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ARIES Upgrade

The primary software application that makes up the ARIES Student Information System, Banner, is going through a significant upgrade. The upgrade to Banner 9 has actually been in progress for quite a while now – faculty have been using Banner 9 to enter grades since Summer 2015! Students started using Banner 9 to register for classes this past summer. Faculty and staff have also been using Banner 9 to search the class schedule. Now attention is moving toward the administrative side of the system.

What is changing? There will not be any additional changes for our students in RAMweb. If you only use ARIESweb you will not see any changes. If SFASRPO, SOAHOLD, SPRIDEN, TWARBUS, etc. sound familiar, you are using ARIES. In Banner 9, these and other screens will look significantly different but the functionality is the same.

1. The User Interface (UI) – The most obvious change is that the UI is very different (example of SOAHOLD below). Pages have a cleaner look and have been optimized for use with mobile devices.

   ![Banner 8](image1)
   ![Banner 9](image2)

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Important Dates

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<td>Last Day to Withdraw from Individual Courses; Repeat/Delete Deadline</td>
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2. Single Sign-On – Banner 9 is compatible with Shibboleth, the single sign-on technology used at CSU.
3. Technology – Banner 9 eliminates the need for a Java applet and can be accessed from any modern web browser.
4. Simplified Software Deployments – It will be easier for Information Systems to deploy future system upgrades using a new automated tool available with Banner 9.

We are planning to have most Banner 9 pages available late in the Spring 18 semester; however, our customized pages may not be available for use until this summer. It will be up to each functional area (Office of the Registrar, Accounts Receivable, Office of Financial Aid, etc.) to decide when to begin using Banner 9. Training on the new forms will be offered by each functional area as their cut-over date approaches.

Additional communication will occur in coming months as Banner 9 rolls out.

Late Registration Change Request Redesign

The Late Registration Change Request has been redesigned in a more intuitive manner. Please begin using the new form, which is available via ARIESweb on Aries A-Z by clicking L. The Late Registration Change Request must be received by the Office of the Registrar no later than 2 PM on the Tuesday after finals week. If you have questions, check out the FAQs on Aries A-Z or contact our office.
AUCC Appeals - Core Course Substitution
Before suggesting a core course substitution appeal to your student for a course taken in transfer, please have them call the Office of the Registrar at 970-491-4860, email TransferOffice@colostate.edu, or stop into Centennial Hall to meet with a Degree Analyst; we are always happy to discuss transfer work with your students! When students provide us with a syllabus, it is often possible that a course can be re-evaluated to fulfill AUCC, which eliminates the need to file an appeal. If a Degree Analyst is not able to complete the re-evaluation, we will direct the student to the correct academic department to review the course for a possible re-evaluation. Only if the student cannot get approval through the teaching department should the core course substitution appeal be submitted. An appeal should be the last resource; meeting with a Degree Analyst should be the first!

Freshman Accelerated Fresh Start
On April 5, 2016, Faculty Council approved Freshman Accelerated Fresh Start and made the policy effective Fall 2017. “The Freshman Accelerated Fresh Start opportunity is available for first-time first-year students who finish their first semester at CSU with a GPA below 1.000.
1. Students who meet these eligibility criteria will have the following option:
   → Leave the University for 1 – 3 semesters (the summer session is not included in this count)
   → Reapply/return to CSU and begin earning a new cumulative GPA (first semester grades remain on the student’s transcript but will not be calculated in their cumulative GPA)
   → To return, a student must complete a returning student application accompanied by supplemental documentation that addresses a combination of factors, including evidence of maturity and/or academic success at another institution as well as their strengthened preparation for academic success at CSU.
2. Students are eligible for only one Fresh Start opportunity (regardless of whether it is a Freshman Accelerated Fresh Start or a standard Fresh Start)
3. First-time freshmen students who finish their first semester at CSU with a GPA below 1.000 and choose to continue to take courses at CSU in the next regular (fall, spring) semester will be eligible for only one semester on probation unless their term GPA in that semester is 2.000 or higher.”

View Major Change Forms in Electronic Documents
The Office of the Registrar recently presented the University Committee on Advising with a proposal to eliminate use of the quadruplicate Major Change Form and replace it with a single paper form that will be imaged and viewable, much like transfer transcripts, via electronic documents in the student’s record via ARIESweb. This will not be a permanent solution, however while we are investigating development options for an online major change process this should assist tracking student program changes and ensuring all users are accessing consistent information. We plan on implementing this change around semester start. Please let us know if your department still requires paper forms.

Looking Ahead to Summer 2018
Summer registration begins on March 20th. Students can plan ahead by viewing the Summer class schedule, important dates, tuition charts and much more at https://summer.colostate.edu/.

Featured Employee
Born and raised in Hawaii, Maile grew up in Hilo on the Big Island. After graduating from high school at Kamehameha Schools (IMUA!) she wanted to experience life outside of Hawaii and decided to come to the mainland for college.

Maile chose CSU and graduated with a BS in Natural Resources Recreation and Tourism in 2003. She enjoyed being in Fort Collins so much she never left and landed her first professional job at CSU with LSC Catering, where she had worked as a student. Although she has not worked at CSU consistently through the years, she’s been back on campus for the last 3 years with the Customer Service team of the Registrar’s Office and earned her 10 year CSU Milestone in 2017.

Maile loves customer service and, at the Registrar’s Office, there’s never a dull moment! Outside of work, she loves spending time with her man and her cats, writing, and crafts. She’s also a league bowler and dances hula for the Northern CO Hula Studio.