The CLA Advising News

CLA Academic Standing Policy Changes

Beginning fall 2009, CLA will discontinue the 1.80 cumulative GPA for students with less than 20 credits. All students will now be required to maintain a 2.00 cumulative GPA. Also, CLA will begin monitoring students whose term GPA falls below a 2.00.

Good Academic Standing
CLA requires students to maintain a cumulative U of M GPA of at least 2.00 and to earn a term GPA of at least 2.00 each semester. Students’ records are reviewed after each term. (NOTE: Students with a first-term GPA below 1.00 are subject to immediate dismissal after one term of enrollment.)

Probation
Students who do not maintain good academic standing are placed on academic probation. Students have one semester to attain the required cumulative and term GPAs to reach good academic standing. All probationary students are encouraged to talk with their academic advisor or advisors within the CLA Student Affairs and Advising Center to determine an individual plan for improvement and are required to submit a Midterm Progress Report form.

Dismissal
Students whose cumulative GPA remains below good academic standing after one term of probation are subjected to dismissal. Students with a first-term GPA below 1.00 are subject to immediate dismissal. The associate dean, along with the CLA Student Affairs and Advising Center, decide either to dismiss or to extend a student’s probation. Only students whose cumulative GPA is below 2.00 will be dismissed. Dismissed students are notified immediately and their registration for the next semester, financial aid, and on-campus housing contract are canceled. Students are encouraged to seek academic advisement from the CLA Student Affairs and Advising Center regarding future academic plans.

Readmission
Academically dismissed students interested in returning to CLA are encouraged to receive advisement from the CLA Student Affairs and Advising Center.

Fall 2009 Tuition Refund Schedule

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The Wise Choice Process

In his 2008 text, On Course, Skip Downing proposes a six step process for making wise choices. According to Downing, human beings have a natural tendency to react quickly based on prior experience; however, using the steps outlined below, we can learn to make informed choices that support our goals. Asking the following questions allows us to pause and consider outcomes rather than quickly react to a given situation.

1. What is my present situation? In this step it is important to not blame individuals or situations, but take an objective look at the current situation.
2. How would I like my situation to be? Acknowledging that you can't change the past, what is the ideal outcome?
3. Do I have a choice? Usually, the answer to this question is yes, but it may take some time to identify and recognize that we do indeed have choices.
4. What are my possible choices? Identify a list without judgment, give yourself time to ponder, discover, and be inventive.
5. What is the likely outcome of each choice?
6. What choice(s) can I commit to doing?


GRAD PLAN initiative

The Vice Chancellor for Academic Administration has implemented a campus wide initiative to require students to use the Graduation Planner more regularly. Beginning this fall 2009, all UMD students changing colleges or changing their existing major within their college will be required to submit a Proposed Grad Plan for review. This review will consist of a thorough review of a proposed sequence of courses towards degree requirements. A minimum of two terms of full-time status will be required in the proposal.

Within CLA we had 163 change of college applicants for S09 and 130 for F09 (293 total). Last year we had 294 students change their major within CLA. To spread out the workload of reviewing approximately 587 Grad Plans next year, CLA SAAC has proposed to involve the CLA departments with reviewing Grad Plans for CLA major changers.

CHANGE OF COLLEGE TO CLA (including Dual Degree Applicants)
The CLA SAAC staff will handle all the change of college applications. This population needs to be informed of CLA requirements and introduced to CLA policies and procedures.

CHANGE OF MAJOR WITHIN CLA
A CLA faculty representative(s) will be elected to meet with potential students, review their Proposed Grad Plan, make suggestions/alterations to the plan, and notify the CLA SAAC office after the plan has been reviewed.

Graduation Planner: plan.umn.edu