

# COMPASS

## CAREER READINESS PROGRAM

### FIND A PATH

The COMPASS program supports students as they navigate the transition to post-graduate life. Through program activities, students will learn to recognize the connections between their interests and academic choices, emphasizing the value of the liberal arts education. They will also participate in various types of experiences that will help them explore career opportunities, gain valuable skills, and build professional networks.

In addition to satisfying the university requirements for the bachelor's degree, each student with a major in the College of Arts and Sciences, declaring under the 2018-2019 catalog or later, must complete the COMPASS Career Readiness Program. The following details identify the components and sequence of the program, which must be completed at least 30 days before the student's last day of classes.

*LOOK FOR THE  
COMPASS STAMP!*



### EARNING POINTS

In addition to the four core activities, students must earn six flexible points. Students can track their COMPASS program progress by logging into the Career Readiness page of the MySanDiego portal.

#### FOUR CORE

COMPASS  
ORIENTATION

NETWORKING  
EVENT

ARTICULATING  
THE VALUE OF  
THE LIBERAL  
ARTS

SENIOR  
GRADUATION  
SURVEY

#### SIX FLEXIBLE

RESEARCH

COMPASS  
APPROVED  
EVENT

INTERNSHIP

PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT

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## COMPASS ORIENTATION

All students must complete a COMPASS orientation after declaring their major.

## NETWORKING EVENTS

All students must attend at least one networking event to complete the COMPASS program. Networking events have a built-in programmatic element that helps students utilize their community and grow their network.

## ARTICULATING THE VALUE OF THE LIBERAL ARTS

All students must attend an Articulating the Value of the Liberal Arts workshop to complete the COMPASS program. This session will help students to reflect on the connection between the core curriculum and their future endeavors.

## SENIOR GRADUATION SURVEY

All students must take the senior graduation survey. This survey can be accessed on the Seniors page of the MySanDiego portal once the student has completed 104 units.

## FLEXIBLE POINTS

In addition to the four core activities, students must earn six flexible points. Points can be earned by attending events listed on the Career Readiness page of the MySanDiego portal or by completing experiential education activities, such as internship or research. If earning academic credit, points will be added to the student's point tracker at the end of the semester. If not earning academic credit, a student must complete the following two-step process.

**Step 1:** Complete the "Experiential Learning Registration" form found on the MySanDiego portal before starting an internship.

**Step 2:** Once the internship has concluded, fill out the "Experiential Learning Reflection" form on the MySanDiego portal.

## DEGREE CLEARANCE

The COMPASS program is listed under a student's requirements in Degree Works. Once all components of the program have been completed, the Career Development Center will certify satisfaction of this graduation requirement.

## DEADLINES

May and August graduates must complete the COMPASS program at least 30 days before the final day of spring semester classes. December graduates must complete the COMPASS program at least 30 days before the final day of fall semester classes.

## ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



- Points earned or still needed can be tracked on the personalized point tracker within the Career Readiness page of the MySanDiego portal.
- A student must attend an entire event in order to earn the COMPASS points.
- If a student is double majoring, only the Career Readiness program associated with the primary major is required. A student can select their primary major during the declaration of major process.
- If a student changes majors from the College of Arts and Sciences to either the Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering or the School of Business, flex points can carry over. A student must attend the orientation of the new program to transfer the flex points to the new respective program.
- Students do not need to earn a specific number of points each semester, although it is strongly recommended that students begin attending events and engaging in career readiness programming early.
- A student can receive up to three flexible points before declaring a major.
- A CM hold is put on a student's account if they have petitioned to graduate but have not attended a COMPASS orientation. To remove the hold, a student must attend a COMPASS orientation. The Career Development Center is the only office that can remove this hold.