

## **New Policy - Progress to Degree Effective immediately (June 17, 2009)**

In an attempt to bring our policies in line the Provost's initiated program of graduating students within 4 years, and in order to address some of the critical issues related to student progress, and time to graduation the following policies will be implemented effective immediately.

1)- The new freshmen and transfer students will need to graduate in no more than 13 quarters if they are entering as Freshman or no more than 7 to 9 quarters if they are entering as Transfer students (time varies for transfer students based on the major).

2) – For continuing students the minimum academic requirements required to remain in good academic standing will be increased. Students will be required to complete a minimum of 45 degree applicable units per academic year (with summer as a catch up quarter if they get behind). In addition, students should be averaging 15 degree applicable units per quarter if they are planning to only attend 3 quarters per academic year.

3) - Students will need to pay special attention to the flowcharts and must check with their major departments to determine when their major courses will be offered in order to follow the course sequence.

4)- Students will be required to complete their math and science courses as early in their careers as possible (since they are prerequisites to many of our courses) and they will be required to complete a minimum of 6 units of major support course work per quarter.

5) - ALL change-of -major and add-a-major forms will be referred to the Advising Center for review.

6) - It is extremely unlikely any double majors will be approved in the future given our current budget challenges (see the Advising Center web-site for more information about double majors). *The State only has the resources to provide one degree per student and specifically to those students who graduate in a timely manner. However, we do want to encourage our good students to pursue graduate degrees.*

7) - Minors will not be encouraged unless students can complete them within the 13 quarters for freshman or 7-9 quarters for transfer students.

8) - Students requesting a change-in-major will not be able to do so if it delays their graduation.

9) -Per the Provosts requests super senior students need to make plans to graduate. Registration holds will be placed on students who continue to take classes without progressing towards graduation. This is to prevent these students from taking up seats in classes they do not need for graduation from those who do.

10) - Students who have multiple repeats will be receiving a letter for the first time stating they are at risk of being dismissed for non-completion of the required amount of course work.