

Academic Exploration Advising Spring 2024 Semester Guide

This semester guide includes student expectations, as well as opportunities and resources to support you in reaching your academic and personal goals. Each student's journey is unique, so the academic and exploratory planning activities and recommendations may overlap, but do not depend solely on each other.

Weeks	Academic Planning	Exploratory Planning
<p>Before Spring 2024 Semester Begins</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish goals for the semester. Go to my.usc.edu to see your Prevention Education Module assignments, which can be accessed through Trojan Learn. PEMS should be completed by the start of spring 2024 classes, Monday, January 8, 2024. Gather your syllabi and enter dates for all assignments (papers, projects, tests, finals, etc.) on a monthly calendar and map out a plan for completing the assignments. Add the AEA (expladv@usc.edu) email address to your "safe list" and be sure to review all messages sent from AEA and your advisor. Review the AEA Frequently Asked Questions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check out the USC Events calendar and the USC Student Engagement Portal for updated calendars and event listings. Attend the August 18th USC Career Center USC Career Center Virtual On-Campus Job Fair Explore Campus Resources and the Undergraduate Education Learning Support & Resources website for campus partners' contact information Bookmark the Health & Wellness resources page for quick access to information and resources. For the latest campus updates, bookmark the Safety website and save contact information for the Department of Public Safety.
<p>Week 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regularly attend your courses. Instructors may drop you from a course if you do not attend sessions in the first week and registration in a class does not by itself guarantee a space in that class. Please review the Schedule of Classes > Enrollment/Registration page registration policies. Attend AEA drop-ins from January 8th to January 11th to discuss your current course schedule, if needed. Schedule an appointment with your AEA Advisor in Advise USC between January 16th and January 24th for spring 2024 course-related topics, if needed. Have your schedule mostly solidified by the end of week 1; some departments or instructors discourage adding classes after week 2. Save the Dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend January 25th and January 26th AEA drop-ins if you are considering adding/dropping a course. Remember: Friday, January 26th is the last day for students to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Register and add classes for Session 001 Drop a class without a mark of "W," except for Monday-only classes, and receive a refund for Session 001 Select the Pass/No Pass or Audit grading option instead of Letter Grade for a course (consult with your advisor) for Session 001 Purchase or waive tuition refund insurance for the fall semester Purchase or show proof of health insurance For all other important deadlines and other course sessions, check the Schedule of Classes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the AEA Calendar of Events for upcoming major application deadlines and additional special events. Checkout the AEA Instagram account @uscaea (https://www.instagram.com/uscaea/) for weekly updates and information on key AEA and University dates, deadlines, and resources Utilize the Kortschak Center Back to School guide, Tools & Resources. Connect with Student Equity & Inclusion Programs Save the Date for our February 2nd: Paint & Plant Welcome Event. Stay tuned for more information!