CPOS BASICS

• Course Program of Study

• Enforcement process for the federal mandate that Title IV funds only be used for degree-applicable courses.

  • Title IV funds = federal loans, federal grants, federal work study

  • Degree-applicable = a course that fulfills a degree requirement
    • Degree applicability, in this context, is not a characteristic of the course itself but an assessment of how it fits into an individual student’s degree plan.
CPOS FAQ’S

• No longer just for advisors!
  • Student-facing content now included!

• Living document
  • Will continue to update as new information becomes available.

• tinyurl.com/CPoS-info
KEY FACTS

• Courses in Fallthrough are not degree-applicable for the purposes of CPoS.
  • Advisors need to move things that should not be in Fallthrough ASAP.
    • *This will mean processing exceptions for In-Progress courses.*

• CPoS does not look backwards in time.
  • It doesn’t matter what’s in Fallthrough *from previous semesters*

• 12 degree-applicable credits is the threshold for Title IV aid to disburse at the full-time rate.
  • Credits 13 and beyond do not have to be degree-applicable.
HOW TO TAKE A NON-APPLICABLE CLASS

• CPoS **denies Title IV funding** for non-applicable courses.
  
  • It does not forbid students from *taking* non-applicable courses…

• Title IV students can take non-applicable courses if at least one of the following is true:
  
  • They are *also* taking at least 12 credits of applicable courses.
  • They have a *non-Title IV* way of paying for the non-applicable course(s).
NON-TITLE IV FUNDING

- LIFE Scholarship
- Palmetto Fellows Scholarship
- SC Need-Based Grant
  - *This is a change from our December presentation.*
- Departmental Scholarships
- General University Scholarships
- Private loans
- Private grants
- Any other non-federal funding
IDENTIFYING TITLE IV STUDENTS

• Financial Aid is not legally permitted to tell advisors who the Title IV students are.
  
  • But students may choose to self-identify.
  
  • And advisors may ask.
APPEALS AND ERRORS

• There is no appeals process.
  • Title IV will *not* pay for courses that are not degree-applicable.

• If the CPoS info is incorrect…
  • Process the appropriate exception in DegreeWorks.
  • Check the CPoS information in Self Service Carolina again tomorrow.
FORESEEN ISSUES

• **Students pursuing multiple degrees**
  • CPoS only considers the first degree.
  • Courses that are *only* applicable to the second degree should occupy credits 13-18 if possible.
  • The order of the degrees matters.

• **Students with pre-existing credit (AP, IB, DE, etc.)**
  • These students may not have four years of Title IV aid eligibility.
    • When they have enough credits to graduate, they must either graduate or find non-Title IV funding.
FORESEEN ISSUES

• Pre-professional students
  • Courses taken in preparation for grad school are not degree-applicable if they don’t also fulfill a graduation requirement for the current degree.

• Students studying abroad
  • INTL placeholder courses are scribed as applicable for all degrees.

• UNIV 101, ROTC, etc.
  • These are also scribed as applicable for all degrees.
FORESEEN ISSUES

• Students taking pre-requisites to required courses.
  
  • The pre-req is only applicable if it is listed as a degree requirement.
  
  • Units may want to edit Bulletin entries to list hidden pre-reqs in degree requirements. (e.g. MATH 111)
FORESEEN ISSUES

• **Students repeating courses**
  
  • A student may repeat a course as many times as necessary as long as no grade of D or higher exists.
  
  • After a grade of D or higher exists, the student may repeat the course once.
  
  • A student who needs to repeat a course they have AP credit for may do so once.

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UNFORESEEN ISSUES

• Please refer students with one-off issues to Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships:
  • uscfaid@sc.edu
  • 803-777-8134

• If you see the same issue repeatedly, please loop in the Advising Tech Co-Chairs, so that we can help spread the word:
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