California Community Colleges
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What & why?

Changes to priority registration throughout the California Community Colleges system will help you get the courses you need to meet your educational goals. Priority registration will be given to students who work with a counselor or advisor to develop an education plan, succeed in their classes and stay on track. Colleges will be providing services to help. Yes, it really is that easy.

When?

The new changes will take effect for the fall 2014 academic year. This means you will need to pay attention to what you are doing now so you can enjoy the benefits of priority registration in the future. Some colleges may adopt the policy sooner, so check with your counseling office for more information.

What do I need to do?

Continuing Students

- Check-in with a counselor or advisor to develop or update your education plan.
- Maintain good academic standing with at least a 2.0 GPA. If you don’t, you will lose your priority enrollment.
- Don’t enroll in more courses than you think you can finish. You must complete at least 50% of your enrolled units each semester or quarter.
- Don’t accumulate more than 100 units by fall 2014, excluding most remedial and ESL courses. If you are nearing 100 units you should meet with a counselor as soon as possible to plan your remaining courses to meet your goals.
- Some high-unit majors or programs may be exempt from the 100-unit cap, and some colleges may have stricter guidelines. Always check with your counseling office to be sure.

New Students

- Complete college orientation.
- Complete the assessment process.
- Meet with a counselor or advisor to develop an education plan.
- Once you begin your higher education journey, maintain good academic standing.

Wait! I’m on academic probation...

Now what?

If you’re on academic or progress probation you should meet with a counselor or advisor as soon as possible to develop a game plan to get back on track to meeting your academic or career goals. An appeal process is available if you lose priority. You should check with your college admissions office for more information.

For more information: