Early Registration Policy

PRINCIPLE

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DEFINITIONS

Registration in advance of the regular registration period consists of two types of Early registration. Students approved for registration on the first day of registration are granted Priority registration (in compliance with State or Federal Policy or as granted by the University). Students approved for registration at the beginning of their assigned registration period are granted Early registration (for participating in activities in which students represent the university in an official capacity or provide vital services to the university).

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3. Students who are former foster youth and/or wards of the state*
4. Students in EOP in their first year and in their second fall term*
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6. Student athletes
7. Students in the Honors College
8. OFFICE FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES SERVICE PROVIDERS (NOTETAKERS)

*In compliance with State or Federal Policy. Note Title V policy for EOP students only mandates early registration in the first year.

Other student groups or cohorts may only apply for Early registration status. The program advisor or administrator must submit a request to the Student Policy Committee of the Academic Senate. The Committee reviews requests from groups seeking Early registration and sets review eligibility timelines for these additional groups. The committee makes recommendations to the Vice President for Student Life and the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs (“Provost”) who acts in coordination with the Registrar. Upon approval of Early registration:
1. Notification is sent from the Vice President for Student Life and the Provost to the Registrar.
2. The list of students eligible for Priority or Early registration is documented by the appropriate department or program administrator, and the list is submitted to the Registrar a minimum of one month prior to the start of the next term’s registration period.
3. Students on this documented list are allowed to register during the designated period prior to the start of the regular registration period.
4. Priority or Early registration begins with the students’ second term of full-time study.
5. The Registrar shall provide an annual report to the Student Policy Committee on the number of student groups and students who are eligible for and who have utilized Priority or Early registration. This data will be used to help determine continued authorization of a group’s eligibility for Early registration.
6. The committee will consult with a group’s advisor or administrator before discontinuing its Early registration authorization.
7. Additional requests for Early registration are to be reviewed annually by the Student Policy Committee.
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