FAQs for Super Seniors

What is a Super Senior?

These are seniors who have completed at least 36 units beyond what is required for the degree in their major (at least one of their majors if they have two majors). For a student enrolled in a program that requires 180 units, the student becomes a Super Senior when 216 total units are earned. Note: units transferred from another institution in excess of 105 units are excluded from these unit limits.

What is the Super Senior Plan?

Super Seniors will have a permanent registration hold until they graduate and will be required to meet with an advisor each quarter to register for their remaining courses. They will be allowed to enroll in non-required courses only on a space-available basis after the first class meeting with a permit.

Why is the University implementing this plan?

The CSU system and Cal State L.A. are experiencing some difficult budget times. The University is committed to the graduation of our students in a timely manner so that the limited resources we have may be made available to more students.

Are Super Seniors being administratively graduated?

Super Seniors must complete all requirements for their degree. A student will be administratively graduated only if they have met the requirements for a degree.

What about double majors? What about students with minors?

All students are expected to graduate within the required number of units, regardless of the number of majors or minors. It is possible that a student will complete one major and be required to graduate before they are able to complete the second major or complete a minor.

Do Super Seniors have to complete their degree by a particular deadline?

There is no fixed deadline. However, it is expected that most students will complete their remaining requirements within one year or less.

Is there a penalty for not complying with the Super Senior guidelines?

Yes. A student who does not complete the remaining requirements as directed by an advisor will be put on administrative-academic probation and will be required to meet with their college associate dean. Students who continue not to complete requirements as directed by an advisor will be required to meet with the Dean of Undergraduate Studies and may then be disqualified from the university.

Who is the designated advisor?

In addition to the faculty department advisors and existing college staff advisors, the University has hired temporary staff advisors to assist Super Seniors in identifying and completing their remaining requirements. The contact information for the advisors in each department and college is posted on their websites, which are available from the UAAC website at http://www.calstatela.edu/univ/advise/

How does a super senior enroll in their remaining courses?
Super seniors will have a permanent registration hold placed on their record. To enroll in their remaining courses, they must meet with a designated advisor to identify those courses to be taken in the upcoming and then subsequent quarters. The advisor will submit the identified courses for the upcoming quarter to the Registrar’s Office.

**Can a super senior enroll in additional courses beyond those required for graduation?**

Super Seniors requesting additional course(s) will be required to obtain a permit to add the additional course(s) after the first class meeting on a space available basis. They will then need to submit a request to the staff advisor to enroll them in the classes for which they are permitted.