

How to Use the Advising Handbook

The Advising Center publishes the Advising Handbook online for students and the Pacific community. A limited number of printed versions are also available for Advisors. The Handbook is divided into three sections.

- The first section covers **general information that all undergraduate students need to know**. This includes general degree requirements and information on programs and support services available to all students. The “Academic Program, College of Arts and Sciences,” “Core Graduation Requirements (Undergraduate),” and “Focal Studies Advising: should be read and reviewed by everyone.
- The second section offers **information on each undergraduate major and minor program** available at Pacific University in the College of Arts and Sciences (including the Education and Learning major which is offered in collaboration with the College of Education) and the College of Business.
 - Within each department section there is **also information on meeting core requirements** run by that department. For example, within the Mathematics section you can find information about math placements and meeting the Math core requirement as well as information about the math major.
 - Please note that **some programs are minors only**, such as Gender and Sexuality Studies.
- The third section offers **information for students planning to prepare for Pacific’s Graduate and Professional programs as well as other popular choices for graduate programs such as Medicine**. Many programs have specific prerequisites students should try to build into their undergraduate degree plan. This section also includes information on preparing for the Bachelor of Science in Dental Health Science which is classified as a Professional Program. Information on **Pacific’s Advantage Program** is also in this section.

For additional information on Focal Studies, please visit the Focal Studies web pages at http://www.pacificu.edu/as/focal_studies/index.cfm.

This handbook is a guide intended to be used in conjunction with the Pacific University Catalog which may be downloaded at <http://www.pacificu.edu/catalog/archive.cfm>. The Pacific University Catalog is the official listing of all degree requirements, prerequisites, and major/minor information.

For questions about the Advising Handbook please contact the Advising Center at (503) 352-2800 or at advisingcenter@pacificu.edu.