

Courses in Programs of Study

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Federal financial aid CPOS rule

When determining enrollment status, DOE counts only credits taken in a student's program of study.

“Program of study” means degree program or undeclared.

Previously passed courses may be retaken one time only and still count towards enrollment status.

Undergrads enrolled in ≥ 12 CPOS credits/grads in ≥ 5 eligible for full aid.

Important dates

Fall 2019 **CPOS rules applied to enrolled students**

July 15 Process to review students' courses starts running

April 27 First orientation occurs (BIO)

April 4 Fall term registration begins

(March 1) Advisement for fall registration begins

Issues

Courses taken by students in pre-programs for competitive-admissions majors are not FFA-eligible.

Enrolling in < 12 undergrad or 5 grad CPOS credits in fall or spring term reduces FFA.

Courses taken for a major or minor a student has not yet declared are generally not FFA-eligible.

Courses taken by students with 60 or more credits who are enrolled in undeclared/academic focus areas are not FFA-eligible.

Issues

Graduate credits in reading/research that exceed the number specified in the student's degree program are not FFA-eligible.

Students may avoid taking courses not required in programs of study.

Some required or strongly recommended courses will not count in students' programs of study.

Selected plan elements

1. Revise undergraduate admissions application
2. Advise current students to move to degree programs
3. Train advisors to assure all students' majors (and minors) are up to date
4. Scan for undergrads enrolled in < 12 CPOS credits and grads in < 5 ; work with students to correct schedules
5. Resolve unknowns, e.g., CSCI 1100, grad. readings & research
6. Craft careful messaging to students



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