FAQ: Peer Mentor Program

1. Which classes have Peer Mentors?
Mentors are currently embedded into selected sections of Comm 20, Chad 60, CCS 1OB, Hum 1B, EDCO 4, Math 1, Math 1019s, Math 1018s, Math 10D, and PH 15. Those mentors who are not embedded into courses serve specific populations such as students in Housing, El Centro, The BLOC (Black Leadership and Opportunity Center), and incoming students - both traditional first year and transfer students.

2. Do I have to be in a class to have a mentor?
No, any student can request a mentor. You can meet with a mentor once for a specific goal/conversation. Or you can request a mentor for a whole semester. Topics that mentors talk about are time management, study strategies, goal setting, getting involved on campus, campus resources, etc.

3. Are the mentoring sessions conducted online or in-person?
Mentoring sessions are conducted online at the moment due to the pandemic and being under distant learning.

4. What are the responsibilities of a mentor?
Peer Mentors help assist students with strategies for studying, note-taking, test-taking, critical thinking, listening, and reading. They can help the student with time and stress management, and direct you to resources at SJSU! Peer Mentors are here to assist in navigating through the university experience.

5. How are mentoring sessions conducted?
Mentoring sessions are conducted online via Zoom.

6. What are the qualifications of a mentor?
Some qualifications of a mentor include: friendly, respectful, and has a professional demeanor with a positive attitude. They have the tools and abilities to work in a diverse, team-driven environment with students, faculty, and staff.
7. What is not part of the mentor’s responsibilities?
   Mentor’s assist with university experience and implement strategies to succeed in all realms of a college student. They are not responsible for content-learning.

8. When do mentors begin facilitating mentoring sessions?
   Mentors begin sessions on February 8, 2021.

9. How do I know if a mentor is offered for my course?
   You will know if a mentor is offered for your course on the first day of class. You can also check the course syllabus to see if your course has an assigned mentor.

10. Do the professors attend mentoring sessions?
    Professors do not attend mentoring sessions, it is just the student and mentor in the session.

11. How much does it cost to attend a mentoring session?
    A mentoring session is free!

12. What is expected from students who attend mentoring sessions?
    Students who attend mentoring sessions should expect support from their mentor, guidance to achieve their goals, and reference to resources on campus.

13. How can the students become Peer Mentors?
    Students can apply to be Peer Mentors for the Fall semester: applications are accepted the previous March and for the Spring semester: applications accepted the previous October.

If you have any further questions about the Peer Mentor program, feel free to contact us
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