

META-MAJOR STUDENT GUIDE



This informational guide provides college, transfer, and career planning tips for each step of your academic journey.

This guide includes:

- Introduction to Meta Major Counseling
- Unit Checklist
- Links to Campus Resources



YOUR PATH TO SUCCESS



Welcome to Skyline College. We are excited for you in beginning your educational journey with us. We know that this experience can bring you excitement, nervousness, overwhelm, and joy. To get started, we'd like to share you four tips to help you navigate college. Your **PATH** toward student success starts here.

Preparation is a major key to success. Every educational goal requires steps to take. Meet with your counselor to develop your student educational plan.

Action requires movement. Being proactive in your educational journey will allow you to accomplish your goals in a timely manner.

Time is essential to student success. Knowing important dates and deadlines are important. Also, having an effective time management system will help with your work/school/life balance.

Help is everywhere. Don't navigate college alone. There is a community here that wants to help you towards your success. Create a network of support. Don't be afraid to ask questions. Build a working relationship with your meta major counselor.

Quick Reminders

Just like any path or journey, there are some reminders about using this student guide that will help you to stay on track.

- This is just a guide. See your meta major counselor every semester to make sure you are on track towards your goals.
- You do not need to do every activity listed in this guide. Please work with your counselor to determine which activities applies to your educational goals.



PATH to Success



Meta Major Counseling Responsibilities

- Our goal is to ensure that you understand all that you need to know to reach your educational goals – academic and career.
- We will provide a safe space for you to discuss about your goals, dreams, and concerns. We will listen purposefully and respectfully.
- There are many campus resources. We will guide you in the right direction to access resources that are relevant and timely for your educational needs
- We will provide information about the different majors and careers that align with your interests and goals.
- We will share you information around course planning so that you can acquire the tools to select courses, understand prerequisites, and set goals.
- We will help you with your questions about colleges and universities and the steps required for you to transfer and/or requirements to achieve our degrees and certificates.
- This is your academic journey. However, you are not alone! You can utilize your meta-major counseling team to support you in your academic journey.

Meta Major Student Responsibilities

To maximize my fullest potential and optimum for success:

- I will connect with my counselor every semester.
- Prior to my appointment, I will think about and write down my questions of what I want to discuss about and accomplish to meet my current needs.
- I will bring my "note-taking tools" with me to my appointment to ensure I capture important information.
- If my counselor refers me to any resources related to my goals, I will be sure to follow through.
- I will ask for help to ensure I know deadlines, to ask questions, and to stay on track.
- If I get off track or if I am undecided, I will reach out to my meta major counselor for guidance and support.



Your Checklist

EVERY SEMESTER

- Meet with your meta-major counselor.
- Check your SMCCCD email daily.
- Check Important Dates & Deadlines by visiting the [Academic Calendar](#) on the Skyline College website.
- Check your Meta Major Canvas page for up-to-date information such as degree and transfer requirements, events, and workshops geared towards your success.
- Review your DegreeWorks to see your progress and choose the right classes for each semester. Please see your counselor to create your student educational plan.
- Apply for grants and scholarships by visiting the [Financial Aid](#) website.



Your Checklist

0-12 UNITS

- Learn about resources related to health and wellness, food and housing needs, personal finance, laptop and WIFI support, and learning accommodations, check out our Virtual Campus website.

- If transferring, research colleges and universities of interest and the admission requirements. Take notes and bring them to your next counseling appointment.

- Learn about the resources available to you, such as the Learning Center, Counseling, Career Counseling, and Financial Aid. Please visit the Student Services page on the Skyline College website.

- Register for Counseling 100: College Success and/or CRER 137: Career & Life Planning within your first two semesters.

- Explore and research your career interests by visiting the Career Center website or connecting with a Meta Major Career Counselor.

- If you are still exploring your majors, check out our "What Can I Do With This Major?" link to learn more about different majors.

Your Checklist

12-30 UNITS

- Visit the Career Center to learn how to create your resume and develop your LinkedIn profile.

- Decide on a major and your transfer colleges of interest. Take notes and bring them to your next counseling appointment. Also, visit the Transfer Center for additional support and information.

- Explore your major and career interests by considering volunteering, employment, internships, job shadowing, and service learning. Check out the Career Readiness & Job Placement page.

- Get involved on campus by joining student clubs and organizations and attending campus events.



Your Checklist

30-45 UNITS

- If transferring, continue in-depth research of colleges and universities of interest, including admission requirements, application deadlines, housing options, and campus tours.

- Attend Transfer Center workshops and events.

- Update your current resume and consider scheduling a mock interview. Check out the Career Readiness & Job Placement page.

- Decide confidently on your educational goals anytime before you complete 45 units.

- Get involved on campus by joining student clubs and organizations and attending campus events.



Your Checklist

45-60 UNITS

- If transferring, please apply for transfer admissions and/or graduation applications, in addition to materials such as transcripts, recommendation letters, and personal statements. Please work with your meta-major counselor to confirm eligibility.

- Attend Transfer Center workshops and events.

- Update your current resume and consider scheduling a mock interview. Check out the Career Readiness & Job Placement page.

- Enhance your work experience and skills by volunteering, employment, internships, service learning, and job shadowing.

- Get involved on campus by joining student clubs and organizations and attending campus events.



Skyline College Resources

Need additional information? Check these out!



Internship & Workforce Services

Find an internship and prepare for a job: skylinecollege.edu/careercenter



Center of Student Life

Join student clubs and organizations, student government, and attend campus activities: skylinecollege.edu/studentlife



The Learning Center

Access tutoring for Math, English, and other subjects, become a peer mentor, attend success workshops: skylinecollege.edu/learningcenter



Technology Loan Program

Need to borrow a laptop or calculator for the semester? Or do you need a WiFi Hot Spot? Check out the Skyline College Library: skylinecollege.edu/library



Personal Counseling

Access FREE services such as individual counseling, crisis intervention, mental health / substance abuse assessments, and community referrals: skylinecollege.edu/healthandwellness



Veterans Resource Program

Need assistance on how to use your VA Educational Benefits: skylinecollege.edu/veterans



Educational Access Center

Provides accommodations, counseling, and support services to students with documented disabilities: skylinecollege.edu/educationalaccesscenter

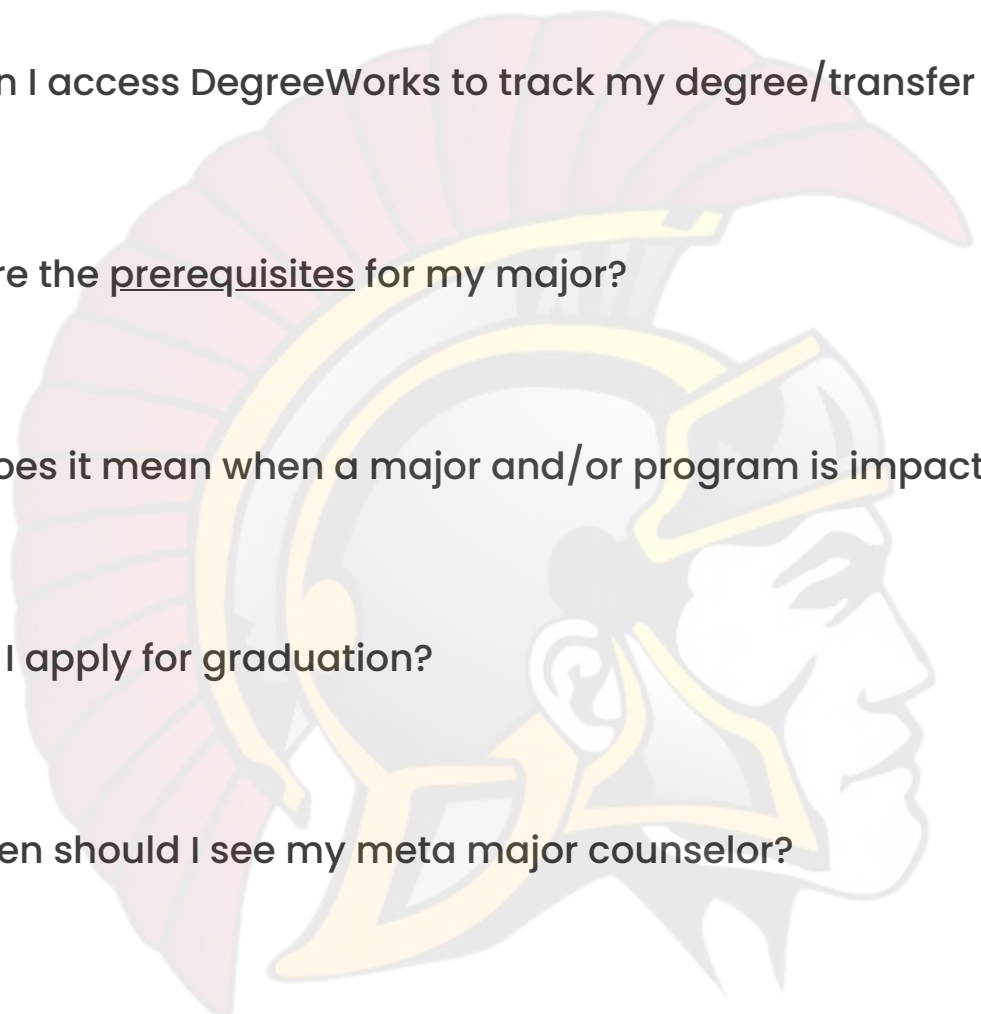


Sparkpoint Center

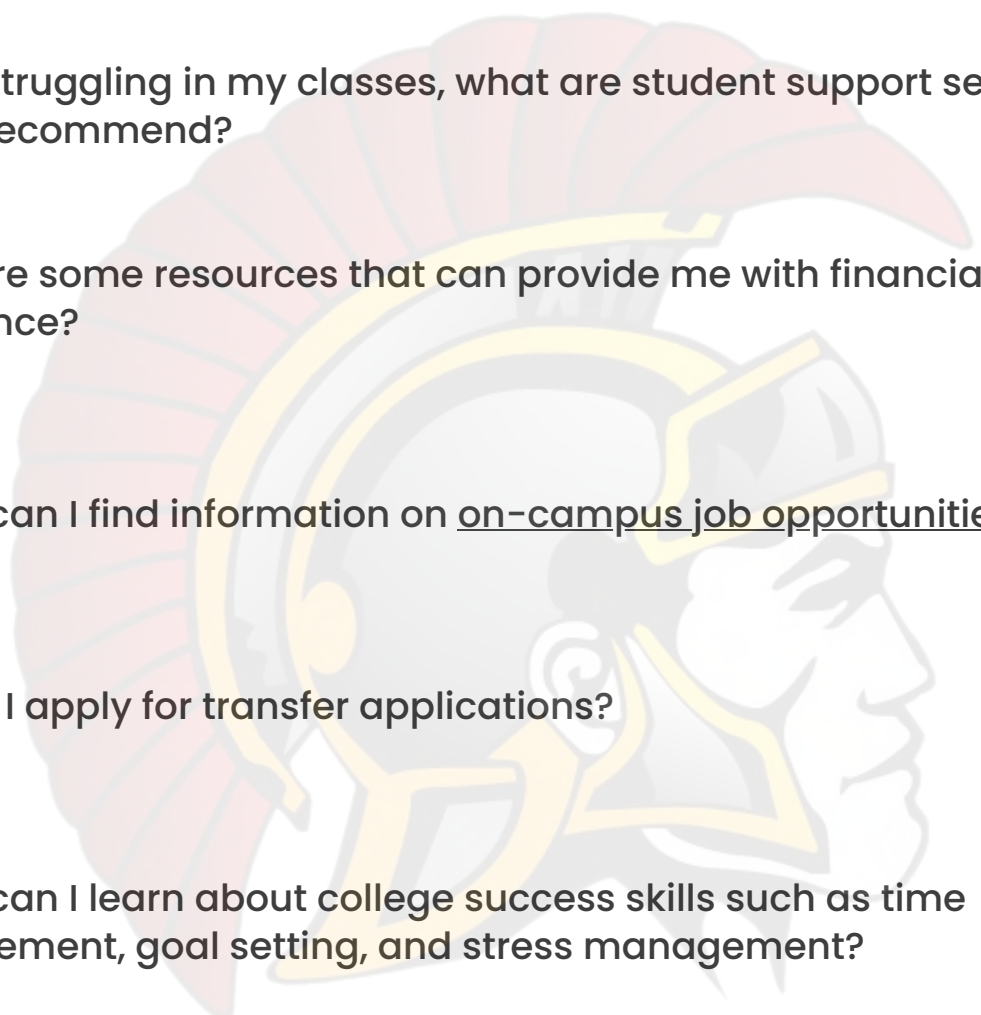
Access to financial coaching, food benefits, tax assistance, and housing resources: skylinecollege.edu/sparkpoint

Note: This is not a complete list of programs and resources. If you have specific needs, please see your counselor for appropriate referrals.

Questions to Ask Your Meta Major Counselor

- What are some resources that will help me explore different majors and careers?
 - What are some things I should consider when creating my class schedule?
 - How can I access DegreeWorks to track my degree/transfer progress?
 - What are the prerequisites for my major?
 - What does it mean when a major and/or program is impacted?
 - How do I apply for graduation?
 - How often should I see my meta major counselor?
 - If I withdraw from courses, how does this impact my ability to accomplish my educational goals?
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- What are some things I should consider before withdrawing from classes?
 - What are some important academic policies that I should be aware of? (i.e. academic renewal, repeat policy)
 - If I am struggling in my classes, what are student support services you would recommend?
 - What are some resources that can provide me with financial assistance?
 - Where can I find information on on-campus job opportunities?
 - How do I apply for transfer applications?
 - Where can I learn about college success skills such as time management, goal setting, and stress management?
 - I took some classes from another college. How do I know if my units counts towards a degree and/or transfer?
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