7 REASONS TO USE ADVISING EARLY

Berkeley International Office advisers focus on how your goals and campus policies interact with your immigration status. Academic advisers help you follow policies, complete requirements, balance your schedule, uncover passions, and introduce opportunities outside of class that enhance learning. Bring these questions to your next advising appointment.

1. STILL ON THE WAITLIST?
   How likely am I to get in? If I don’t get in, what’s a course that will help me achieve my goals? And what can I do to catch up on missed work?

2. COURSE SEEMS TOO EASY OR TOO HARD?
   If the class is required, is there a more appropriate level course that fulfills the same requirement? Can I drop it? What outside resources can I use to learn more?

3. WANT TO DROP OR ADD A COURSE?
   By what date do I need to make a decision on this course? Deadlines: Sept.2 for Early Drop Deadline classes & Sept. 23 is to add any class or drop non-EDD classes

4. DON’T LIKE THE COURSE?
   Is the class required? Is there a more exciting course to fulfill the same requirement? Do you recommend any classes given my goals?

5. WANT TO EXPLORE GRADING OPTIONS?
   Do I need to take this class for a letter grade? May I take it pass/not pass? How can intentional grading options help me succeed this semester?

6. UNSURE ABOUT THE COURSE’S PURPOSE?
   How does this class fit in with my study plan? How does it help me prepare for upper division course work?

7. OVER OR UNDERENROLLED?
   As an international student, I’m required by BIO to be enrolled in 12 units. How many units does your college require? Am I meeting requirements while balancing your schedule to achieve success?