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Welcome to the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of the Earth, Ocean, and Environment, and to the University of South Carolina!
The information in this module will give you an idea of how advisement will work within all majors in SEOE.
In this module you will:

- Meet your Undergraduate Academic Advisors
- Learn about the advising process including some rules, regulations, and expectations for academic advising
- Watch a video about the degree requirements for your major
- Get an overview of the Major Change process if you think your major isn’t the best fit for you

SEOE Advising 101

- Meet your advisor
- Advisement expectations
- How to schedule an appointment
- FAQ

Understanding Your Degree: Degree Progression and Curriculum Information

- Degree Checklists
- Major Maps

Planning Your Semester: Student Accountability

- How to prepare for advisement 101

Major Change & Minors

- How to change your major

Withdrawal Information
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- Advisement Expectations:
  - Being prepared means having already accessed your major map, DegreeWorks, Blackboard module, and unofficial transcript prior to our appointment.
  - Being on time. Appts can be back-to-back & I value our time together. If you are more than 5 minutes late, I reserve the right to cancel our appt and you will need to re-schedule.
  - If you want to change your major, communicating with me ahead of time.
  - Completion of your pre-advising worksheet.
  - Reminder: You are in charge of your academic career and planning. You’re in the drivers seat, I’m just providing guidance on how to steer the wheels.

- How to Scheduling an Appointment:

- How to Cancel an Appointment:
Freshman Advisement Modules – Semester 1 Module > SEOE Advising 101 > Meet the Advising Team

Hi my name is Alexa Dean (she/her/hers) and I am going to be your Undergraduate Academic Advisor here at the University of South Carolina. You can refer to me as Ms. Dean or Areal.

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Office: PCC 105 (James Physical Sciences Center)

Professionally: This role is extremely special to me because I graduated from the University of South Carolina in 2010 with a Bachelor’s degree in Marine Science (Ecological Oceanography). Dr. Kendor Beeler, my current advisor, has had a major impact on my life and I was fortunate at that time to work at the Hurlbutt Marine Lab as an environmental educator and field guide. In the past I have also interned in the education department at the Georgia Aquarium.

About Me: I am originally from the Northern Virginia/D.C. area, but have been living in South Carolina for almost five years including my time as a student at USC. I enjoy being outdoors whether that be hiking in the mountains of SC, Rafting in the rivers of Chattahoochee. I have an absolute love for the ocean, especially dolphins and I am an avid reader. One of my personal goals is to read every book ever written on climate change, so if you’re ever looking to borrow a book please come check out the bookshelf in my office!

My environmental interests include:
- Carbon cycling
- Tropical climate
- Sustainability
- Human behavior and psychology in regards to climate change

I am looking forward to meeting you all throughout the semester and hope I can serve as a resource for you whether you need help getting in contact with faculty, or securing for the perfect internship.

Freshman Advisement Modules – Semester 1 Module > Understanding Your Degree

Understanding Your Degree: Degree Progression and Curriculum Information

READ BEFORE PROCEEDING

Please make sure that you review the “General Information” folder regardless of your major and then choose your major folder below to learn more about your specific degree and curriculum information.

- General Information (FOR ALL MAJORS)
- Marine Science
- Environmental Studies
- Geological Sciences
- Environmental Science
Environmental Studies Carolina Core Requirements video - https://youtu.be/Y9Q_5EmnSSk
Environmental Studies Major Requirements video - https://youtu.be/rh9xWh4UJDA
**Freshman Advisement Modules** – Semester 1 Module > Planning Your Semester

### Planning Your Semester: Student Accountability

#### How to Prepare for Advisement 101 AP

As a student at the University of South Carolina, you are going to be uniquely responsible for your degree progression and academic career. The role of your academic advisor is to help guide you along the way as well as to assist you in reaching your academic goals. To help you prepare for your advisement appointment, please follow the steps outlined below.

#### Step 1: Reviewing Your Unofficial Academic Transcript AP

Go ahead and review your unofficial transcript for newly completed coursework. Your transcript will have everything displayed by semester, so you can easily view what you have already taken. It will also show the course equivalencies for any AP or dual enrollment coursework you may have brought to the university.

#### Step 2: Review Your Degree Requirements AP

Click on the list above to be redirected to your degree requirements depending on your major.

#### Step 3: Review Your DegreeWorks Audit AP

You can utilize your DegreeWorks audit to cross-check what you plan to take for the upcoming semester with your DegreeWorks audit. Your DegreeWorks audit lays out each component of your degree, and it can be helpful when choosing courses in a category that has a large number of options.

#### Step 4: Build Your Semester Plan AP

You will be completing an official semester plan at the end of your semester 1 module. You can use this presentation worksheet (above) to help you brainstorm.
Freshman Advisement Modules – Semester 2 Module home page

Welcome to Semester 2! You made it!
The information in this module will help you better understand your academic choices, as well as how to get involved beyond the classroom.

In this module you will:
- Learn about the SECE (School of the Earth, Ocean, and Environment)
- Learn about critical academic decisions and how to feel empowered to make them on your own (e.g. summer classes, financial aid, GPA calculations)
- Understand how to get involved in experiential learning at UofSC to make the most of your time here
- Get a jump start on thinking about your future plans: Grad school, medical school, and beyond!
- Complete your pre-advising worksheet to demonstrate knowledge of Semester 2 Module content & to prepare for your upcoming advising appointment

Please note that the pre-advising worksheet must be completed before your advising appointment. It must be completed in order for your advisor to remove your advising hold.

Preparing for Advisement video - https://youtu.be/6ZfBh0yRCHk
**Sophomore Resources** – Sophomore Resources Home Page

- **Internships, Fellowships, & Careers**
- **Top 10 Ways to Get Started in Career Exploration**
- **Career Center Resources**
  - One stop shop for help with cover letters, resumes, interviews, etc. PLEASE CHECK THIS OUT!!!!!!
- **Second Year Road Map: Take the Challenge**
- **Pre-Professional Programs**
  - If you are interested in pursuing a pre-law, pre-med, or pre-health track your first stop should be consulting with the Office of Pre-Professional Advising. They have highly trained professionals that will give you advice on recommend coursework within your major as well as assistance in applying to graduate programs.
  - **Pre Med & Pre-Health**
    - If you are on either of these tracks, you should be either an Env. Science or MSCI major as these degrees require some of the necessary science pre-reqs (think chemistry and calculus). Many of the other required courses such as organic chemistry and anatomy can be incorporated to your primary degree as major electives. Ask me for more details on this if you are curious.
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- **Spring 23 Pre-Advising Worksheet**
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**Flippe Advising: Blackboard Organization Example**

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Registration Resources – Registration Resources Home Page

**Registration Resources**

- READ BEFORE PROCEEDING
  - Attached file: common_holds_and_restrictions.pdf (113.32 KB)
  - Please become familiar with this common holds & restrictions guide prior to registering for courses. The most common registration error is attempting to register for a restricted section.

- Registration Hold Resource

- Registration FAQ
  - Registration FAQ doc

- Step 1: Viewing your holds & registration status
  - Self Service Carolina
  - Viewing your Registration Status and Holds Tutorial
  - Watch on YouTube

  - Use your student profile on my.sc.edu to view your registration status (time ticket) and your holds.

- Step 2: Double checking your added course list
  - DegreeWorks Planner: Introduction
  - Watch video