



# Office of Academic Advising

*. . . Enriching knowledge*

*. . . Engaging thought*

*. . . Encouraging growth*

*. . . Empowering lives*

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# Academic Advising Syllabus

- ➡ **Mission Statement**  
Educational process; Shared responsibility
- ➡ **Student Learning Outcomes**  
Know – Think – Grow
- ➡ **Required Assignments**  
Comprehensive Educational Plan; Academic Advising Portfolio
- ➡ **Student Responsibilities**  
Prepare – Discuss – Question – Follow Through – Learn
- ➡ **Advisor Responsibilities**  
Inform – Guide – Refer – Educate



# Planning for Your First Year

- ➡ Questions to Consider
- ➡ Career Considerations
- ➡ Don't Forget



# My Academic Plan (MAP)





## 124 Credit Hours to Graduation

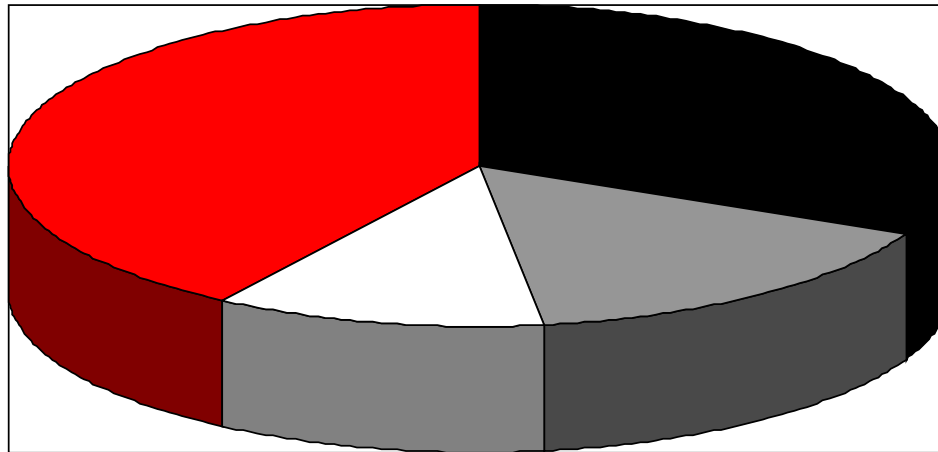
- ➡ Average Academic Load is 16 credit hours per semester, which equals 16 hours in class each week
- ➡ Faculty expect two hours of study for every hour in class
- ➡ 16 hours in class + 32 hours studying = 48 hours of academic work per week

***TIME MANAGEMENT IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT KEYS TO SUCCESS***



# Degree Requirements

Four Types of Courses Apply Toward Your Degree



■ MAJOR ■ MINOR □ ELECTIVES ■ GENERAL EDUCATION



# General Education

## 42-44 Credit Hours

- ➡ Skills – Courses which teach basic college-level skills
- ➡ Introductory – Courses which provide beginning study in five disciplines
- ➡ Distribution – Courses which provide detailed study in three disciplines
- ➡ Intergroup Relations - A course which examines subcultures within the US
- ➡ International Issues/Cultures - A course which examines issues or cultures outside the USA
- ➡ Interdisciplinary Studies - A course which examines a topic from the perspectives of at least two disciplines

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Many departments utilize specific general education courses to develop foundational skills.

Curriculum Guides indicate general education courses required for a specific major.



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- ➡ 4 Years to Graduation
  - ➡ 3.0 GPA or Higher\*
  - ➡ 2 Hours of Study per  
Credit Hour per Week
  - ➡ 1 Extracurricular Activity
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\* Your GPA may need to be higher than 3.0  
in order to be admitted to some majors.



# FERPA and Advising

- ➡ Role of student
- ➡ Role of Parent
- ➡ Role of Advisor



# Academic Advising at Springboard

## **Departmental Breakout Sessions**

- Group sessions based on academic interests

## **Meet with your Academic Advisor**

- Receive general information about course options for Fall 2011
- Discuss questions you may have about requirements, courses, dual credit and COMPASS placement test results

## **Registration (need your 800 number and your CougarNet PIN)**

- Register for first semester courses
- Receive referrals to campus resources based on your needs and interests