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To the Academic Advising Community,

Earlier this week we met with everyone involved in Orientation at a Triage Meeting. We shared some exciting changes that will help improve university retention efforts and support some of our most academically at-risk students. The information regarding these changes is shared below to ensure that all academic advisors have the same information. Additionally, handouts that will be shared with the appropriate students are attached to this message.

Using a student's math placement score as a guide, students who do not place into Math 100 will be placed into two new remedial courses at the UA:

- MATH 100AX Preparation for College Math ... 2 units
- SAS 100X Academic Support and Success ... 1 unit

This is exciting because students will be able to take courses at the UA that they would have had to complete elsewhere and receive structured academic support through the Think Tank (Student Affairs Studies - SAS 100X).

The "X" designation beside a course indicates that the course is remedial. Remedial courses allow students to earn units towards full time status for key services like financial aid. Remedial courses will not count towards a student's 120 credits required for graduation and grades in remedial courses do not count towards a student's grade point average.

Students in this group will be limited to a total of 14 credit hours at the UA, to ensure that we are giving this group the time to devote to bolstering their math skills and engagement with the UA.

We will begin to implement this pilot program with students at the June 13-14 orientation session and all remaining 2011 orientation sessions. The Pre-Scheduling program has been adjusted to accommodate this program and UAccess has been programmed to limit these students to 14 units. Rachel Beech, Director of New Student Services, will provide logistical updates as the summer progresses.

Thank you for all your efforts in orienting our newest class of Wildcats!

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