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CollegeSource Conference June 2019

The CollegeSource User Conference was held again this year in sunny – no wait – gloomy San Diego in June. The June gloom phenomenon did not stop the 280 higher education attendees from 140 institutions from participating in training and networking on uAchieve (DARS), TES, and Transferology.



The Best Practices awards called “The Sourcies” were awarded during the conference. The intention is to recognize schools in the user community that are doing remarkable things with CollegeSource products in the areas of transfer and degree achievement. This

year, the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities were recognized for Exceptional Statewide Coordination for Positive Student Outcomes. The award was given out during the opening session of the conference, and those system office and university staff in attendance accepted the award, including Sarah Jegela. Sarah didn't get a chance to share any words during the acceptance speech, but if she did, they would have included thanking her boss, because that would be expected of her.

In other exciting news, the Minnesota State System Office has purchased the uAchieve Planner. Imagine, if you will, a 4-year planning sheet that some departments use on campus, only integrated with our current uAchieve (DARS) system. The planner uses existing degree audit data so schools can create interactive roadmaps to help students stay on track to graduation. The planner helps students make educated decisions in course selection, keeps them on track for degree requirements, and prepares them to graduate on time. What more could you ask for? As with any technological endeavor, it will take time to test and implement the new software, but we are thinking we will go live sometime in 2020. Our very own Jim Anderson is serving on the task force for the new product, and we have submitted an application to be a test pilot school.

Upcoming Caucus Date

Under state law, certain campus activities are limited on days on which precinct caucuses, state primary or general elections are held. **The upcoming caucus date is Tuesday, February 25, 2020.** State colleges and universities are prohibited from scheduling any event, including classes, which will take place after **6:00 pm** on the day of a major political party precinct caucus unless approved by the Board of Trustees. For more information, please go to

<https://www.minnstate.edu/system/ogc/elections.html>

Please take this into account when scheduling classes and events for the Spring 2020 semester.

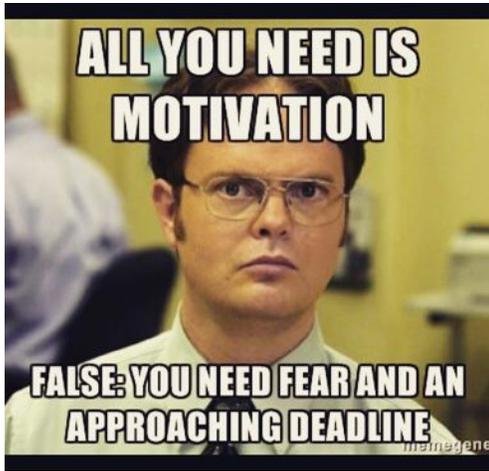
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Curriculum Approval Deadlines



Courses effective for SPRING 2020 must be approved by **Sep 20, 2019** (before the schedule is published online and advising begins). This means it must go through all stages of the curriculum approval process AND be approved at Meet and Confer by **Sep 19, 2019**. If the proposal is not approved by this date, the course cannot be effective for Spring 2020, but can be effective for Fall 2020 or later.

Courses effective for FALL 2020 must be approved by **March 6, 2020** (before the schedule is published online and advising begins). This means it must go through all stages of the curriculum approval process AND be approved at Meet and Confer by **Feb 20, 2020**. If the proposal is not approved by this date, the course cannot be effective for Fall 2020, but can be effective for Spring 2021 or later.

Programs effective for FALL 2020 must be approved by the last Meet and Confer date of **May 14, 2020**. If it does not go through all stages of the approval process by this date, the program cannot be effective Fall 2020, but can be effective for Fall 2021 or a later Fall term. Please remember, after a new program and/or certificate is approved on campus, it still must go to the Minnesota State System Office for review and approval.

Spring 2020...didn't fall just start?

Access codes loaded into ISRS/DARS	September 16
Registration windows set in eservices	September 16
Course schedule published online	September 20
Spring Advising begins	September 30
Spring Registration begins	October 21



Academic Policy Updates

We wanted to make everyone aware of important changes to two of the university academic policies.

Academic Honors Policy

OLD POLICY

Students who complete at least 60 credits at MSUM as candidates for baccalaureate degrees may graduate with honors.

NEW POLICY

Students who complete at least **45 credits** at MSUM as candidates for baccalaureate degrees may graduate with honors.

First Year Seminar Graduation Requirement Policy

OLD POLICY

All new entering undergraduate students are required to successfully complete a First Year Seminar course as a graduation requirement. New students who have completed 12 or more transferable credits will be exempt from this requirement.

NEW POLICY

All new entering undergraduate students are required to successfully complete a First Year Seminar course as a graduation requirement. New students who have completed **24 or more transferable credits** will be exempt from this requirement.

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