

Direction for Success: Using NAVIGATOR To Get Started

Welcome to College of the Siskiyous! We look forward to joining you in a partnership that will help you accomplish your academic, career, and personal goals.

Our **NAVIGATOR** program is set up to help you succeed. **NAVIGATOR** will help you find and follow a direction for college and career success. The **Key Steps** involved in the program before you arrive and during your first semester are:

Step 1. Apply to attend COS.

Log onto www.siskiyous.edu and look for the **NAVIGATOR** button on the homepage to complete your initial application to COS.

Step 2. Apply for financial aid.

For most of the student financial aid programs, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the only application you will need to file. Remember to read all instructions and apply early. All students should fill out the FAFSA regardless of income. Loans and scholarships will require other additional forms.

Step 3. Assess your skill level in reading, writing, and mathematics.

Assessment indicates your current skill level in reading, writing and math to help you determine which classes will be best for you. The results do not affect your eligibility for admission; they are used strictly to recommend appropriate classes.

COS accepts assessment scores from other colleges as long as the test was taken within the past two years. Contact the college closest to where you live for testing dates and times.

Assessments are conducted Monday through Friday from 9 am to 3 pm at the Weed Campus (530) 938-5555 and by appointment at the Yreka Campus (530)842-1245.

Step 4. Participate in a SOAR (Siskiyous Orientation, Advising, and Registration) session.

SOAR is designed to help incoming students become familiar with the College's programs, services, and registration procedures.

Counseling Services staff will meet with you individually or in a **SOAR** session to help you develop a first semester schedule of classes, an educational plan, and register.

Call the Weed Campus (530) 938-5555, or the Yreka Campus (530) 842-1245, to schedule a session.

Step 5. Attend, Work, & Succeed.

These are important elements of being a successful student.

Attend all your classes and do the work assigned. In college, you will have lots of work "outside of class". So, you will need to budget your time and develop a plan for completing it.

There are many support service programs on campus to help you be successful. EOPS (Extended Opportunity Programs & Services) and DSP&S (Disabled Student Programs & Services) programs offer tutoring, counseling, and many other services for qualified students. There are also free reading, writing and math labs as well as individual tutoring for all students. We also provide career counseling services.

Step 6. Get Involved!

To become fully engaged with the college community, get involved in the activities available on campus, such as the Week of Welcome (WOW) events, athletics, performing arts, and other events. Take advantage of these enriching opportunities!

See what a successful COS student had to say:

"Coming to College of the Siskiyous has been a wonderful experience. My first college was down in L.A., and I was way lucky if I could even find the line to wait in for 2 hours to actually talk to someone for help. Here at COS there is always someone to answer your questions and go a step out of their way to help you. It has certainly made my community college experience easier."

Danielle Hollenbeck 6/12/06

**We look forward to having you become a
College of the Siskiyous Eagle!**