

UPAC General Meeting Notes – October 12, 2011

General Announcements - All

- Journalism has a new course open to juniors and seniors of any major: JOUR 458 (International Opinion Writing, 3 units).
- The College of Nursing's new advisor is Natalie Shue; she will be advising pre-professional majors. Admission criteria for the new pre-professional portion of the Nursing major can be found on their website.

ARC and UAAC Updates – Roxie Catts

- 7 ½-week courses are under consideration.
- STU 210 students are scheduling appointments to meet with advisors; please give Roxie any feedback regarding the STU 210 program, since some students are slated to start in Spring 2012 while others are planning to attend in Fall 2012. STU 210 students are treated like continuing students in that they are eligible for priority registration.
- Reminder: Next Thursday (October 20th) is the next Advising Brown Bag.
- If you'd like to see if a student has completed their online academic tour, you can do so in UAccess. Go to Student Admissions > Application Summaries > UA Next Steps Admin. This system is updated each night.

MATH 100AX – Michelle Woodard, Jeff Orgera, and Sarah Wieland

- The course is set up so that students take the ALEKS test at the beginning, and then work through the ALEKS learning module and take assessments so students can master mathematical topics.
- MATH 100B will be the next course available in the sequence for MATH 100AX students if they simply wish to continue taking the next math course, although MATH 100AX have the option of simply retaking the ALEKS test, placing into a higher math course, and taking that.
- It is OK for a MATH 100AX student to retake the ALEKS, place into MATH 100, and take that.
- The combination of MATH 100AX and MATH 100B is similar to the content a student would learn in MATH 100, just spread out over two semesters.
- SAS 100AX is the related Student Affairs Studies class complementary to MATH 100AX; students review learning strategies and review basic content in this course.
- The grades and credit for both MATH 100AX and SAS 100AX do not count towards students' graduation requirements or GPA, but will be listed on the transcript. On the advisement report, MATH 100AX and SAS 100AX units will be included in the total units and in progress units if students are currently registered in the course. When the course is completed, the units will NOT be included in the total units count. These courses will appear also in the Course History portion of the advisement report.
- Financial Aid will be working very diligently to make sure that these units count towards students' financial aid requirements for the semester and also that this course doesn't put students further at risk for meeting new PACE requirements to maintain their funding.
- See attached handout on "How MATH 100AX Looks in UAccess Student."

Pre-Law Week – Verlaine Walker

- This event is open to the public! Please refer to the UPAC listserv e-mails for more details on the Pre-Law Events being held. Information is posted on the front page of the ARC website.

Summary of Student Academic Progress (SAP) – Lori Hough

- Take home points: academic advisors should pay close attention to the beginning and ending dates on the contract terms they list, as well as the expectations we outline (e.g. “no grade lower than a C”).
- Students are only flagged for their cumulative GPA.

How MATH 100AX ‘Looks’ in UAccess Student

- 1) How do these credits show up in the ADVIP?
- 2) How does the GPA show up in Student Center (cumulative)?
- 3) Can we make it so that the GPA is not calculated into their GPA *ever*, and so that the units are NOT counted in the total units on the ADVIP?

MATH 100AX DEV Grading Basis:

Grading Scheme Table

SetID: UAZ00 Grading Scheme: UGD

*Effective Date: 08/01/2011 *Status: Active

*Description: Undergraduate Grading Short Desc: Ugrd Grade

Grade Basis

*Grade Basis: DEV Developmental Include in GPA

Formal Description: Developmental Grade Required

Grade Basis Convert: Elective Grade Basis

Grade Basis Choice Default: Print On Transcript

Default AA What If Grade: Print Grade Basis Desc

Audit Grade Basis

Grade Input

*Grade Input: A Convert To Grade:

*Description: A=Excellent

*Short Desc: A Exclude Progress Units

Grade Points: 4.000 *Grade Category: NONE

Complete:

In Progress Grade Include in GPA Earn Credit Valid Attempt Include in Self Service

*Repeat Checking Option: 1) Count = Y Process = Y

You can see that these courses are not included in GPA and do not earn credit. However, they are counted as attempted for the term which means they count towards Financial Aid disbursement for the term and show up on the advisement report, student services center, and unofficial transcript as in progress for the term. When the class is graded at the end of the term, the students’ units will neither count towards earned units for PACE nor towards graduation.

Satisfactory Academic Progress PACE = Completed Units/Attempted Units

- Must be equal to or greater than 66% to be eligible for Financial Aid
- Cumulative calculation over career of the student

According to Lorrie Hough, the Financial Aid office will be reviewing students flagged for PACE and evaluating whether or not MATH/SAS 100AX was the issue. Students who are flagged for PACE because of MATH/SAS 100AX will be corrected before SAP/PACE messaging is sent to students.