
Office Hours & Networking!

— Week 1 —

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Why is it important to build relationships with your professors?

- Opportunities
 - Fun classes to take or clubs to join
 - Tutoring
 - Research
 - Scholarships
 - Jobs (like PACE Mentor)
- Letters of Recommendation for Graduate School
- References for Jobs



How can you meet professors?

- Classes
 - All your professors are super cool!
- UGCOM
 - <https://cse.ucsd.edu/undergraduate/advising/undergraduate-committee-ugcom-advising-and-mentorship>
- Club/Program Professors
 - Like Mia, Joe, and Kristen for PACE, and SPIS professors, SEI professors
- Research
 - <https://cse.ucsd.edu/research>



Where you can talk to professors?

- Office Hours
 - Class Specific Office Hours
 - UGCOM Office Hours
- Coffee or Dine with a Prof (or Graduate Student)
 - Meal voucher for you and a professor (or grad student)
 - <https://students.ucsd.edu/academics/success/dine-with-a-prof.html>



I got to Office Hours and now what?



Get to know professors as real people

- “Ask about your professor’s specialty, interests, side projects or ongoing research they’ve been involved with. This is a big source of passion for many professors. It’s a great way to see what they care about most, and start to know them as real people. If your professor has an opportunity to involve students in their work, you could end up on the list of people considered.
- Ask for general input, especially if you are still “figuring things out.” Try this: “I’m still exploring what I want to do after college. I was excited about this class because I thought it might help me understand _____. What would you do if you were in my position? How do you go about making decisions like these?”
- Ask for career advice. If your instructor is connected to the field or industry you’re working toward, see if they have advice for someone like you. Ask if they recommend any experiences that can help you further determine your career path or see if you’re on the right one.”
- <https://heysunny.asu.edu/blog/your-fear-office-hours-about-end-guide-meeting-professors>



Take Space, Make Space

- Be mindful of what office hours you are attending:
 - If you are attending office hours for a class make sure that you are not overshadowing other students that want to ask class related questions
- Be mindful of other students attending office hours:
 - Make sure that you are allowing other students the opportunity to ask questions

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Brainstorming Questions for []

- Spend 5 minutes in groups looking at the Professor's personal website and take note of anything you find interesting like:
 - Projects
 - Work Experience
 - Research
 - Hobbies
- Spend 10 minutes in groups coming up with questions