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University Community Newsletter - September, 2008



Welcome to the September University Community Newsletter. The goal of this newsletter is to provide the university community with project updates and information of interest regarding the SIS project. If you have questions about the project and/or are interested in receiving information about a particular topic, we want to hear from you! Please send your inquiries to: sis@osu.edu.

A MESSAGE FROM MARTHA GARLAND, VICE PROVOST AND DEAN OFFICE OF ENROLLMENT SERVICES AND UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION AND SIS PROJECT SPONSOR

AS FALL QUARTER BEGINS, SIS PREPARES FOR THE 3RD PHASE OF IMPLEMENTATIONS!

Thankfully the winds of Hurricane Ike blew through Columbus before the beginning of our Fall Quarter. While faculty and staff are still cleaning up at home, we are all grateful that our new and returning students are beginning the academic year with the same excitement and enjoyment that has been experienced for many years.

The 2008-09 academic year will be a special one for all of us - students, faculty and staff - as the SIS project team continues to implement the functionality for our new Student Information System. The new system is being phased in according to the lifecycle of a student, beginning with the admissions process through commencement activities. In May, applications for Graduate and Professional programs were accepted into the new system, followed by the acceptance of Undergraduate applications in July.

The team is now preparing for our 3rd phase of implementation, which will take place November 1, 2008 through March, 2009. During this phase, new functionality will be incrementally rolled out for Student Financials, Student Financial Aid and Student Records. Additional functionality for the Admissions areas will also be implemented.

At the same time that the new SIS is being rolled out, staff in both the central and college areas will attend training sessions specific to their areas. Additionally, new self service features for academic and business areas will added to the faculty and student pages on buckeyelink.osu.edu as the become available.

It's going to be a very busy and productive year as we take a giant leap forward by replacing our stand alone data systems with our new, integrated web-based Student Information and Human Resources System.

Welcome Back!

STUDENTS TO RECEIVE THEIR ASSIGNED OSU ID NUMBER - REPLACING SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER



Beginning Monday, September 29, 2008, students can obtain their 9-digit OSU number by logging into by logging



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into buckeyelink.osu.edu and selecting the "Lookup your OSU ID Number" link, which is located on the student tab in the personal information section. As a security and privacy measure, the OSU ID number replaces SSN as the main identifier for students, providing a higher level of identity protection for students, as well as all student related data systems. While some students may not need to know their OSU ID number until the new Student Information System (SIS) is fully implemented later in 2009, students who have signed up for Student Health Insurance will need to obtain their OSU ID number now in order to print their insurance card and/or to apply for Ohio State University Administered Scholarships. Students must still use their SSN in order to apply for Federal and State Financial Aid.

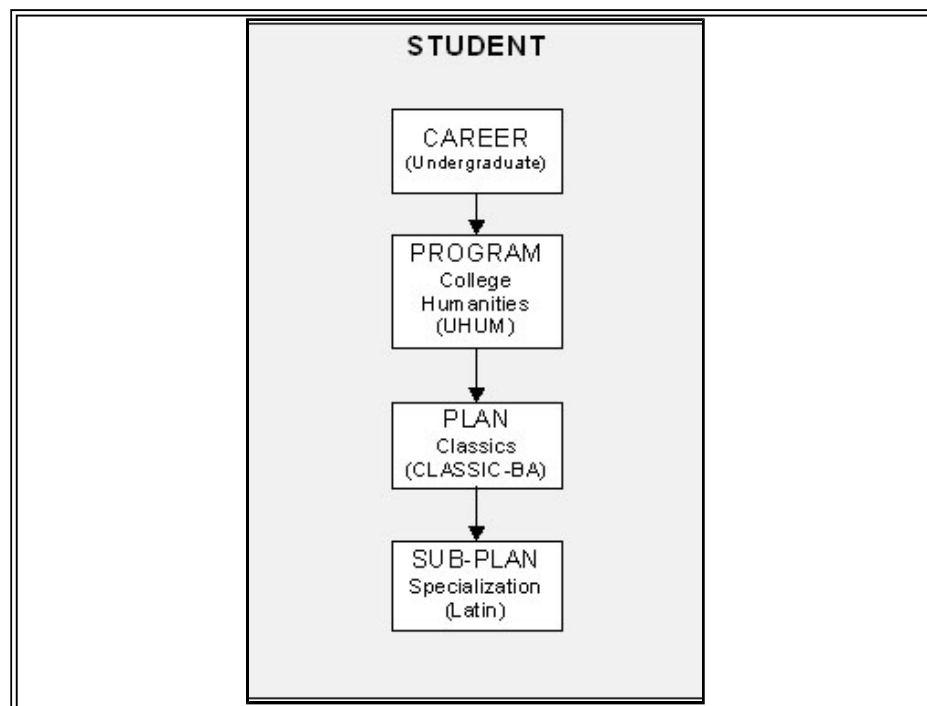
For more information, see: oaa.osu.edu/sis/communication_highlights.php

A REVIEW OF ACADEMIC STRUCTURE IN THE NEW SIS

We've received some questions regarding Academic Structure and how it works in the new system. Since this new organizational framework can be difficult to get your arms around, we would like to take this opportunity to review several key foundational components.

Academic structure is the architecture that, within the SIS, establishes and connects institutional decisions about academic organizations, courses, facilities, and programs across the university. Key components of the academic structure are the **Career**, **Program**, and **Plan**.

Career/Program/Plan Stack (CPP) - When combined, an Academic Career, Program and Plan represent a student's enrollment history or CPP. Listed below are the components of a CPP:



An **Academic Career** represents all course work that a student undertakes at the University, grouped in a single student record. A student may have multiple academic careers. There are eight careers at Ohio State; Undergraduate, Graduate, Dentistry, Law, Medicine, Optometry, Pharmacy and Veterinary Medicine.

An **Academic Program** is the program to which a student applies and is admitted and from which the student graduates. Programs are configured for each college. The career in which the program is offered is represented as part of the program. Examples of Academic Programs include Undergraduate Business (UBUS), Graduate Social and Behavioral Sciences (GSBS), Music (UMUS or GMUS), and Law (LAW).

An **Academic Plan** represents a student's area of study, and can be linked to

either a Program or a Career. Some plans are designed to culminate in a degree or certificate and some are not. Each current Major-Degree combination at Ohio State has been configured as an Academic Plan; minors have been built as Plans as well. Plans have also been created to reflect Areas of Interest for students who have not indicated an intended degree.

If you have questions about Academic Structure, please send them to:
sis@osu.edu.

COMMUNICATING UPDATES - EMAIL YOUR TOPIC IDEAS

During the next year, we will be communicating project updates to you primarily through this newsletter. What topics would you like to see featured in this newsletter? Do you have a question we can address? Please let us know your thoughts. We welcome your participation in helping to shape the content of this newsletter. Please send your ideas, comments and/or questions to the Change Management Team at sis@osu.edu.

For a more detailed overview about the SIS Project, visit the "Frequently Asked Questions" page on the SIS web site at:

<http://oaa.osu.edu/sis/faq.html>

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