

MA Restorative Justice Leadership - Onboarding, Registration and Advising Guide

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ADMITTED STUDENTS NEXT STEPS:

Complete the Primary Items (confirm your enrollment & claim your account)

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Please see more about this requirement here.

<https://www.sandiego.edu/health-center/immunizations/>

You will not be permitted to register for courses until this requirement is met.

COURSE REGISTRATION

Cohort Model: The department will automatically enroll you in courses and notify you.

See course curriculum [here](#).

ORIENTATION

Program orientation: **8/25** at 4 - 6 pm on ZOOM:

<https://sandiego.zoom.us/j/93665545796>

COURSE SCHEDULING AND FORMAT

Your courses in the first semester will be as follows:

MARJ 500: online, synchronous on ZOOM

T 4:00-6:00 (Pacific Time)

Class meetings: (9/1 - 10/13)

MARJ 594: online, synchronous on ZOOM

T 4:00-6:00 (Pacific Time)

Class meetings: (9/1 - 10/13)

MARJ 500 TEXTBOOKS

Sered, Danielle. (2019). *Until we reckon: Violence, mass incarceration, and the road to repair*. The New Press.

Wolf, Sally Swarthout. (2026). *Restorative justice up close: First person accounts of an approach that works*. The New Press.

Quick Checklist: To use this as a checklist, make a copy of this document and save it to your own drive!

- ☐ Contact Vanessa Watkis, to clarify questions or just say “hi”!
- ☐ Connect with your faculty advisor, [David Karp](#).
- ☐ Confirm your enrollment (see your official admissions email for deadline)
- ☐ Wait 24 hours
- ☐ Claim your USD One account
- ☐ Wait 24 hours
- ☐ Clear your immunization hold
- ☐ Submit the [Enrollment Agreement](#), then we will register you for fall classes.
- ☐ Understand USD’s Financial Aid - watch this video!
- ☐ Download the MyUSD mobile app
- ☐ Upload your picture for your USD ID card
- ☐ Check your USD email frequently once you create your USD One account (or set it up to forward to your primary account).
- ☐ Mark your calendar for MARJ 500 Orientation on 8/25 at 4pm via Zoom

Find other required and recommended [texts via the bookstore website](#).

ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

Refer to this page often throughout your program:

[Important Dates - MA RJ](#)

Note the start and end dates of the upcoming term and any holidays.

NOTE ABOUT HEALTH INSURANCE

USD requires “full-time” students to have health insurance. ***This program is “part-time”*** so you may set aside any emails asking you to enroll in or waive Health Insurance. No action is required of you.

DROP/WITHDRAWAL PERIOD - [Important Dates](#)

For students in this program, courses must be dropped prior to the first day of the semester (not the first day of the course) to receive a 100% refund and within the first three days of the semester to receive a 95% refund. No refund will be provided after the third day of the semester. Courses officially dropped between the third day of class and the start of Week 5 will receive a grade of “W” (not included in GPA). Students who wish to withdraw from the University must use the [Notice of Withdrawal E-Form](#).