

# TIPS FOR ADVISING UNDERGRADUATE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ACADEMIC ADVISING ESSENTIALS

- Key policies impacting advising
- Communication related tips
- Cultural and educational experience related tips



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# ENHANCE COMMUNICATION

*Advisor: "The midterm is just around the corner."*

*International student: <smile, nod> (total confusion)*

- **Be direct** yet respectful for effective communication
- **Avoid** idiomatic expressions and clarify cultural references, humor and sarcasm
- Encourage students to **summarize** to ensure understanding
- For new students, **follow up in writing with** key takeaways after meetings



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# HELP WITH THE BASICS

- Explain your role; students often have multiple advisors with different responsibilities
- Ensure students understand **academic requirements** and **outcomes** such as **drop/add** and **withdrawal dates**
- Recommend **success consultations** to thoroughly familiarize students with syllabi and support options
- **Be patient** with potential cultural misunderstandings

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the University of South Carolina website. It includes the university logo and name, a search bar with the text "SEARCH SC.EDU", and a list of navigation links: "GATEWAYS FOR: STUDENTS FACULTY & STAFF ALUMNI PARENTS & FAMILIES CALENDAR MAP DIRECTORY APPLY GIVE". Below the navigation bar is a dark red banner with the text "Academic Advising" in white.

## Academic Advising

### Student Advising Resources

Advising Help Videos & Resources

Orientation Advising for New Students

Pre-Advisement Checklist

Registration Status

Registration Resources

My USC Experience Student Resources

USC Online Programs Advisement

Academic Advising Student Council

## College Advising

## Add/Drop FAQs

### For the fall 2024 semester

**Add/Drop Deadline (for full term courses):** Monday, August 26th, 2024

- Prior to the add/drop deadline students can freely add or drop courses from their schedules.
- Prior to the add/drop deadline students will receive a 100% tuition refund for dropped courses and no grade will be assigned on the academic transcript.

**Course Withdrawal:** Courses dropped after the add/drop deadline will impact a student's academic transcript and tuition liability. Please see the [Registrar's webpage on Withdrawal](#) for more detailed information.

- First day "W" grade assigned: August 27, 2024
- Last day "W" grade assigned: November 6, 2024
- First day "WF" grade assigned: November 7, 2024
- Tuition refund deadlines are listed on the [Part of Term Dates and Deadlines page](#)

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## How do I drop a class?



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# KNOW STUDY PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

- Recommend heavy writing/participation courses for **later in the study plan** rather than the first year if possible
- **Adjust study plans** for planned summer study, early graduation or specialized tracks
- Ask if students intend to apply to **DMSB**; many do, and this impacts course recommendations



## INTERNATIONAL ACCELERATOR PROGRAM

Suggested Wait Semester Curriculum for  
Business School Intenders

Sport and Entertainment Management Major OR  
Hospitality/Retail Management Major and Business Administration Minor

### Requirements:

- ENGL 101\*\*
- ENGL 102\*\*

### DMSB requirements:

- ECON 221\*\*
- ECON 222\*\*
- ACCT 225\*\*
- ACCT 226\*
- MGSC 290\*\*
- MGMT 250\*
- MATH 122\*\*

### HRSM course equivalents:

- ECON 224 (counts for either ECON 221 or 222)
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- RETL 261
- RETL 262
- SPTE 274
- ENGL 463 or RETL 242
- MATH 122 (other ARP also accepted)

### DMSB core that can be taken with this major/ minor:

- MGMT 371\*
- MKTG 350\* (difficult course)

### Other DMSB major requirements:

- 18 credit hours of directed coursework or minor  
(discuss options with a Major Change advisor in the Advising Center)

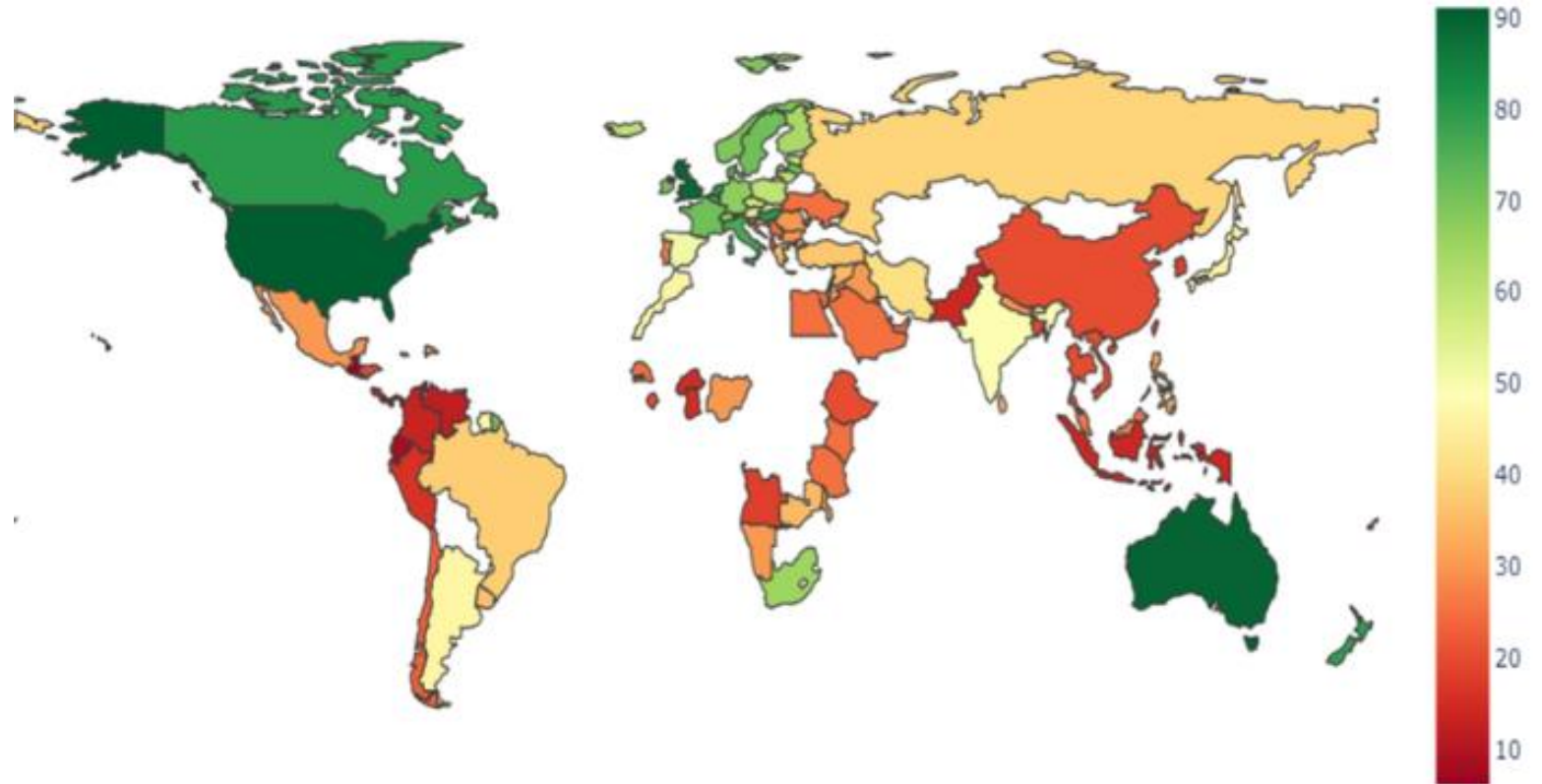


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# ADDRESS PEER PRESSURE

- Discuss the pros and cons of **following peers' choices**
- Highlight **individual academic goals** versus group trends
- Encourage informed decision-making based on **personal needs**



Collectivism versus individualism world map. Note: The figure shows the extent of individualistic culture for 101 countries. The colored tape in the right part of the figure indicates the value of the individualism index. The data are taken from Hofstede et al. (2010) and <https://www.hofstede-insights.com/>  
Image source: [Social Indicators Research](#)



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# CLASSROOM CULTURE DIFFERENCES

- **Prepare** students for participatory and discussion-based learning
- Emphasize that **class attendance** is required and essential for success
- Introduce the **syllabus as contract**; requirements and deadlines are not negotiable, and this may be unexpected
- Students must email professors before drop/add to request **flexibility** for exams on **cultural or religious holidays**

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### Interfaith Calendar

Through partnership with the [Interfaith Partners of South Carolina](#), this calendar showcases religious and spiritual traditions' holidays and observances and recommended accommodations for students, staff, and faculty. If we have not included a religious or spiritual tradition/holiday of significance to you, please notify the Department of Student Life so that it might be included in future editions of this calendar.

To learn about which days the University is formally closed or class is not in session, please visit the [University's holiday schedule](#) as well as the [2023-2024 Academic Calendar](#).

### Religious & Spiritual Holidays & Observances

Below showcases holidays and observances for various traditions within the 2023-2024

Link to the [Interfaith Calendar](#)



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