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MISSION STATEMENT

As peer advisors, it is our mission to assist students to the best of our abilities by giving students correct information, by being professional and courteous, and by placing students with the correct advisor the first time.

MOTTO

Compassionate Mentors for Our Students’ Futures
WHAT IS A PEER ADVISOR?

Peer advisors are representatives of Dixie State University (DSU) on and off campus, off the clock as well as on. Peer advisors are DSU students who excel in their curriculum, are effective communicators, and are students who understand the challenges of college. Peer advisors have the desire and ability to help new students through the transition to DSU and are available to assist walk-in students with general questions in the University Academic Advisement Center (UAAC). Peer advisors know the General Education requirements, prerequisite information for certificates and degrees, and how to place students with the proper academic advisor based on their degree plans/major.

From the high school student to the adult learner, Peer Advisors strive to assist with:

- The transition from high school to college.
- The unique challenges of being an adult and returning or beginning college.

As peer advisors, we want to make the transition to DSU as easy as possible for incoming students and serve current students well. We can do this by:

- Explaining the admission process.
- Answering questions about degrees and other programs that are offered at DSU.
- Assisting in choosing and registering for classes.
- Helping students log into myDixie; Dmail; Canvas; and Degree Works.
- Teaching students about the DSU website.
- Giving directions to buildings on campus.
- Finding the right person to answer specific questions.
- Making appointments for the student with academic advisors.

Each peer advisor must meet the following guidelines:

- Sophomore (30 or more earned credits).
- 3.0 GPA and above.
- Matriculated in a degree-seeking program.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Ability to work independently to accomplish projects.
- Knowledge of DSU policies, registration and admissions procedures, and school relations information.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and discretion when appropriate.
- Ability to work with a diverse student body, faculty, and staff.
GOALS

• Be professional and courteous when interacting with students and fellow employees whether you are on or off the clock.
• Gain the knowledge needed to assist students.
• Learn to screen students properly.
• Input the necessary information when appointments are made.
• Become familiar with the degree programs offered at DSU.
• Attain sufficient knowledge of the DSU website to effectively assist students.
• Arrive on-time and complete each scheduled shift.
• Develop sufficient knowledge of campus resources available to students such as:
  o scholarship information
  o jobs/internships
  o intramurals
  o clubs
  o tutoring
  o security information
  o health/wellness/mental health counseling
PROFESSIONALISM

Peer advisors are the first contact a student has with the UAAC, and as such, need to act in a professional manner. This includes being professional while interacting with students who enter the office, during online chats, and while answering the phone.

- **Work schedule.** When you are on the schedule, you need to arrive on time and stay the duration of your shift. It is very inconvenient for peer advisors to stay for 10-30 minutes extra waiting for the next person to get in. Please be respectful of others’ time. Peer advisors are required to clock in and out on the time clock in the back hall. Your supervisor (Deborah Decker) is responsible for making the schedule; any concerns that you have regarding your schedule should be addressed directly with Deborah. If you are going to miss your shift, it is your responsibility to find a replacement. You must inform Deborah of your absence and let her know who will be covering the desk on your behalf. If Deborah is out of the office, she will let you know in advance who to contact regarding any absences or issues with work shifts. Taking your name off the schedule does not mean you do not need to get someone to cover your absence.

- **Be aware of what’s going on around you.** It’s very important to know which advisors are in the office, to answer the phone promptly, and to greet students and visitors as they come in. Anything that would distract you from taking care of the students/visitors who come in or call should not be done at work. If friends come in to visit, don’t let them distract you from work. You should be aware of who is waiting and how long they have been there. Sometimes an advisor will get distracted after they have been told an appointment is waiting. Do not hesitate to tell them a second time. If they have stepped away from the office, leave a note on their door.

- **Keep the conversation appropriate.** The office is a fun, business casual environment, but we need to remember that we are representing DSU. If you don’t think it should be said, it probably shouldn’t.

- **Get things done.** There may be a list of things that need to be completed on a daily basis at the front desk or notes on the clipboard for you to review. Everything needs to be checked off or reviewed for the day before you leave.

- **Down time.** During periods of downtime when there is no activity in the office, you may use this time to organize the desk and lobby area, check school-related emails, and do homework. There are also times when the advisors will need assistance with projects or other things. These projects or other tasks will also help to fill the down time in the office.

Office Cleanliness

Keeping the front of the office clean is one of the peer advisors’ responsibilities. It is important to have the front desk and lobby area clean and presentable. Here are a few guidelines for keeping the office tidy:

- Keep the desks free of clutter
- Keep paper clips, tape, etc. stocked
• Clean up the computer area (push in chairs, pick up trash, turn computers on at the beginning of the day and off at the end of the day)
• Keep bags/personal belongings behind the desk, out of the way and out of sight.
• Clean up the storage/copy area
• At the end of the day, wipe down the computer, phone and front desk with Clorox wipes, and regularly throughout the day as established by your supervisor.

Dress Code

The UAAC is a business casual environment and we need to be professional in our dress and grooming. Below are guidelines to keep in mind for office-appropriate dress:

What is appropriate?
• Dress/sport shirts (such as Polo style)
• Casual blouse or sweater
• Skirts and dresses
• Jeans in good condition
• Comfortable shoes or sneakers in good condition
• Leggings are allowed in the office if they are worn under a dress or long shirt

What is NOT appropriate?
• Clothing with large slogans/pictures that may be offensive
• Racer back and spaghetti strap tank tops (unless a sweater or jacket is worn over it)
• Sweats or jogging suits
• Shorts (except knee-length such as Bermuda style)
• Flip flops
• Short skirts
• Spandex/tights
• Hats
• Sunglasses
• Frayed/holey clothing
• No showing cleavage, midriff, or under garments

Phone Etiquette

Answering the telephone is one of the primary responsibilities of the peer advisor at the front desk. When taking phone calls, please do the following:

• Say the name of the office (University Academic Advisement Center)
• Identify yourself by name
• Be polite and professional
Only use the idivert button for emergencies or as a last resort if you are assisting someone in person at the front desk.

When dialing out for long distance phone calls, dial “8” then “1” and the phone number with area code. Also, please check the voicemail multiple times during your shift. Hard copy instructions on how to check voicemail are at the front desk.

**Cell Phones**

It is acceptable to have your cell phone at the office, but there are rules that need to be kept in order to be respectful to the students/visitors who come into the office. First, your cell phone needs to be put on silent or vibrate. Second, if you receive a phone call that you need to take, please let the other peer advisor working with you know that you need to answer your phone and take the call away from the office. Third, cell phones should be kept behind or under the desk; text messaging is acceptable as long as it does not distract from answering the phone or helping students/visitors. If these rules are kept, cell phone policy will remain as such. Remember, our first priority is the student/visitor.

**E-mail**

E-mail is used in the office to pass on information concerning degree changes, important date changes, advisor changes, meeting times, and other information handling day-to-day office duties. These e-mails help our office run smoothly and help clarify any issues that arise. It is important to check your Dmail account every day and send a short confirmation back to the sender. Let Deborah Decker know if there has been a change in your e-mail address.
OFFICE RESPONSIBILITIES

Peer advisors have the primary responsibility of running the front office. This comes with a number of duties and responsibilities that need to be performed. From screening people for appointments to making sure that copies are made, all of the following items need to be kept up for the office to run efficiently. It is also important that you are aware of who is on the Academic Advisement team and keep up-to-date on any changes. A hard copy of the directory of current academic advisors (based on major/degree program) can be found at the front desk or visit https://advisement.dixie.edu/advisors/ for the online advisor directory.

Opening Duties

- Clock in
- Turn on lights
- Slide open door
- Sanitize work area and lobby according to guidelines set by your supervisor
- Log into computer
- Open online chat
- Open Banner
- Open Outlook calendar
- Send text reminders about appointments through the specified program if designated to do so

How to screen students

Screening students at the front desk is of the utmost importance to everyone involved in the advising process. If a student does not get to the correct person, it’s very difficult to get the assistance needed. The peer advisor working at the front desk is primarily responsible for screening students. Here are the steps for screening students to get them to the correct contact/advisor:

- Are you currently a student?
- What’s your major/degree program?
  - If a student has declared a major, they need to meet with the academic advisor in that major/degree program—it will save them time and money in the long run. You can help the student make an appointment with that advisor (if you have time) through the Navigate Student app or provide the advisor’s contact information. We have academic advisors specifically for each major/degree program and/or academic college.
- Have you met with an advisor before? (Student athletes should be scheduled with the NCAA advisor)
- Do you have an Associate degree already?
  - Give them the information for their Bachelor’s degree advisor
• What is your ID number?
  o In Banner, look up the number of credits they have earned and if they are undeclared (undecided on their major).
• What is the appointment regarding? It’s important to outline the reason for the appointment on Outlook and any details that may help the advisor prepare.

This process is effective for most of the students who come into the office, so use it as much as you can. There are exceptions to the rules, and this process is more of an art than a science. Mistakes in this process are inevitable, but do the best you can. It helps when the student is scheduled with the correct person on the first visit.

**How to schedule an appointment**

When scheduling an appointment in the Outlook calendar, specific information about the student is necessary. The advisor needs this information to prepare for the appointment. It helps to provide a better experience for the student. When making an appointment, the following information is needed:

• First and last name (Ask the person to politely spell it for you)
• Telephone number (preferably their cell phone number)
• DSU Student ID#
• Add color if needed:
  o **Orange** – Graduation Audit
  o **Yellow** – Co-Op
  o **Red** – Incoming freshman appointment
  o **Blue** – Phone Appointment
• A brief description of what the appointment is regarding is necessary; any other comments to help advisors prepare for the visit and clarify that the appropriate questions have been asked is helpful.
• Your initials & the date

The last two points are important. First, if the advisor understands what the student needs beforehand, complications can be avoided. Second, if the advisor needs more information about the student, peer advisors can be a good source of background information. Finally, if it seems necessary to schedule an advisor for a time they are blocked out, consult with the advisor first before making the appointment. Advisors have demands on their time and it is inconvenient to rearrange their schedules to meet with students who shouldn’t have been scheduled in the first place.

**Students can now also make appointments on their own with any advisor through the Navigate Student app (a free download). Please review the information below.**

**Navigate Student App:**
Navigate Student is an app that can be downloaded on any device with Google Play and App Store. This app keeps students connected to their advisors. Once you become a fully admitted student, all you have to do is sign in using your Dixie State username and password. There, you will have access to the "appointment calendars" of all advisors to schedule an appointment via
telephone or in person. Also, you can see your current class schedule on the app, look up DSU resources on or off campus/contact information, and how to use the study buddies feature.

**Walk-ins (Drop-ins)**

Advisors throughout the semester will set aside time for walk-in students (generally on Wednesdays) in the UAAC. Walk-ins (also known as drop-ins) are a great way to meet with a high volume of students. These walk-in times (generally 15 minutes per student) need to be monitored closely. It is easy to tell students that advisors are meeting with students and then just add them to a list. Peer advisors are the first line of defense. It’s not a defense against the student, but a defense for the best use of both the student’s and advisor’s time. These steps should be followed with walk-ins:

- Make sure there is a sign-in sheet available for students to sign in.
- Keep track of the times that advisors will be accepting walk-ins. If a line is forming and the advisor only has time to meet with one or two people, inform the students and schedule an appointment for later.
- Keep track of how many students are waiting. If there is a line of students when only one advisor is taking walk-ins, check with the other advisors to see if they are available to help.
- Make sure to ask student screening questions, even if they come and say they are here for walk-ins. We should ask students and other visitors why they need to see an academic advisor. For example, you, as the peer advisor, may be able to answer the question a walk-in student has (how to check final grades, what is the deadline to drop a first-block summer course, etc.).

**Phone Calls**

- Answer phones when possible
- If the person calling is a phone appointment, ask them to hold and make sure the advisor is in their office ready to help the student. Once the advisor is ready, transfer the call back to the advisor’s office.
  - If the advisor is running late or the phone appointment is early, confirm with the student that we have the right phone number in order for the advisor to call the student back when they are available.
- Check messages whenever the red phone light is on.
- Write down each message and delete it off of the answering machine once the message is returned.
• Return calls as soon as possible.
• If you are unable to return calls during your shift, be sure to let the next peer advisor on duty know. This is extremely important so all messages are returned in a timely manner.

Online Chat

The online chat is a great way for students to ask the UAAC quick questions. Often the questions are not specific to the UAAC, however, you need to make sure that you give them the right information regardless. Always be polite; ask them to hold if you need to search the DSU website for the right information or reference. Turn on the chat each day in the morning and turn it off at the end of the day (unless otherwise told by Deborah as your supervisor).

• Answer chat calls when they come in.
• Try your best to answer their questions and direct them to the right information (DON’T BE AFRAID TO ASK FOR HELP).
• Ask questions to clarify what information the visitor is seeking.
• Using proper grammar, correct spelling, and complete sentences is important. Remember that how you respond reflects upon DSU.
• Inform chat visitors if there are students in the office needing attention; ask the chat visitors to hold.
• Close the chat window when you have finished answering the visitor’s questions. Wait until the end of the day (at closing time) to exit the entire chat program.
• If you are unable to find the correct information, ask for the student’s contact information so we can get back to them once the information they need is found.

Closing Duties

• Log off computers; turn off mouse and keyboard
• Straighten up the front desk and lobby area
• Sanitize your work area and lobby area per recommended guidelines
• Close and lock door
• Turn off main light in the lobby
• Clock out

ACADEMIC STANDING

https://catalog.dixie.edu/campusresources/advising/

Dixie State University is an open-enrollment institution; because of this, all students with the desire to academically succeed are welcome to attend classes. However, each student must assume the responsibility to progress academically while attending college.

Students are considered to be in good standing with the institution as long as the student’s cumulative GPA remains above a 2.0. DSU credit and transfer credit carry the same academic weight in a student’s GPA calculations.
If a student’s cumulative GPA is below 2.0, he/she will be placed on Academic Warning, Academic Probation, or Academic Suspension. Therefore, it is vital for students’ academic success that they maintain, keep, or return their GPA to at least a 2.0 or higher. A student cannot graduate from Dixie State University with a GPA less than 2.0, and will have holds placed on his/her accounts when on Academic Warning, Probation, or Suspension. Students should contact their academic advisor if their GPA falls below 2.0. To access the advisor directory, visit the Advisement Center's website.

**LOW ACADEMIC STATUS CATEGORIES**

- **Academic Alert**: This status will occur when a student’s semester GPA below 2.0 but their cumulative GPA remains above a 2.0.
- **Academic Warning**: This status will occur when a student’s semester GPA is below a 2.0 and their cumulative GPA falls below a 2.0.
- **Academic Probation**: If a student who is on Academic Warning fails to raise his/her cumulative GPA above a 2.0, s/he is placed on Academic Probation. Students who are placed on Academic Probation will be required by the institution to meet certain requirements to remain eligible for enrollment at Dixie State University.
- **Academic Suspension**: If a student who is on Academic Probation does not achieve a 2.0 GPA the semester or semesters after being placed on Academic Probation, the student will be suspended for at least one regular semester (fall or spring) and will be required to petition the college for readmission.

**DEGREE INFORMATION**

As Dixie continues to grow, degrees will be added and it is important that we keep up to date on these changes. Students need to understand prerequisites, procedures, and application deadlines. Most students are apprehensive and require us to walk them through these steps. In order to understand these steps, we need to understand the DSU website and where to locate this information. A helpful resource is the University Catalog at catalog.dixie.edu. We also need to be aware of when an academic advisor is needed. Degree information and advisor assignments can be found on the academic advisement website (advisement.dixie.edu). Once again, it is important that we are familiar with the DSU website.

**DEPARTMENTS**

Admissions Office & Registrar’s Office
The information below is from the following website link: https://admissions.dixie.edu/frequently-asked-questions/

**HOW DO I ORDER A TRANSCRIPT?**

Transcripts can be ordered online, by fax, by mail, or in person. The cost is $7.50. Please include your full name, student ID (or SSN), years attended, address where transcripts should be sent, contact information (e-mail or phone). Include payment information (visa, mastercard, or discover credit card number and expiration date). Also, include your signature if mailing or faxing. For more information, go to https://registration.dixie.edu/how-to-order-transcripts/.

**HOW DO I APPLY FOR ADMISSION?**

First, determine which category of student you are:

- **New Student** - A matriculated student who has never attended any college or university, including students who earned credit before graduating from high school. These students are NOT concurrent enrollment or early enrollment students.
- **Transfer Student** - A matriculated student who, after high school graduation, attended another college or university and did not attend Dixie State University.
- **Returning Student** - A matriculated student who previously attended Dixie State University after high school graduation but has not attended in three or more semesters, including students who may have attended another college or university since they were enrolled at Dixie State University.
- **International Student** - A matriculated or non-matriculated student who is not a U.S. citizen and has not received immigrant status from the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.
- **Non-degree Seeking** - A non-matriculated student attending college classes for personal interest, enrichment, or growth.
- **Home Schooled** - Taught at home using other approved curriculum. Certified by Parent/Guardian.

See our admissions policy for additional definitions.

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**For New Students:**

1. Completed application
2. $35.00 non-refundable fee
3. Official high school transcripts or GED scores
4. Test results (ACT, SAT, Accuplacer)
   ○ If you are a transfer student, we need official college transcripts for all schools attended. If transferring more than 24 credits, however, then high school transcripts/test scores are not required. Submitting test scores may still be helpful, though, depending on which classes you are enrolling in for prerequisite checking.

To see requirements for the additional student types, go to https://admissions.dixie.edu/application-requirements-2/.

**HOW WILL MY CREDITS TRANSFER TO DIXIE?**

There is a transfer credit equivalency lookup available. Simply find your institution in the list and submit to see how your credits will transfer.

**WHY CAN’T I LOGIN TO MY DIXIE?**

The most common reasons why students cannot login include:

1. You are not fully admitted yet (see here)
2. You are admitted but aren't entering the correct login & PIN number (call 652-7708)
3. You have entered the incorrect PIN number more than three times and have been locked out.
4. Your web browser is not accepting cookies (see Google’s article: *How to Enable Cookies*).

You can use your banner student number or your social security number (without slashes or dashes) for your user ID. Initially, your PIN is your six digit birth date.

**IS MY ADMISSIONS APPLICATION COMPLETE?**

Log into your application portal as a returning user. Or contact the admissions office phone: 435-652-7777, or email us at admissions@dixie.edu

**HOW DO I APPLY FOR RESIDENCY?**

Complete the Application for Resident Classification and either drop it by the Registrar’s Office, email to residency@dixie.edu, or fax it to 435-879-4005, or mail it to DSU Registrar’s Office, 225 S 700 E, St. George, UT 84770. Please look here for a complete description of the residency requirements.

**WHERE CAN I GET A CLASS SCHEDULE, CATALOG?**
We no longer print the class schedule or catalog. They are available online at:
Class Schedule
University Catalog

**HOW CAN I REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT DIXIE STATE UNIVERSITY?**

A tour can be scheduled either by filling out the online form or by calling 435-652-7590. Call the same number for an Information Packet.

**CAN MY PARENTS SEE MY GRADES?**

Due to the Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA), your parents are not entitled to this information unless they verify that you are still their dependent for tax purposes, or you give them permission. This is accomplished by filling out This Form, and either mailing or faxing (435-879-4005) to the Registrar's Office.

**HOW DO I APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP?**

If you have been admitted by the scholarship deadline, you are automatically considered for all academic scholarships based on your high school GPA and ACT or SAT test scores.

Scholarship Website

Talent Scholarship Options

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**Financial Aid—FAQ's**
Go to financialaid.dixie.edu for additional information and refer to the “Frequently Asked Questions” left hand side link.

**DEADLINES AND OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

Protecting your personal information is our priority. We highly recommend that you **do not** send any documents that contain personal identity information (tax forms, marriage certificates, etc.) through email as it is not secure and highly susceptible to security breaches. If you are not able to submit documentation in person, it is recommended that you send by fax (435-879-4087).

The Financial Aid Office will use your "Dmail" account to notify you of important financial aid/scholarship information. Be sure to check for notification of:

- Award status
- Missing items which might be holding up your award
- Application deadlines

**VERIFY MY FAFSA**

Beginning with the 2019-2020 year, the Financial Aid office is utilizing a new online tool called VerifyMyFAFSA for the processing of verification and other related requirements. If you have not already done so, please activate your account at dixie.verifymyfafsa.com. This tool will allow you to upload required documents, e-sign, and receive timely updates via text message (opt-in) and email when requirements need to be completed. Students and parents will be able to complete the verification process from their smart phone or computer.

**RESOURCES**

Dixie State University's FAFSA school code: 003671.

First-time, full-time students can utilize the Net Price Calculator

**COORDINATE EDUCATION (CO-OP)**
Cooperative Education (Co-Op) is geared toward students in their freshman or sophomore year. Juniors and seniors may take the course, however the job MUST relate to their major. Co-Op provides a beneficial three-way partnership between the employer, the student, and the University, creating the opportunity to apply classroom learning to practical problems on the job. This course allows students to work in their field or a professional environment as they prepare to enter the workforce.

**Students sign up for Co-op using Handshake.**

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# Disability Resource Center

**Welcome**

Welcome to the Disability Resource Center (DRC), the designated department on the campus of Dixie State University responsible for evaluating disability documentation, determining eligibility, and implementing reasonable accommodations for students who have disabilities that may affect their academic success. On this website, you will find information about the accommodations and services we coordinate for students.

**Mission Statement**

The Disability Resource Center serves students with disabilities by providing equal access to DSU academic programs, non-academic activities, and campus facilities to facilitate and promote student participation, success, retention and graduation.

Staff at the DRC believe that students with disabilities at DSU are as much in control of their educational experience as students without disabilities.

> “**Whether you think you can or think you can’t you are right**”—*Henry Ford*

**Contact Information**

Phone: (435) 652-7516  
Fax: (435) 879-4038  
Email: drc@dixie.edu  
Address: North Plaza Building (Beside the Testing Center)  
Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 5:00pm  
Website: drcenter.dixie.edu

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**Testing Services**
Location: North Plaza Building Location: Northeast corner of the North Plaza Building (On the corner of Tabernacle and 1000 East – Entrance is located on the East side of the building). For more information and for testing hours, go to testing.dixie.edu.

3 Different Testing Operations at DSU

Student Testing:
Used by DSU students wanting to take an academic exam.

Prometric Testing:
A partnership between Prometric Inc. and DSU where many different certification exams can be taken. Regular closed dates do not apply to Prometric Testing, and testing is by appointment only.

Professional Testing:
This Center can be used by both students and professionals for various paid tests, including the college placement test (CPT) - Accuplacer and ALEKS Math placement test, as well as proctored tests for other colleges and universities. The Professional Center is generally open five days a week: Monday through Friday.

Academic Performance & Tutoring Center

The website for the Academic Performance and Tutoring Center is https://tutoring.dixie.edu/.

Tutoring Schedule

Get the tutoring schedule by class subject and number

See More

Appointments

Use banner to set up an appointment with the Academic Performance Center, Writing Center, or Math Lab

Set Appointment

Online Tutoring

Learn the procedures for students to book an appointment for online tutoring
Learn more

The Academic Performance Center offers a variety of tutoring services, such as face-to-face and online tutoring sessions, to the entire student body. We want to make sure that you receive personalized attention from tutors who have your unique challenges and academic goals in mind. We pride ourselves in our ability to provide targeted, one-on-one instruction at no cost to all Dixie State University students.

SERVICES

STUDY-HALL TUTORING

A great place to do homework.

Study Hall Tutoring provides students with a place to do homework and a nearby tutor for support as needed. This is ideal for students who are working on difficult assignments who may have questions along the way. In this setting, students can work on their own or in study groups, and can signal a tutor for help whenever they have questions.

Book an Appointment

ONE-ON-ONE TUTORING

We step you through the whole process.

Tutoring by appointment provides students with an in-depth study session with a dedicated peer tutor. In these appointments, students and tutors can work uninterrupted in private study rooms. This is ideal for students who may be stuck on a difficult concept, want to review for a test, or just need somebody to run flash cards with.

Book an Appointment

ONLINE TUTORING

We are here, even when you can’t be.

Online tutoring provides students with the same resources as a one-on-one session, but online. The tutor and student will work uninterrupted with the use of the online conference application, Zoom. These appointments are ideal for students who are unable to come in to the Academic Performance Center, take classes online, or want help from the comfort of their home.

Book an Appointment

The Writing Center
The website for the Writing Center is HTTPS://WRITINGCENTER.DIXIE.EDU/.

SERVICES

GENERAL TUTORING

Walk-ins & general appointments

The Writing Center’s primary service is to provide general writing feedback and tutoring to a wide range of students. General tutoring appointments are intended to provide students with general comments on structure, organization, cohesion, and other high-order concerns and have the greatest range of availability, meaning students can often meet with a general tutor without having to make appointments in advance.

Learn More

DEPARTMENTAL TUTORING

Focused on your departments.

The Writing Center provides Departmental Tutoring to upper-division students who may have questions regarding a specific field’s conventions or styles. Additionally, Departmental Tutoring allows students to meet with tutors who have the same major. Consequently, departmental tutors are especially qualified to provide feedback on students’ content and ideas.

Learn More

ONLINE TUTORING

We are here, even when you can’t be.

In an effort to meet the needs of Dixie State’s online and non-traditional students, the Writing Center provides online tutoring for students who may not be able to visit the Writing Center in person. Online Tutoring is intended to provide these students with the same level of support as their traditional, in-person peers but provides an additional level of flexibility and accessibility.

Learn More

Booth Wellness Center

The website is HTTPS://WELLNESS.DIXIE.EDU/.

SERVICES
MEDICAL HEALTH

We offer various medical health services, including sick visits, minor wound care, medical testing, lab work, and exams.

View Services

MENTAL HEALTH

We offer brief mental health services for students, staff and faculty to help deal with mental health, emotional, or behavioral issues.

View Services

WELLNESS OUTREACH

View our ongoing workshops that teach preventive action for topics such as suicide awareness, stress management, and general wellness.

View Outreach

Multicultural and Inclusion Center

https://mic.dixie.edu/

The Multicultural and Inclusion Center (M.I.C.) is a student support service established to increase diversity at Dixie State University via the recruitment and retention of students from diverse backgrounds and the enrichment of campus life through cultural and awareness activities. The M.I.C. accomplishes this goal through scholarship opportunities, community outreach, academic advisement, and diversity club participation. The M.I.C. operates under the principle that every person’s unique life experiences enrich campus life and adds a profound element to a true education. We invite ALL DSU students to participate in the M.I.C. events, to promote diversity, and to celebrate their own cultural identities as well as those of others. Again, the M.I.C. is open to all students. Please take your time to explore our website and feel free to contact us with any questions, concerns, or suggestions. We also invite you to stop by the M.I.C. to further see how we can assist you.

CONTACT

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STEPS TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES

1. Go to dixie.edu
2. In the top right hand corner select myDixie
3. Login to your myDixie account with your Dixie ID and password
4. Select the Student tab
5. Select Registration (this will open a new tab, select the new tab)
6. Select Register for Classes
7. Select the term (Fall 2019) and click continue
8. In the Subject box type the subject you are looking for or scroll through the list (ex: ART)
9. In the Course Number box type the course number (ex: 1010)
10. Click on search (This will bring up all of your options for Art 1010)
   a. Use the Title, Subject Description and Course Number columns to verify that you are looking at the correct course.
   b. The Section column indicates what type of section the course is.
      i. If the section number is in the 40’s it is an online course.
      ii. If the section number is in the 50’s it is a night course
      iii. If the section number is followed by an H it is taught at the DSU Hurricane Education Center
      iv. If the section number is followed by a B it is taught on the block schedule (block schedule courses are shortened and are about 7 weeks vs. the regular 16 weeks. We do not recommend block classes for new freshmen.)
   c. The Hours column indicates the number of credits that the class is worth. Make sure that you are enrolled in the correct number of credits for your scholarships, financial aid etc.
   d. The CRN column indicates the Course Registration Number
   e. The Term column indicates which semester you are registering for
   f. The Instructor columns provides the name of the instructor
   g. The Meeting Times column indicates the day and time for the class. The days are highlighted in blue and the times are listed next to that. If there are no days highlighted in blue that means the class is taught online.
   h. The Campus column lists what campus the class is at. If you hover over that column, you can see if the class is taught at the DSU Main Campus, DSU online
Campus, or DSU Hurricane Education Center. Make sure you know where your classes are at!

i. The Status column shows the number of seats available in the class and the number of seats left. If there are no seats left it will be indicated with a red exclamation mark and say full.

11. Once you decide on the day and time you would like, select Add on the far right. The course will be temporarily added to your schedule, and will say “pending.” Then make sure you select Submit to officially submit the class and save the changes. Below you can view your schedule and where the course fits/what times are still available. On the right side of the window you can see what classes you are registered for and at the bottom it will list how many credits you are registered for once you submit it.

12. To search for your next class select Search Again near the top right.

13. Repeat steps 8-12 to continue to build your schedule and register for classes.

**If you run in to any registration errors you can check your registration status to see what may be delaying your registration. To do that go the Student page and select Prepare for Registration. Select the term you are registering for and click continue. Any issues will be indicated with a red exclamation mark. To resolve those issues you can contact your academic advisor or our registration office.

TAKING THE INITIATIVE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Peer advisors are primarily responsible for taking care of whatever happens at the front office - from answering the phone to helping a frustrated person get the assistance that he or she needs. This can be a daunting task to perform if everyone is not working together and doing the best they can. Doing the best job possible can be broken down into two steps: (1) taking the initiative, and (2) being accountable for your time and what you have accomplished while at the office.

Taking the initiative can be defined as finding things around the office to do and taking care of the students/visitors who come in or call the office without being told. Sometimes it can be difficult due to distractions around the office. Distractions may include but are not limited to something interesting on the internet, text messages from friends, or even a good book. Please keep in mind that student needs are always our priority. It is important to assist students and place them with the correct academic advisors. Additionally, there are other tasks that need to be done around the office such
as straightening the lobby table or returning calls. Do not assume that someone else will do it; we are all responsible.

Accountability is critical in making this process work. If everyone is accountable for their actions in the office, then everyone will know what has been done and what still needs to be completed. If everyone is accountable for their work and takes initiative, the office will run smoothly and everyone will be a part of making it successful.
FORMS (Go to registration.dixie.edu)

Academic Renewal

Academic renewal allows currently enrolled students to remove previous poor grades from grade point calculations ONLY in limited circumstances.

- Coursework must have been completed at least five (5) calendar years before the academic renewal request.
- Academic renewal applies only to Dixie State University or transfer courses graded of D+, D, D-, or F.
- A student may only receive academic renewal once.
- Academic renewal is not reversible.
- If an academic renewal is granted, designated courses will not count in the GPA calculation and will not satisfy any requirement, including the number of credits. All such courses will remain unaltered on the transcript with the appropriate notation added to the transcript to indicate academic renewal.
- Once a certificate, associate’s degree, or bachelor’s degree is awarded by any institution, all course(s) completed prior to the award of that certificate or degree do NOT qualify for academic renewal.

Conditions under which a petition for academic renewal will be considered:

- The student must be enrolled at Dixie State University when petitioning for academic renewal.
- The student must have completed at least 15 credit hours at Dixie State University after the coursework being considered for academic renewal.
- The student must obtain a minimum GPA of 2.5 in courses completed after the coursework being considered for academic renewal. The “new” coursework must have been completed within three (3) years prior to submitting the petition.
- A non-refundable fee must be submitted with the academic renewal petition.
Petition for Academic Renewal

Name: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Dixie ID: ___________ Phone: ___________ Cell Phone: ___________

E-mail Address: ___________________________

I wish to petition for academic renewal according to the Academic Renewal Policy on the reverse side of this form.

Please apply academic renewal to:

☐ All eligible courses  ☐ DSU courses  ☐ Other ___________

☐ Only the following courses: ___________ (School Name)

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<th>School</th>
<th>Term/Year</th>
<th>Course</th>
<th>Grade</th>
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I understand that Academic Renewal applies only to courses having grades of D–, D, D–, and F and taken at least five years prior to this application. All such courses will remain unaltered on the transcript with the appropriate notation added to the transcript to indicate Academic Renewal. Courses designated in the petition will not count for computation of GPA, for earned credits, or for satisfying any graduation requirements. Further, I understand that Academic Renewal may be applied only once and is irreversible.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

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Check for the following:

☐ Coursework is at least 5 years old  ☐ Has not earned a degree or certificate
☐ Applicant currently enrolled  ☐ Paid $20.00 fee to Cashier’s Office
☐ Has completed 15 hours with 2.5 GPA

Registrar’s Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________
**ACADEMIC APPEAL**

**MEET WITH YOUR ACADEMIC ADVISOR PRIOR TO SUBMITTING AN ACADEMIC APPEAL.**

- According to the DSU Student Code (Policy 552), Academic Appeals are accepted for the following: academic actions (including grades), exceptions to graduation, and general education requirements after they’ve reached the Dean level*.
- If you are submitting more than one appeal, you must complete a form for each.
- Supporting documents should be submitted to: Ruth Bruckert, 231A Snow Math and Science Center or bruckert@dixie.edu.

*Students must first pursue their appeal through the faculty member (if applicable), Department Chair, and Dean before completing this form. This evidence should be documented in writing (email, letter, etc.) and must be submitted to Ruth Bruckert before the committee will review.

**ACADEMIC APPEALS ARE NOT FOR FINANCIAL AID OR FOR ACADEMIC INTEGRITY ISSUES.**

https://registration.dixie.edu/academic-appeal/.

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**General Education Letter of Completion**

A student who completes DSU’s General Education requirements and has a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA may request a General Education “Letter of Completion,” which will be accepted by other Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) institutions in fulfillment of General Education requirements in the same manner as an associate of science or associate of art degree. To request a GE Letter of Completion, please fill out the GE Letter of Completion form - https://registration.dixie.edu/general-education-letter-of-completion/. According to Utah Board of Regents policy R470, a student who transfers to DSU and completes DSU’s General Education requirements must meet the institutional residency requirement of 20 lower-division credits and have a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA in order to receive a General Education Letter of Completion.

- A student may need a Letter of Completion when they have completed all general education core requirements, but not the required amount of elective credits to complete the Associate Degree requirements. A Letter of General Education Completion certifies that a student has completed General Education requirements for an Associate of Arts (AA) or an Associate of Science (AS) degree.
- The Letter of Completion is sent to the selected institution and can only be issued at the following: Salt Lake Community College, Snow College, Southern Utah University, University of Utah, Utah State University, Utah State University – Eastern, Utah Valley University, Weber State University and Westminster College.
Residency Requirements/Reclassification

Tuition rates for Utah residents and non-residents are based on Utah State Law, 53B-89-102, and the Board of Regents Policy R512. According to the law, a student must have maintained continuous residency in Utah for one full year before applying. Applicants must also sign a written declaration that they have relinquished residency in another state and submit objective evidence that they have established residency. Forms of proof can include: a Utah driver’s license, Utah voter registration, vehicle registration, proof of employment, proof of student status, Utah tax return. Residency applications are due seven days after the first day of the semester.

When you apply for residency reclassification you must provide proof of what you are claiming on the residency application.

Contact

Registrar's Office

Email: records@dixie.edu
Phone: 435-652-7708
Location: Holland 1st Floor
Complete Withdrawal Form

A student who experiences serious personal issues (medical, psychological, financial, family, etc.) can request a complete withdrawal from all classes through the end of the 12th week of the semester.

- Complete withdrawal must be from ALL classes, not an individual course or courses.
- Complete withdrawals may be requested by filling out the online Complete Withdrawal form - https://registration.dixie.edu/complete-withdrawal-form/ - or by filling out the Complete Withdrawal form at the Registrar's Office.
- Complete withdrawal may affect a student’s financial aid. Any possible refund for a complete withdrawal would be issued according to the deadlines published in each semester’s course schedule.

Exception to Policy Petition

This form will not be accepted if any portion is left blank. It is your responsibility to communicate with the faculty members to answer the questions in the ‘Faculty Section’. When you have completed the form, return it to the Registrar’s Office, HCC 1st floor, with any documents to support your appeal.

The purpose of this form includes but is not limited to:

- Add Class(es)
- Add Extra Credit
- Drop Class(es)
- Audit Class(es)
- Late Add
- Late Drop
- Tuition Refund

If requesting a complete withdrawal, the student must include the withdrawal form.

The most important part of this form is your explanation of what happened. Do not take this section lightly - You will write a letter to the committee, which should be professionally done and explain the situation thoroughly. The first page of the petition form is on the next page. Go to https://registration.dixie.edu/forms/ and click on “Exception to Policy Petition” for the entire form.
Release of Information Authorization (FERPA)

Understanding the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is an important part of being a peer advisor. It is a federal law that peer advisors need to abide by to protect the students’ privacy. Basically, it states that Dixie State University is not allowed to give a student’s educational records or information to anyone unless a release form has been signed by the student.

With respect to a student’s educational records, FERPA affords a student the right:

- To inspect and review the student’s own educational records;
- To request the amendment of the student’s educational records to ensure that they are not inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student’s privacy or other rights;
- To consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student’s educational records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent;
- If a complaint cannot be resolved within the college, to file with the U.S. Department of Education a complaint concerning alleged failures by DSU to comply with the requirements of FERPA;
- To obtain a copy of the Students Records Policy and Procedures for DSU. (Copies are available at the Registrar’s Office)

The form can be found at the following link - https://registration.dixie.edu/forms/ and click on “Release of Information Authorization.”
Consent to Release Student Information

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974 prohibits Dixie State University from releasing certain personally identifiable information from a student’s record to a third party (e.g. parent, spouse, etc.) without the student’s explicit written consent. This form serves as written consent when properly completed.

Additionally, to protect the student’s information from unauthorized individuals, Dixie State University requires the student to provide a unique pass phrase that will allow the designated third party to access information and services over the telephone or e-mail. The pass phrase should be something that is easily remembered, but something that is confidentially shared between the student and the third party. This identifier will remain valid unless authorization is revoked or if a new request is received.

Instructions: Complete this form. DO NOT SIGN this form until you are in the presence of an appropriate DSU staff member or Notary Public. Appropriate DSU staff members are in the following offices: Registrar, Financial Aid, Advisement, Trio, or Dean of Students.

I, ____________________________ (Student Name) ____________________________ (Student ‘Dixie ID’) ____________________________ (pass phrase)

give consent for the Registrar’s Office (or designated University offices) to disclose personally identifiable information concerning my education record to the individual(s) listed below. These individuals also become eligible to act in my behalf. Individuals listed below will be able to change my DSU password information, get information about my financial aid, class schedule, balance due, etc.

I understand that the individuals listed below who request information in person are REQUIRED to provide picture ID. If you would like your designees to receive information by e-mail, please list their e-mail address below.

Release information to the following individual(s):

NAME: _______________________________________________ RELATIONSHIP: _______________________________________________

Email: _______________________________________________

____________________________________________________

✓ I certify this request was signed freely and voluntarily and will be in effect until revoked in writing.

Student’s signature ___________________________________ Date __________________

Witnessed by __________________________ Date __________________ Office: RO FA ADV TRIO DS

If you are NOT completing this form in the presence of an appropriate DSU staff member this form must be notarized. The original notarized form must be submitted to the Registrar’s Office in order to be valid.

Notary Public: __________________________________________ State of: __________________________________________

My Commission Expires: __________________________ County of: __________________________

Seal __________________________________________ Today’s Date: __________________________

This form may be mailed to:

Dixie State University - Registrar’s Office - 225 S University Ave HCC 1st floor - St George, UT 84770

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OTHER HELPFUL RESOURCES

Student Success Program:
The Student Success Program is a structured first-year program at DSU to help build a strong foundation for success. Each student enrolled in the program will meet with a success coach throughout the semester. Students in the program must work with an academic advisor to create a balanced course schedule. These students will have a first-year advising hold on their account that ensures they work with their academic advisor. Go to https://ssc.dixie.edu/.

Military/Veterans:
Dixie State offers veteran and military students and their families assistance in using their Veteran Administration or military educational benefits. Contact Steve Roberts for more information.
435-652-7699
Office: Browning Learning Resource Center Room 116
veterans@dixie.edu
http://veterans.dixie.edu/

Navigate Student App:
Navigate Student is an app that can be downloaded on any device with Google Play and App Store. This app keeps students connected to their advisors. Once you become a fully admitted student, all you have to do is sign in using your DSU username and password. There, you will have access to the "appointment calendars" of all advisors to schedule an appointment via telephone or in person. Also, you can see your current class schedule on the app, look up DSU resources on or off campus/contact information, and how to use the study buddies feature.

IT Help Desk:
The DSU IT Help Desk provides a necessary service to students, faculty, and staff that will help keep them up-to-date with the ever-changing IT services on the DSU campus. These may include but are not limited to:
- Dixie ID
- Dmail
- Logging into Canvas
- Campus Wireless Access
How to Contact the IT Help Desk:
(435) 879-4357(HELP)
helpdesk@dixie.edu
http://helpdesk.dixie.edu/

Human Performance Center
Utilizing the Human Performance Center (HPC) is an exciting way to learn and stay active at the same time. This building includes an indoor swimming pool, 65” inch rock climbing wall, indoor and outdoor basketball courts, fitness center, track, and a multipurpose room that can be used for recreational classes and small group events. The HPC has a MAC court where you can play a variety of sports that include volleyball, basketball, indoor soccer, futsol, badminton and many more. To learn more: https://hpc.dixie.edu/
HPC Front Desk: 435-879-4740  
HPC Lifeguard Office: 435-879-4856  
HPC Climbing Wall: 435-879-4857  
Media Request: 435-652-7547 or jylhall@dixie.edu

ROGER WATSON  
Marketing & Building Operations Manager  
Email: Roger.Watson@dixie.edu  
Phone: 435-879-4825  
Office: HPC #216

HANDSHAKE

Handshake is a unique tool that has allowed colleges and universities to help their students find career opportunities, like jobs and internship placement. Once you are enrolled in DSU, you are automatically a user; all you have to do to join is sign in by using your DSU username, and password. Once online, you have the opportunity to explore and create your online profile that will help employers seek you out. This will give businesses and students the ability to stay connected to the latest job opportunities, and careers. Students can also request an experience through CO-OP using Handshake and set up appointments to meet with someone in Career Services.

For more information about Handshake:  
https://www.joinhandshake.com  
https://app.joinhandshake.com/login
I have read and understand the following terms of this agreement:

**Guidelines**

1. I will work my scheduled hours during the 2020-2021 academic year in the University Academic Advisement Center (UAAC)
2. I will be on time for my shift in the UAAC
3. I will work my entire shift in the UAAC
4. I will be professional in my appearance and behavior
5. I will attend monthly peer advisor training meetings
6. I will adhere to all DSU policies and procedures
7. I understand that I am a representative of DSU both on and off campus; I understand that illegal or inappropriate behavior off campus may be grounds for termination.

By signing below, I agree to abide by the guidelines outlined above, to be accountable and responsible, and to take initiative while working in the UAAC.

Date: ______________________________

Peer advisor signature: _________________________

Supervisor signature: _________________________
CREDITS

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