



*Make the most of your financial aid.*

## CPOS Fact Sheet

- The U.S. Department of Education requires that only courses that count towards a student's program of study will be considered when determining the student's financial aid eligibility.
- Noncompliance with these requirements may result in a penalty to the university.
- **Course Program of Study (CPOS)** is a process that is run in Banner which uses Degree Works to determine which courses a student is currently registered for that count toward their program requirements.
- CPOS assessment requires a complete program of study on the students record in Banner.
- CPOS is for both undergraduate and graduate students **who receive federal financial aid**.
- While only students who receive federal financial aid will be affected by CPOS, the CPOS functionality in Degree Works will apply to all students.
- While CPOS affects students receiving Federal Financial Aid, many state entities follow the federal guidelines for disbursing aid.
- It is recommended that advisors advise all students to follow CPOS-related guidelines.
- CPOS was designed to help students finish their degree faster by focusing on coursework directly related to their program of study.
- Students who complete their program in a timely manner can graduate with reduced costs as well as less student debt.