time wisely and pick 1 or 2 required courses for your major and take a couple GE courses with it to ease the transition. Don't overload on the coursework yet.

Try to make friends as soon as possible so you have something to do.

Stay on top of the reading, do not get behine or procrastinate

get involved!!!!

Time management is incredibly important!

Bad transfer program. I met nobody, and the entire sorority, frat thing is horrible. It was like high school all over again, and where were the clubs. People did not want to help. I would not reccomend coming here as a transfer student

A majority of the classes are self-taught.

Go to class and try to pay attention. Also find out what you need to study for the tests, i.e. books, lectures, or online material.

Make yourself a study schedule, even if it seems silly you should try your best to stick to it the first semester.

Don't take too many units your first semester!

dont think it will be a piece of cake..expect complications !!

Be prepared to talk and meet with the faculty because they are your best allies.

Tell incoming students about that special English test that SDSU requires. I wasn't prepared to have to take 1 more English class and now I have to because of my score. I don't think it's fair we had to test into English when we already had to take English in the Jr. College and pass it to get into SDSU. Having to do the timed test and all the whoopla that went with it that day was over the top.

Spend more time determining the right mix of study hours to allocate for each class. You don't want to study too much for one class, and consequently too little for another. I did this during my first series of midterms. I studied too much for an easy GE course test and too little for a Stats 301 test. After I failed the Stats test and did overly well on the GE test, I decided it was finally time to properly economize my study hours (not increase, economize). Also, study enough to get the grade you want, and spend the rest of your time studying what you find interesting. You can't know it all, so at best you can know what you like.

Work hard and don't get comfortable.

be ready to study

If you work over 35 hours a week and have financial difficulties, don't take more than 9 units.

The classes are harder at SDSU than at community college.

Just study hard, then you will do fine.

Good luck and study.

Find out how your professors teach their class and make sure it is right for you before you find yourself stuck in a class that you do not understand.

Make friends,

Don't procrastinate, study!

try to be involved . be in a club , make some friends , good ones who can help you in your studies and have fun with you at the same time.

Be sure to read everything so you understand how things work.

study study and study some more. prerequisites for your major taken at junior college will not prepare you at all for upper division classes.

dont work too much,

ask people in your classes if they want to form study groups.

Make sure before you take classes that the classes you have taken will transfer. Plus, I really think that you should see a counselor before you sign up for classes. It should be mandatory. So that you don't end up taking classes which you don't need.

Use your time wisely, be as prepared as possible, take time for yourself when you need it,

Be focused on your priorities,

no idea.

get involved in student organizations,

Make it a point to get a little bit of studying every night.

Read all materials, redo class notes, talk to your professors if you do not understand their expectations.

Talk to your teachers. Everyone told me that going to a university would be impersonal compaired to a junior college and they were very wrong. Every professor I had offered extensive office hours and truly cared about the success of each student. I was very impressed.

I would recommend him or her to think that University is a huge step and by stepping in to this next step it means that he or she should be prepared and most of all awake because there are a lot of dealdines that should be met. THEY must buy a calendar and keep track of every single thing and they should also not be shy to ask a question in class or out of class. I learned my lesson as a transfer student, since i was shy and never asked questions my grades are so low now that i ended in academic probation and i definitely regret it.

Do not be worried. Some classes at the junior college level are harder. If you prepare and take it seriously you will do fine.

Don't procrastinate.

take the easiest classes in your major, so you will know what is SDSU like and there for it will be more helpful,

Use your resources and ask questions. Don't hesitate to ask for help when needed.

Be strong. People don't always motivate or encourgae you as much as needed. In my personal experience, I had the feeling of people expecting me to fail just because I was a transfer student. I never felt the encouragement I was expecting. Everybody was overemphasizing how

hard it would be for me to be here for the first semester and how I should lower my own expectations of doing good. I did not feel someone was trusting I could do good. You must trust your self. You know how hard you have worked and you know you must continue doing it no matter how many you have to fight. Stand up.

Its no different then the school you transfered from

Be persistent and know what you are going for.

Time Management,

Skipping class is only going to hurt you in the end. Junior Colleges are nothing like a University. They dont have as many points to bring your grades up. Mostly tests, and they expect you to read the material before class. If you are into the social/party scen, I suggest that you get it out of your system asap before your first tests because I didn't and I barely passed all my classes and I transfered with a 3.4 GPA.

Make sure you take your academic experience seriously here at SDSU.

Study

Remember to enjoy school, don't force yourself to make it seem like a prison.

The advice I would give to new transfer students is that they need to stay on top of things in regards of homework, reading assigned chapters, and studying hard to be an above average student.

Be prepared into a whole new system and school life style.

DOUBLE check everything with your advisors.

meet with an academic advisor and join a campus organization.

Find some way to get involved and meet people

Be prepare to your new stemp in life, dont get a job, put a great effort, if you need help ask.

be prepared to study a lot more than junior college

Make sure your time management is very effective and to understand that the university system requires a little more time as far as studying goes to pass with good grades.

looking up all professors and pick according to professor not time!

ask for help if you dont know what you're doing.

take the easy class first to see how well they do it, then take the major class later.

get to network

Get use to the environment and get ready to experience a brand new life that will embrace before you.

choose good schedule for each of semester.

Ask for help when needed. and if you didnt go in with friends, make some!!!!

Choose your major wisely, make sure it is what you want to do otherwise you will have trouble keeping up in class because it wont be amusing to you

Youll pretty much to as well at Sdsu as you've been doing at other schools if you maintain similar study paterns

Do well on your tests

Attend office hours and focus.

It's all not as hard as it may seem at first - just go to class and keep up with the homework.

Go to BAC to seek advises before taking classes

Start slower (take less units) than you think you should because you need the extra time/freedom to adjust to the big differences at SDSU.

Talk to your teachers

Study!

Get involved

To have great time management skills! To not sign up for a lot of units while working a lot. To plan ahead for their schedule because it is very likely they will have to crash courses.

Stay focused and have good time management

this is not community college; forget about study guides, because here you have to do your own work. the most important, read before and come prepared to class

tal to counselors and get involved in campus activities!

Study hard!!!

Be ready to pay a lot of money, for every little thing. The faculty especially at the residency department, will not help you. They already assume that you are lying to them instead of giving you the benefit of the doubt. So save everything you do because proving to them you lived here is not enough you have to have extra documents that are not necessary for people who actually live in the state to have.

monthly meetings with transfer evaluators.

Do not expect the coursework to be the same. It is much more difficult and more time consuming. Manage your time appropriately and try to minimize your work hours to concentrate in your school work. Start the semester strong.

Enhance your determination to succeed!

Study hard and communicate a ton with professors.

make friends

nothing

If you transferred from a small university (Point Loma for me) expect to be overwhelmed at first. You just came from a place where everyone knows your name, your history and sees you everyday. At SDSU you might not see the same person twice your whole time at SDSU. As a transfer student you really have to exert effort to make friends. If you commute, try to get involved with on campus activities. My first semester I didn't do a very good job of making new friends. I am fortunate to live with friends from Point Loma, but if you transferred from a University farther away you might not have the same luxury I did. I would advise living on campus the first semester to try and make friends, or join a social group, frat, club or whatever.

Go to class everyday and go to the teachers office hours.

I would really stress the level of difficulty in each class when compared to a junior college course. It is much easier to take 5 or 6 courses at Grossmont versus taking 5 or 6 at SDSU.

Join clubs, that is how I have met all of my friends. I made more friends one semester at SDSU than I did in 3 years at Mesa. Since you are in your upper division classes, you tend to share classes with a lot of the same people. This is nice because you can exchange numbers or email if you need a study group or help with a weakness in the class.

Write down the classes you want, but always have a back up plan and a back up plan to your back up plan because you never get the classes you want.

I would advice transfer students to really seek help whenever they are having difficulty in their classes and to manage their time properly.

Do not let other social activities interfere with your studies.

Try not to work so much

Be prepared to crash ALL of your classes! SDSU really needs to work on being able to accommodate to all of their students. Trying to enroll in business classes, as a transfer student, is a joke.

stay on track don't mess around. we are all here for the same reason so do not be afraid or intimidated. Ask for help when you need it most professors as well as other students, are always willing to help anyone who needs it. also do not forget to have fun!

Stay focus on your goal

Don't slack off or procrastinate during study time just get it done, then go have fun.

Get ready for hard work and accounting 321!

Dont take 20 units and work 25 hours

Do not underestimate how difficult the classes are and how much you need to study and be prepared for all tests and homeworks.

Don't feel like superman or supergirl. Take it easy the first semester, that way you can learn how demanding are the classes and if you need to take small class loads or you can handle large loads for the following semesters.

Study, study and get all the additional requirements (WPA, CHUG, Health etc.) done before classes start.

Don't wait until the last minute to start your homework/study.

Community college does not prepare you well enough for a university, so be ready to work a lot harder for good grades.

it's hard going into a university coming from a two year college because many people already have their sets of friends, so join a club

Stay on top of getting credit for your transfer coursework. It takes awhile and can be stressful if you don't take care of it right away and if you do then you know where you stand at SDSU

you have to change your study habits and learning methods. it's not gonna be the same as it was in community college. it's going to be a lot harder.

Not to work or work very little, also to check rate my professor and stay away from the bad teachers; this was my difficulty, bad teacher.

Manage your time well, practice good study habits and do all the work

Be ready to put in more time to study and complete assignments in order to master the material.

Time management is the most important factor to succeeding. Make sure you see an academic advisor, they are very helpful.

The time spent outside of class studying and doing homework will be significantly more than your community college.

Try to join a club or organization where you can meet people with your same interests.

keep up with the work right from the start and make school your #1 priority

Have back-up classes picked out on your wish list! By the time you register, those classes you want will be full.

join organizations and get involved.

If they are a business major, take as many of your pre-requisites before you get here. It'll make it easier to graduate on time.

Do not underestimate the level of learning that you are going to get at this institution.

Go out there and meet people. Don't wait for them to come and introduce themselves.

Seek out help when you have any questions

Stay focused on your studies, and remember the reason why you're at this institution, which is to learn and earn a degree.

if you did well in community college you will do well here. if your accepted keep up the same study habits and youll do fine

Attending the "Transfer Student Orientation" was VERY helpful in getting to know the campus, the College of Business, and every other aspect of SDSU life.

Study

Read your textbooks as you go through the semester