First Year FAQs

In your first year, it is normal to have many questions. Below are some answers to frequently asked questions from freshmen in their first year at the University.

What if I need to drop a course?

You should consult the dates and deadlines online to see if you are still able to drop online via UAccess Student or if you’ll need to submit a change of schedule form with your instructor’s signature: https://www.registrar.arizona.edu/schedules/dates.htm
If you have any questions, consult your advisor.

Where can I receive tutoring or writing assistance?

The Think Tank has two campus locations and is the University’s center for tutoring. They offer math, science, writing help in addition to course review sessions and many other services. You can learn more about their services and tutoring hours on their website: http://thinktank.arizona.edu

How can I reach my advisor?

There are several ways to get in touch with your advisor in SGPP. If you have a quick question, you can email them at nfc@email.arizona.edu. If you need to meet with them in person, you can visit their walk-in hours or make an appointment online at this site: http://sbs.arizona.edu/advising/student/login.php

How can I get involved on campus?

There are many clubs and organizations on campus that you can get involved in based on your interests. Visit http://asuaevp.wix.com/asuACLubs to see a listing of more than 600 recognized clubs on campus.

What can I do if I am struggling in a course?

You should meet with your professor and/or teaching assistants as soon as possible. Attend their office hours or schedule a time to see them. Write down a list of questions for them so that you are prepared for the meeting. You may want to bring in a graded exam and go over it with them or discuss an upcoming paper, assignment, or exam. Having open communication is key to doing well in your courses! You may also want to visit the Think Tank to see if tutoring is available as well.

What if I want to change my major?

You should meet with the advisor in the new major to discuss changing. Some majors require an application process and others do not. To find the advisor for the new major, visit http://advising.arizona.edu and click on the Academic Advisor Directory tab. You can search for an advisor by major on the site.

When do I register for next semester’s classes? What is Priority Registration?

Priority Registration is your first opportunity to register for the next semester’s classes. Each student will have a date in UAccess that shows when their priority registration week begins. To view your registration date, log in to UAccess Student and look under “enrollment dates.” Also, it is important to read the SGPP newsletter sent to you via email because important dates and deadlines are listed there. Registration for the Spring semester typically begins in October and runs through the end of November.