

# **COURSE PROGRAM OF STUDY (CPOS)**

Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships

Office of the University Registrar

University Advising Center



# 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.



# 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.



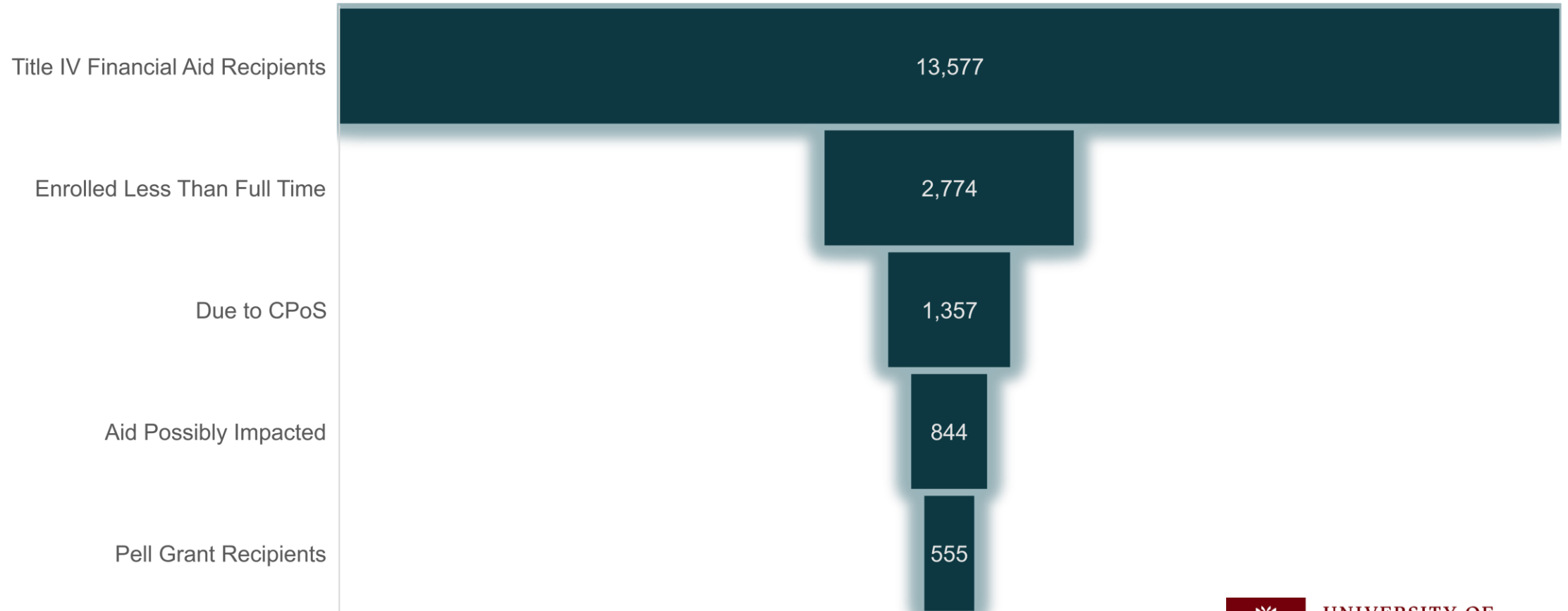
# SCOPE

- 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.



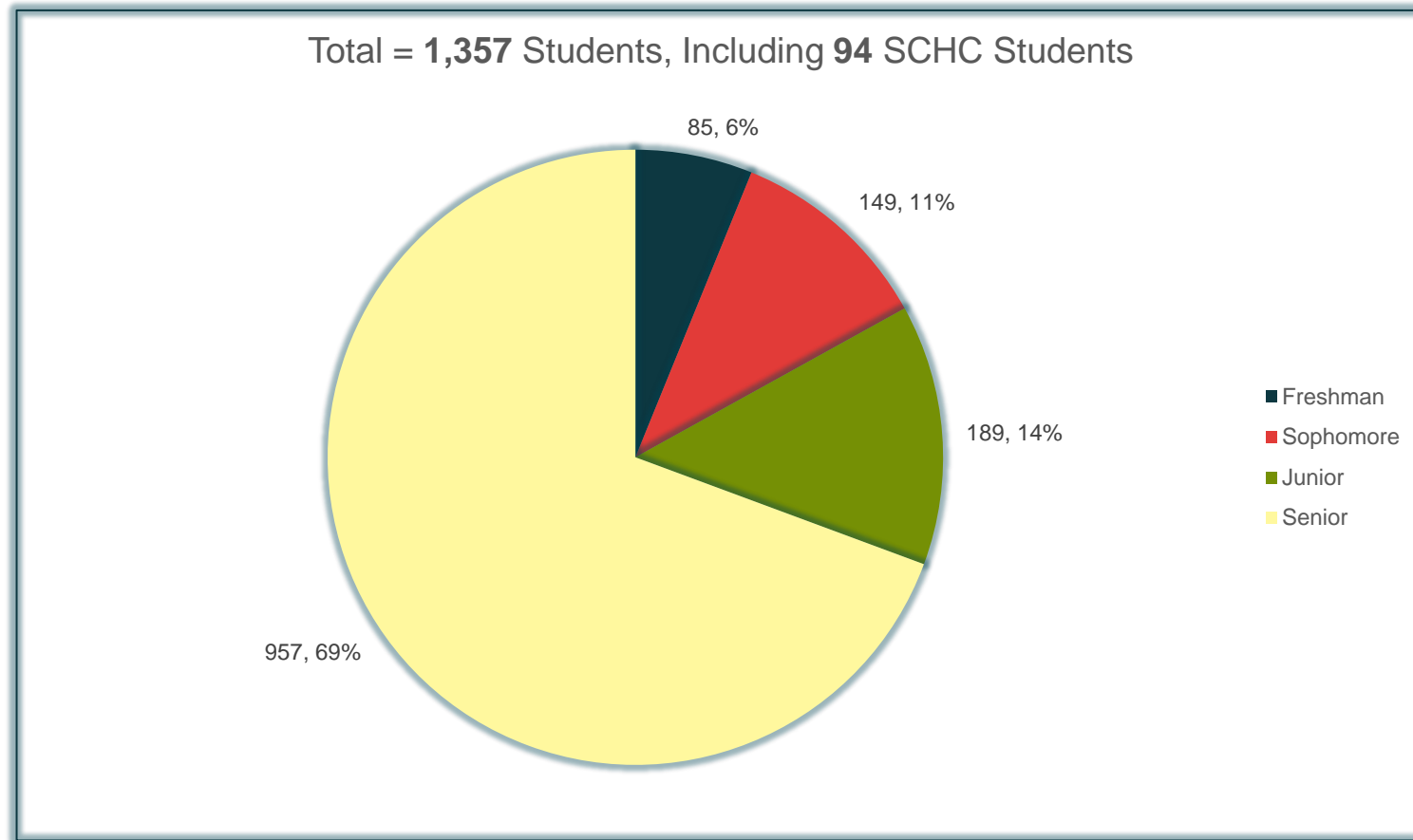
# UNDERGRADUATE CPOS IMPACT FUNNEL

SPRING 2023 (AS OF 3/15/2023)



# STUDENTS IMPACTED BY CPOS, BY CLASS

SPRING 2023 (AS OF 3/15/2021)



# SINGLE SOURCE ON THE WEB FOR FAQs AND INFORMATION

[https://sc.edu/about/offices\\_and\\_divisions/advising/advisor\\_toolbox/advising\\_technology/degreeworks/index.php](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





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



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Welcome, [redacted] to Self Service Carolina

<p>Personal Information</p>	<p>Admissions</p>	<p>Student</p>	<p>Account Information</p>	<p>Financial Aid</p>
<p>Update addresses and contact information; Review name or social security number change information; Customize your directory profile.</p>	<p>Apply for admission to another campus. Return to complete an application. Check your application status</p>	<p>View your account information. Prepare for registration. Add/drop classes. View academic records. Access community education resources.</p>	<p>View your account summaries, statement/payment history, and tax information.</p>	<p>View financial aid status, eligibility, and outstanding requirements. Accept financial aid offers. Access other helpful financial aid websites</p>

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[SITE MAP](#)





Welcome, [REDACTED], to Self Service Carolina

Home > Student

Personal Information | Admissions | **Student** | Account Information | Financial Aid

<p><b>Student Profile (New)</b> View your personal information, current curriculum, holds and advisor (if assigned).</p>	<p><b>Advisement Planning</b> Prepare for advisement and registration: List Scholarship GPA, Degree Plans, Schedule Planner, Book, etc.</p>	<p><b>Registration</b> Browse classes, register for classes, view shopping cart. Select the appropriate term before registering.</p>	<p><b>Grades</b> View grades, course grade forgiveness information, advising transcript.</p>
<p><b>Graduation</b> While submitting your graduation application, please review your name, address, and academic program information.</p>	<p><b>Official Record Request</b> Request an official transcript and enrollment or degree verification.</p>	<p><b>Final Exams</b> View final exam schedules.</p>	<p><b>Community Education</b> AlcoholEdu, Sexual Assault Prevention, Mental Well-Being, Diversity, Inclusion &amp; Belonging</p>

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Find a page...

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Student

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Student Profile (New)

View your personal information, current curriculum, holds and advisor (if assigned).

Advisement Planning

Prepare for advisement and registration: Life Scholarship GPA, DegreeWorks, Schedule Planner, Book Info.

Registration

Browse classes, register for classes, view shopping cart. Select the appropriate term before registering.

Grades

View grades, course grade forgiveness information, advising transcript.

■ DegreeWorks Audit and Planner

■ Advising Transcript (Unofficial)

■ Select or Change Term

■ Enhanced Class Search (Columbia Only)

■ Schedule Advisement Appointment (Columbia Undergraduate Students only)

■ Withdrawal and Refund Deadlines

■ Instructional Method Descriptions

■ Course Program of Study (CPoS) Evaluation

■ Schedule Planner

■ Life Scholarship GPA

■ Find your Course Instructional Method

Graduation

While submitting your graduation application, please review your name, address, and academic program information.

Official Record Request

Request an official transcript and enrollment or degree verification.

Final Exams

View final exam schedules.

Community Education

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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 certificate program. This means that federal student financial aid can only be used to pay for courses included in a student's degree or certificate program. The student's academic college or school at USC determines courses applicable to degree or certificate 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 tuition 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.

# 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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