



Advisors' Bulletin Board

SUPER SENIORS REQUIRED TO MEET WITH ACADEMIC ADVISORS & EVALUATORS

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The Office of Academic Advising Programs is currently reviewing the files of students who have completed 140+ units in order to graduate students who have met degree requirements, and to facilitate the most timely and efficient graduation for those who have degree requirements remaining. We expect all students who have completed 140+ units to apply for graduation if they have not done so, and we will meet individually

with students in order to review their situation and to develop an academic plan that will complete their remaining degree requirements.

We will utilize registration holds to require students to meet with advisors, apply for graduation, and enroll in remaining degree requirements; we will facilitate students' access to required courses via registration priority. As a result, you may

notice an increase in the number of students requesting Major Clearance Forms in your department.

We appreciate whatever priority you can give to these students' request—they have holds on their Portal and will be unable to register for spring classes until they turn in their Major Clearance Form.

Thanks in advance for making this a priority!

NUMBER OF REPEAT WITH FORGIVENESS INCREASES

Undergraduate students may now file 3 Repeat With Forgiveness Petitions on courses they have repeated as long as they don't exceed 16 units, there is no regression involved, and the original course taken was not a result of academic misconduct. Students previously were able to file 2 repeat petitions in order to improve their GPA.

IMPORTANT MAJOR/MINOR GPA CHANGES

Major and minor GPA's were previously calculated by dividing grade points earned by the number of letter graded units attempted except on those courses where a student filed a repeat with forgiveness. Now, however, when a student repeats a course **with** or **without** forgiveness **only the highest grade earned will be used in calculating major GPA.**

There are two exceptions to this rule: (1) Any course grades that were a result of a finding of academic dishonesty will be included and (2) When a student takes courses in the major or minor in excess of those required, only the minimum number of courses with the highest grades will be used. For further clarification, please see Executive Memorandum 09-10 or click on:

[EM 09-10.](#)

Example using Current Policy



Based on 3 unit classes

PSYC 101	B	9.0
PSYC 261	F, D , C+	6.9
PSYC 324	C	6.0
PSYC 395	A	12.0
PSYC 466	F , C-	5.1
Gr. Pts. Earned:		39

Units Attempted: ~~24~~ 15
GPA = 2.60



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Don't let students “fall” behind, encourage them to start exploring a major today!

WANTED — SUMMER ORIENTATION PEER ADVISORS

It's that time of year again and the Summer Orientation Program is already recruiting students to serve as peer advisors for the 2010 summer program. Strong peer advisors are essential to the success of the program. We look for students with dedication, leadership potential, public speaking skills, a positive attitude and the ability to represent our campus well to potential new students and their parents. It is also important that we recruit a diverse group of stu-

dents who represent a wide range of majors, interests and backgrounds.

WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH RECRUITMENT.

If you know of any students who possess the above qualities, please encourage them to apply for a 2010 Summer Orientation Peer Advisor position.

Students find our program tremendously fun and rewarding – it's a terrific lead-

ership experience and resume builder and it's a paid position! Applications are available in Academic Advising Programs, SSC 120/110. The deadline is 5pm on Friday, October 9, 2009.

If you prefer, you can email: summero@csuchico.edu with student names and we will invite your student nominees to apply for a position. Please call 898-5714 if you have any questions.

Student Learning Center: Study Skills Workshops

The Student Learning Center offers study skills & writing workshops to help students with academic success strategies they can put into practice. There is no fee for the workshops. Students can sign up in advance at the Student Learning Center (SSC)340, or by calling 898-6839. Thanks for encouraging students to attend these worthwhile workshops!

9/30	Reading Strategies	3 - 4 pm
10/5	Know Your Learning Style	3:30 - 4:30 pm
10/13	Preventing Text Anxiety	3:30 - 4:30 pm
10/20	Improving Exam Preparation	2 - 3 pm
10/21	Memory & Concentration	3 - 4 pm
10/27	Avoiding Procrastination	4 - 5 pm
10/28	Effective Public Speaking	2 - 3 pm

MAJOR EXPLORATION

Each fall Chico State designates October as “*Declare a Major Month*”. As a result you may experience an increase in the number of students visiting your department with interest in your major. Our goal, as advisors, is to help students discover areas of interest, encourage in-depth exploration, and remind them

of the fact that choosing a major with confidence does not happen overnight. It is important to listen to the students and help them identify a major that reflects their interests and true passions. The more time that goes into exploration and investigation the more likely that major is the right choice for the student.

The ultimate goal is for undecided students to declare a major, we are here to advise, encourage, and assist them to make considered decisions.

Academic Advising Hours:

- Monday, Wednesday: 9am-3pm
- Tuesday, Thursday: 11am-4pm

If you know a student who is unsure which classes to take, is looking for information about majors, confused about what to major in, or wants to talk about their future, WE CAN HELP! Send them to: **ACADEMIC ADVISING PROGRAMS SSC 120**