COURSE PROGRAM OF STUDY (CPOS)

Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships

Office of the University Registrar

University Advising Center

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WHAT IS CPOS?

Joint project by the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships, The Office of the University Registrar, and the University Advising Center

Course Program of Study (or CPoS) is a Banner-delivered process designed to enforce a federal requirement by the U.S. Department of Education mandating that only the courses in a student's declared major or minor program will determine that student's eligibility for **federal** financial aid. It relies upon the information in DegreeWorks to make this determination.

It is a process designed to help students progress toward their degree.

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WHAT IT IS NOT

- It is not Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)
- It does not affect institutional aid programs (all scholarships and institutional grants)
- It does not affect state aid programs (all state programs, including LIFE, HOPE, PFELL, and SNBG)
- It does not require that students only take courses applicable to their degree, it simply requires that federal student aid awards be based upon the courses applicable to a student's degree
- It does not dissuade enrollment in U101, ROTC, Band, etc.

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SCOPE

- About 60% of the enrolled student population (undergraduate, graduate, and professional) receive federal student aid
- Only undergraduates with less than 12 hours of degree-applicable credits will be affected, and not all of them will actually see a change to their aid.
- Graduate students are affected too, but the likelihood is low due to the defined curriculum and lock-step nature of many graduate programs.

UNDERGRADUATE CPOS IMPACT FUNNEL

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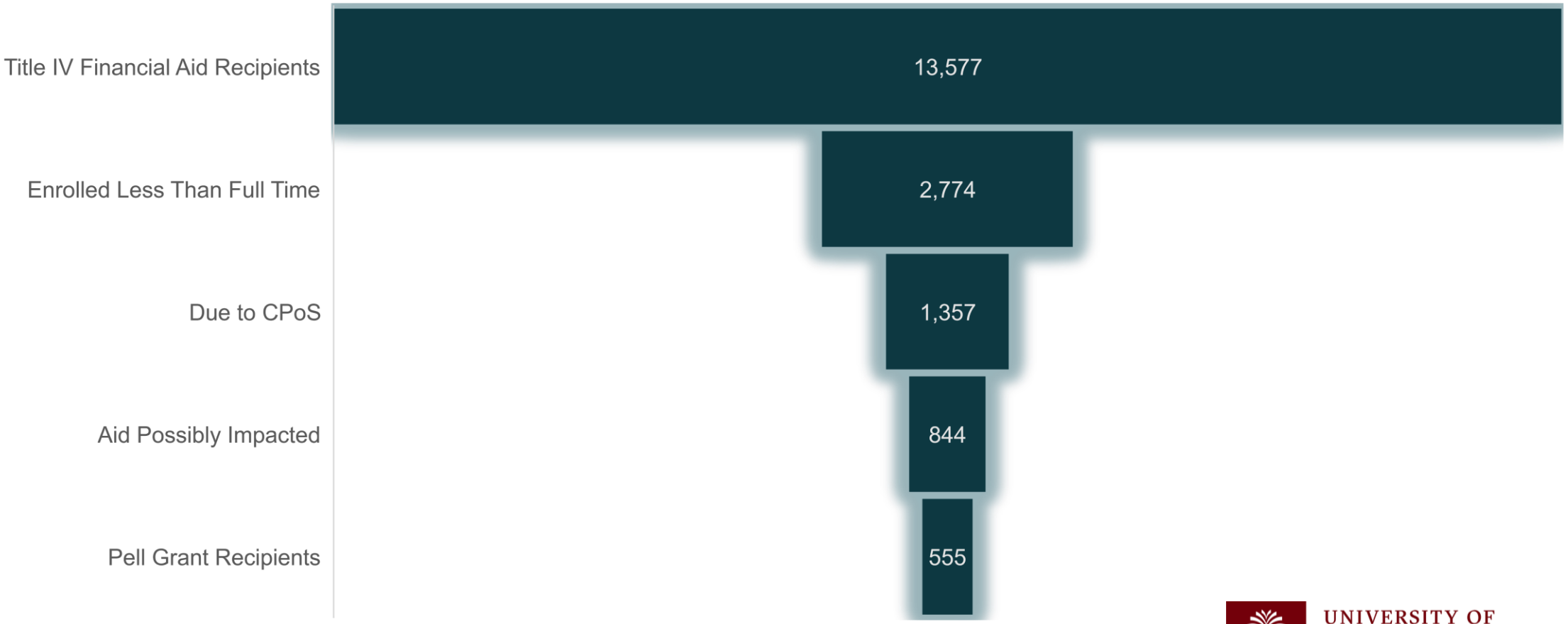

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STUDENTS IMPACTED BY CPOS, BY CLASS

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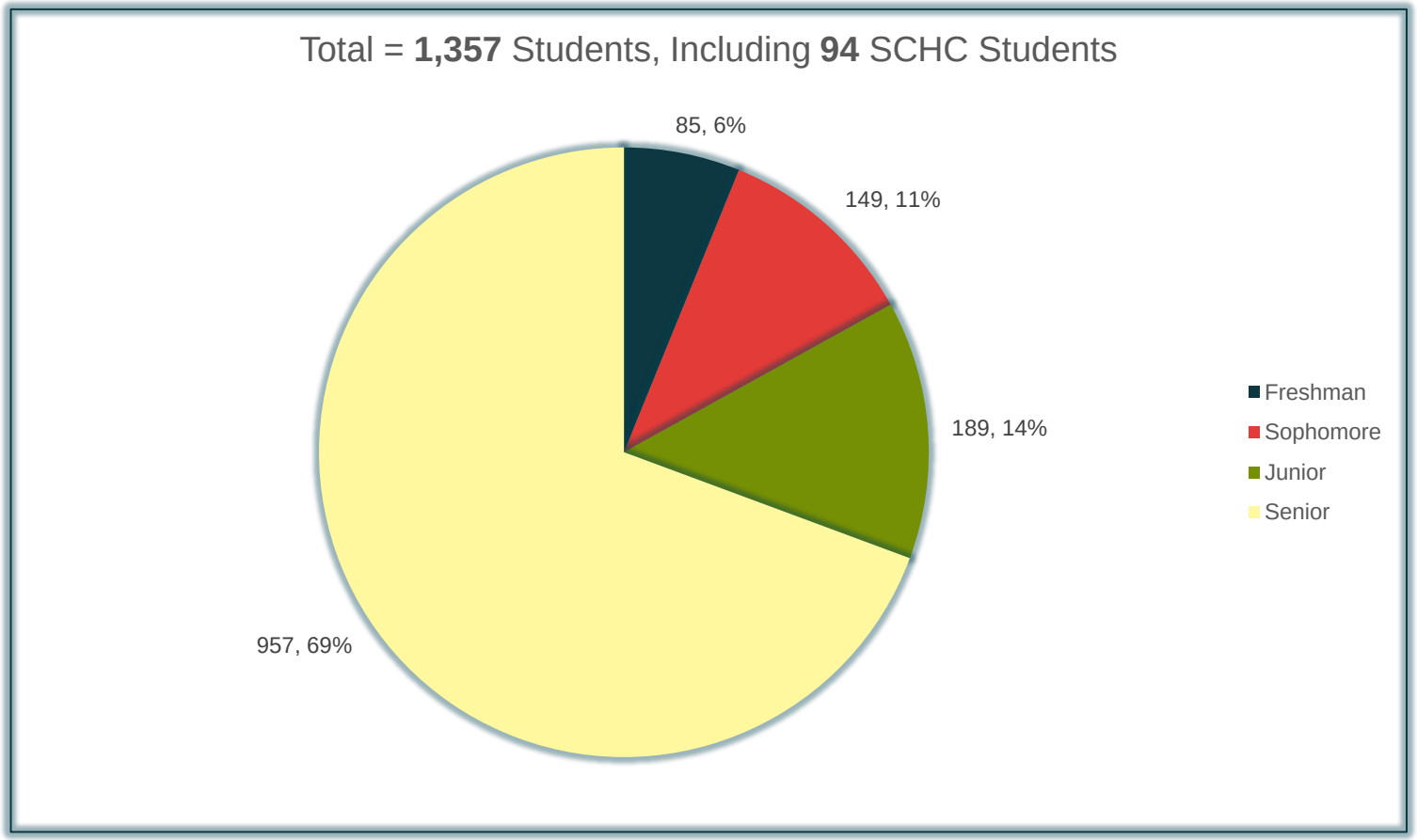

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SINGLE SOURCE ON THE WEB FOR FAQS AND INFORMATION

https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/advising/advisor_toolbox/advising_technology/degreeworks/index.php

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COMMUNICATIONS PLANS

Faculty and Staff

- ✓CAD (2022)
- ✓AADC (2022)
- ✓AAGDC (2022)
- ✓UAN Tech Subcommittee (March 8, 2023 and April 19, 2023)
- ✓APL (April 7, 2023)
- ✓AADC (April 13, 2023)
- ✓UAN (May 3, 2023)
- ✓SCHC (May 15, 2023)
- ✓Ongoing Training for OSFAS and Registrar's Office Staff, and Advisors

Students

- ✓Mass Student Email
- ✓Student Affairs weekly Sunday Email
- ✓Ongoing Communication from OSFAS
- ✓Intervention Degree-Applicable Credit/Caseload Scrub

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STUDENT'S VIEW IN SELF-SERVICE CAROLINA (SSC)

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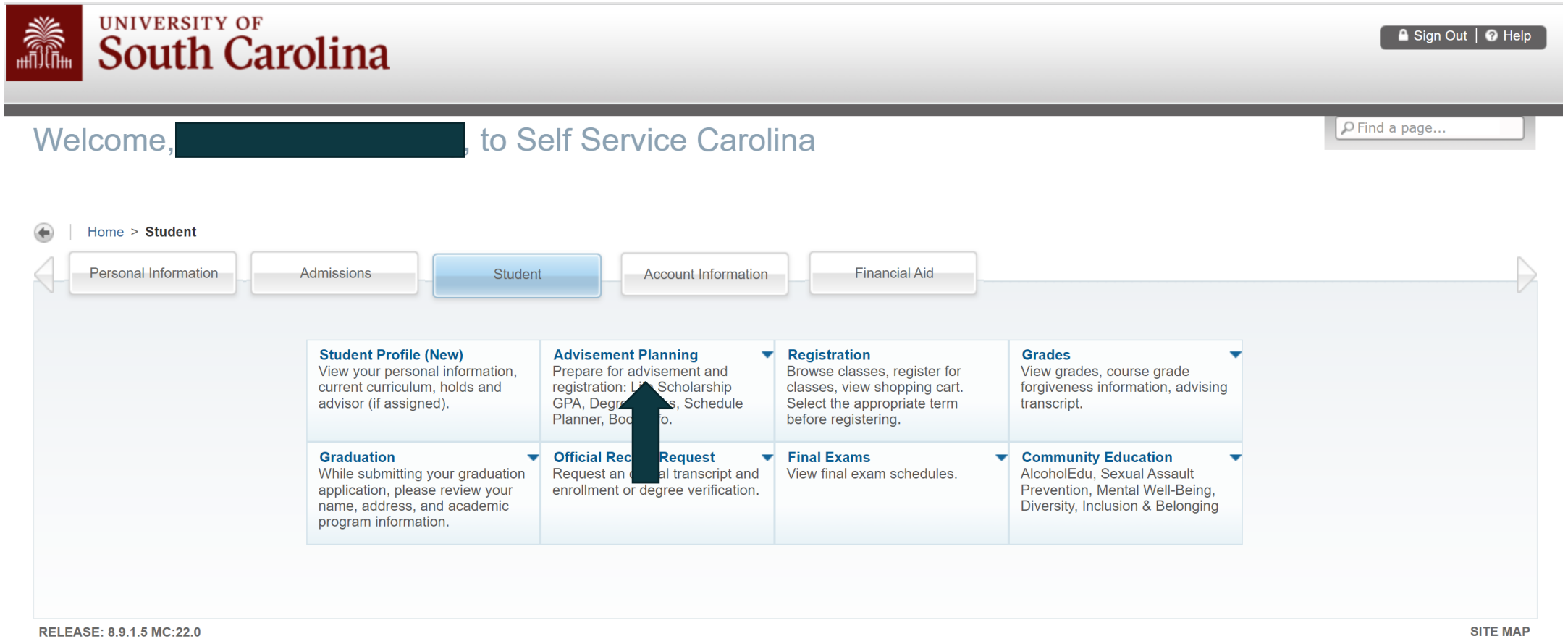

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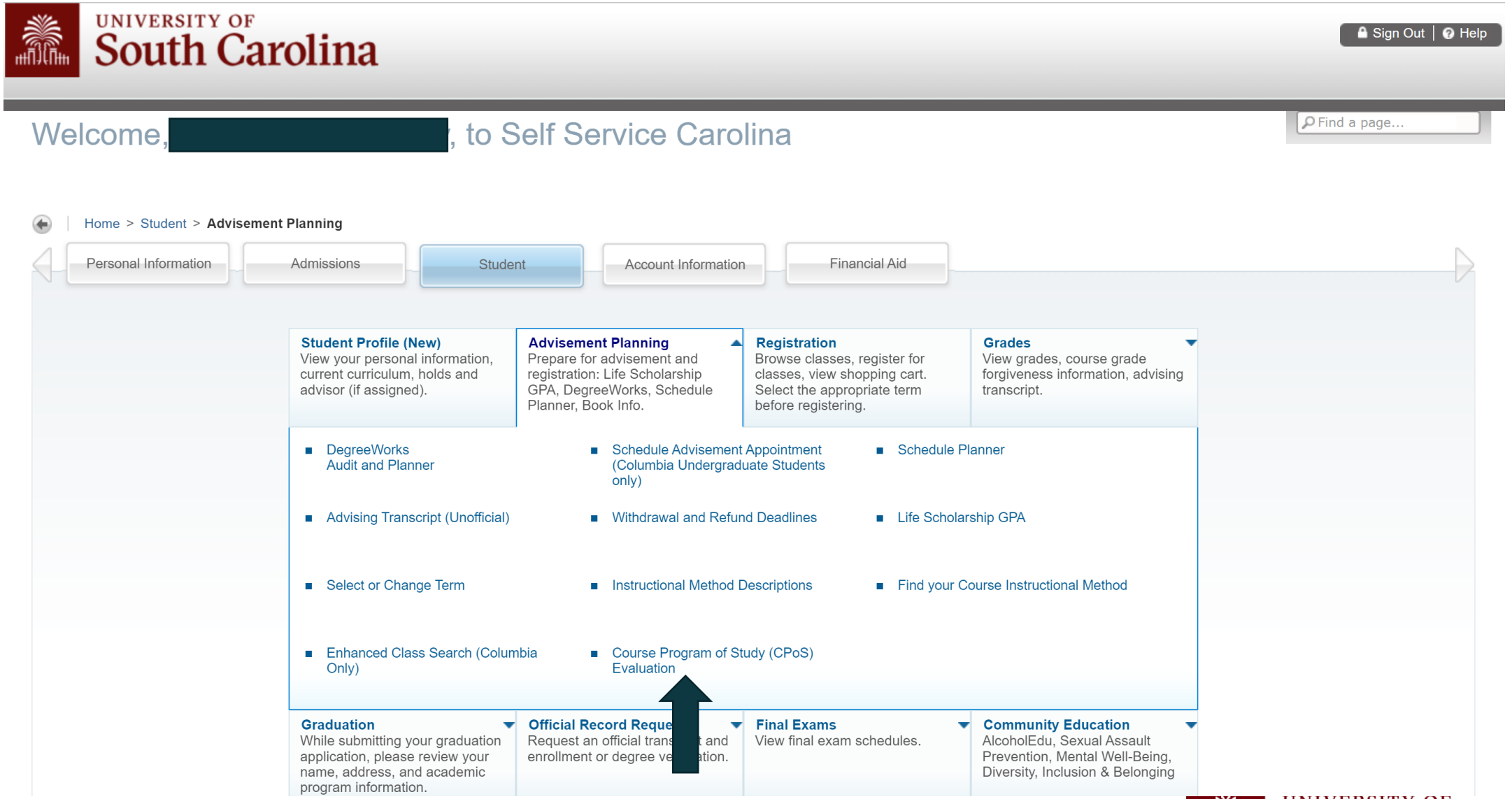

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Course Program of Study (CPoS)

To receive federal student financial aid, a student is required to be enrolled in a degree-seeking program of study, or approved certifcate program. This means that federal student financial aid can only be used to pay for courses included in a student's degree or certifcate program. The student's academic college or school at USC determines courses applicable to degree or certifcate programs.

A CPoS evaluation is only required for receipt of federal financial aid such as the Federal Pell Grant. The Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (SEOG), the Federal TEACH Grant, and Federal Direct Student Loan Programs (including subsidized, unsubsidized, Parent PLUS and Graduate PLUS Loans).

How Does Course Program of Study (CPoS) Affect Financial Aid?

Students must be enrolled in courses that are applicable to their program of study to receive federal student financial aid. If a student is enrolled in courses that are not required as part of their program of study, that student's federal financial aid could be affected.

Examples:

- Example 1: An undergraduate student is enrolled in 12 credit hours, 9 of which are required as part of their program of study. The student's federal financial aid would be based upon 9 credit hours and adjusted if necessary.
- Example 2: An undergraduate student is enrolled in 15 credit hours, 12 of which are required as part of the student's program of study. The student's federal financial aid would be based on 12 credit hours of eligible coursework. However, because tutiton remains the same between 12 and 17 hours of enrollment, no adjustment to aid would be necessary.

Course Program of Study is also applicable to graduate and professional students.

Select a Term: Spring 2023

Level: Undergraduate
College: College of Arts and Sciences
Degree: Bachelor of Science
Major: Environmental Science
Concentration: None

Courses

Course	Course Title	Credit Hours	Registration Status	In Program
ENVR 480	Environmental Issues Seminar	3	RW - Web Registered	Yes
GEOG 363	Geographic Information Systems	3	RW - Web Registered	Yes
GEOG 595	Internship in Geography	3	RE - Registered	No
PHIL 321	Medical Ethics	3	RW - Web Registered	Yes

*The program evaluation process takes place on a nightly basis. Courses added or dropped to the schedule will show as Pending Evaluation until the next nightly evaluation process completes.

- Yes - It counts for financial aid
- No - It does not count towards financial aid
- Pending Evaluation - It has not been evaluated for financial aid

For more information on a course's applicability to a degree, contact your school or college at USC.

For more information on the impact of a current CPoS evaluation on a student's federal student financial aid, contact the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships at (803) 777-8134 or USCFAID@sc.edu.

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TIMELINE

March 2021- March 2023

Testing and Configuration

March 2023-May 2023

Communication and Publicity

May 2023

Begin Running CPoS and Review Output (Early May)

Add CPoS Page to SSC (May 21)

First Notification to Affected Students (After May 21)

June 2023-July 2023

Notifications to Affected Students as Warranted

July 2023-August 2023

Regular Notifications to Affected Students to Align with Fee Payment Deadline

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THANKS!

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