Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) by First-Year/First-Time and Continuing Students
Frequently asked Question: Need Advising for my Major?

I’m looking for academic advising and help declaring Major/Minor, selecting classes, graduation and other questions related to my Major. Who should I contact?

• Please make an Advising Appointment on the HDEV website (see link below) with the HDEV advisor.

• Advising---Book an Advising Appointment here
Frequently Asked Question: When is my Registration Date?

How do I find out when my Registration Date is?

• You will receive an email from Enrollment Services (ES) informing you of your registration date and time.

• You can also find this information in your Student Center (through sso.csulb.edu) on the right-hand box labeled “Enrollment Dates” and clicking “Details.”
Frequently Asked Question: What is an Enrollment Hold? How can it be taken off?

Why do I have an Enrollment Hold? How do I take care of it?

- Enrollment Hold can be due to various reasons:
  - Overdue payment
  - Overdue documents
  - Overdue GWAR
  - Failure to declare a major by 60 units
  - Mandatory advising required
  - Not progressing in the major

- Review the reason for your Enrollment Hold through your Student Center (through sso.csulb.edu); on the right-hand size there is a box labeled “Holds,” click “Details” at the bottom and then the link provided under “Hold Item.”

- Reason for the Hold and instructions on how to resolve the hold are provided.
Frequently Asked Question: How many Maximum units can I enroll in each semester?

You can enroll in a maximum of 18 units. If you would like to enroll in more units than 18, please meet with an Academic Advisor.
Frequently Asked Question: What classes should I register for?

I am not sure what classes to register for. What should I do?

• Meet with an Academic Advisor by booking an advising appointment on the Human Development Website

• Do the following before your appointment with an Academic Advisor:
  • Review your Academic Requirements Report ARR (through the Student Center on sso.csulb.edu) check what courses you still need to complete (red square)
  • Review your Degree Planner (through the Student Center on sso.csulb.edu) for course recommendations
  • Use your program planner to plan for courses.
    • Click here for Program Planner Fall 2020 onwards pdf
  • Have the Advisor review your classes.
Frequently Asked question: What about Double Counting courses?

Can I “double-count” my classes?

• Some classes can meet requirements for both Human Development major and General Education requirements:
  • Example 1: HDEV 307 and HDEV 357 double count towards major requirements and GE UD Category D class.
  • Example 2: HDEV 320 double counts towards major requirements and a Writing Intensive (WI) class

• No double-counting within Human Development major
Frequently Asked Question: I have failed a class, what can I do?

I have failed a class, what are my options?

• You are strongly encouraged to meet with your Academic Advisor to discuss the most appropriate option for you.

• You may want to consider repeating the course (a second time) for Grade Forgiveness.
Can I change my class schedule?

- You may change your schedule on MyCSULB starting on your registration date
- ADD/DROP allowed through 1st two weeks of semester (no “W” on transcript)
- After that, signatures required to Withdraw with “W”
- [Enrollment Services website -- Dropping/Withdrawing](#)
Frequently Asked Question: Considering adding a Minor?

Can I add a minor to my degree objective?

Most Minors are 15-24 units

Popular Minors with HDEV Majors:

- Anthropology (15 units)
- Sociology (18 units)
- Gerontology Minor (15 units) or Certificate (24 units)
- Psychology (23 units)
- Child Development and Family Studies (21 units)
- Health Science Minor (18 units)
- ASL Amer Deaf Cultures (21 units)

Other Minor options exist

- Minors are added after a full semester at CSULB and there is a GPA requirement. All 3 GPAs must be above 2.5.
- Contact the Department Advisors of the minor to get more information and to declare it.
- All degree objectives (e.g., majors, minors, certificates) must be completed within 120% of the units allowed based on CSULB's Timely Graduation Policy.
Frequently Asked Question: When will I be ready to graduate?

- Depends on how many units you take each semester to reach 120 and complete your Major/GE/Minor requirements?
  - **Example 1:** Student needs 120 units
    - 120 units @ 15 per semester = 8 semesters
  - **Example 2:** Student needs 60 additional units
    - 60 units @ 12 per semester = 5 semesters
  - **Example 3:** Student needs 60 additional units
    - 60 units @ 15 per semester = 4 semesters
Frequently Asked Question: How do I change my graduation term?

I want to change my graduation date. What do I do?

- Contact your Academic Advisor by booking an Advising appointment on the HDEV website.
- It is important that you do so before class registration begins, otherwise you will not have a registration date.
Frequently Asked Question: What is the difference between “walking early” and graduating?

Can I finish my classes in Fall and “walk early” in Spring?

- Graduation is when you complete all requirements including all classes Major, Minor, GE and Electives
- You can graduate in Fall and celebrate with Commencement in Spring (May) by “walking early.”
- Apply to Graduate during the semester prior to graduation. Deadline to submit application and fee:
  - SPRING/SUMMER graduation October 15
  - FALL/WINTER graduation March 1
What career options exist for Human Development majors and minors at different degree levels?

See options by clicking the link below:

Human Development Career Options
Frequently Asked Question: Who can help with career advice?

I’m looking for career advising and help with resumes, cover letters, and professional interviews, who should I contact?

• CSULB Career Development Center: http://www.careers.csulb.edu/
Frequently Asked Question: Need graduate school resources?

I want to attend graduate school, where can I find resources?

• Graduate Student Resource Center: [https://www.csulb.edu/graduate-studies-resource-center](https://www.csulb.edu/graduate-studies-resource-center)