

# The five-Step face-to-face Registration Process



Registration is the process of officially enrolling in the College, selecting a program of study, and paying all tuition and fees.

Dates for registration of new, continuing, and returning students are posted before each term. Students entering COM-FSM for the first time as freshmen or transfer students will be given orientation.

**Student success is** 

our success

# Academic Freedom for Students

The College of Micronesia-FSM recognizes the principle of academic freedom for each student. The principle asserts that each student is entitled to examine and test all knowledge appropriate to their discipline or area of major study as judged by the academic/educational community in general. The student performance is evaluated solely on

# **Mission Statement**

The College of Micronesia-FSM is a learner-centered institution of higher education that is committed to the success of the Federated States of Micronesia by providing academic and career & technical educational programs characterized by continuous improvement and best practices.

# **Statement of Equal Opportunity**

The College of Micronesia-FSM complies with Title IV of the US Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The college does not discriminate in matters of employment or admission to education programs and activities because of race, color, place of origin or ancestry, marital status, sex, religious or political

## Academic Honesty

To ensure the integrity of the educational process and the institution, the college encourages academic honesty, and therefore does not condone cheating, plagiarism, or any related form of academic dishonesty which prevents an instructor from being able to assess accurately the performance of a student in any facet of learning. Students found guilty of academic dishonesty, cheating, plagiarism, and facilitating academic dishonesty will be liable to dismissal or suspension from the

## **Class Attendance**

Regular and prompt class attendance is expected of all students. It shall be the student's responsibility to inform the instructor(s) of anticipated or unavoidable absences and to make up work missed as a result of absences. Mandatory attendance is at the discretion of the instructor provided the conditions for the attendance are included in the course syllabus and communicated to the students on the first day of class.

### **Credit Load**

Students are limited to a maximum load of 18 credits per regular semester, and six credits per summer session. Additional courses can only be taken with permission by the Vice President for Instructional Affairs.

### Students improve through tutoring!

We can help. See or call any one of our counselors for fre tutoring, 320-2480 ext. 191 (National Campus), 320-106 (Pohnpei Campus), 330-2689 (Chuuk Campus), 350-229 (Yap Campus), and 370-3191 (Kosrae Campus) preference, age or physical handicap per Public Law No. 779.

The president's executive assistant acts as the authorized agent in matter concerning section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. This notice is in compliance with Paragraph 84.8 of section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

# Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) was enacted in 1974 by the US Congress to ensure student's right to inspect their own records and have some control over the disclosure of their personal records.

FERPA states that personally identifiable information under the control of an educational institution can only be provided to that student or, in certain cases, the parents or legal guardians without prior notice. Once the student reaches the age of 18 or enters a postsecondary institution, a school is prohibited from disclosing to the parents without the student's consent. However, if the parent can demonstrate that the student is a financial dependent (via Internal Revenue Service), the institution may opt to disclose the information.

### Fall 2018 Semester Important Academic Dates

- □ Mandatory Freshman Orientation August 9-10, 2018
- □ Registration for New Students August 10, 2018
- Regular Registration August 15-17, 2018
- First Day of Instruction August 20, 2018
- Add/Drop Period August 20-22, 2018
- Last Day to Withdraw with "W" October 26, 2018
- □ Last Day of Instruction December10, 2018
- December 11-13, 2018

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Figure 1.0. The course selection form issued to students at step 1 of the registration process. This form may also be downloaded from <u>http://www.comfsm.fm/oar/forms/course\_selection.pdf</u>.

# **Part-Time vs. Full-Time Students**

Full-time students are those who register for 12 or more credits in a regular semester or six credits in a summer session. On the other hand,

part-time students are those who register less than 12 credits in a regular semester or less than six credits in a summer session.

### To Focus on student success

The College of Micronesia-FSM will pursue excellence in student success and will develop a balance between "access and success" with appropriate career pathways for learners

# **Adding and Dropping Courses**

Courses may be added or dropped by students through the first three days of instruction during the semester and the first day of instruction during summer by completing the add/drop form that is available from the Office of Admissions, Records and Retention (OARR). Printable add/drop form may also be downloaded from<a href="http://www.comfsm.fm/Policy/Board-Policy/Chapter-4/COM-FSM BP4320.pdf">http://www.comfsm.fm/Policy/Board-Policy/Chapter-4/COM-FSM BP4320.pdf</a>. Student who fails to officially add a course will not receive credit for the course. Students who fail to officially drop a course will be charged the full amount of the course.



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#### Adding and Dropping Courses ... continued from page 1



#### **Steps for Adding and Dropping Courses**

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requirements

3. Submit to OARR the completed and

advisor approved add/drop form.

**Course Substitution** 

A student wishing permission to deviate in

any way from his or her program

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recommendation for a course substitution from his or her academic advisor, and (b)

Instructional Affairs. The approval of the

course substitution has to be secured

prior to registering from a course which

he or she intends to use as substitute to a

**Procedure for Requesting Course** 

Substitution
1. Get Course Substitution Form (see

2. Complete the Course Substitution

3. Obtain the approval from the Dean of

President for Instructional Affairs.

5. Submit the Course Substitution Form

**Change of Major** 

Student who begin with one major then wish to change major must wait until the

required sequence of courses in the new

major is offered. They have to wait as

long as a year. Students are strongly advised to seek career counseling before

declaring a major to avoid disrupting

their program of study and lengthening

their total time in college.

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Obtain approval from the Vice

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Figure 4.0) from OARR.

Academic Programs.

to OARR.

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approval from the Dean of Academic Programs and the Vice President for

new student schedule.

Request a copy from OARR of your

- 1. Get add/drop form from the Office of Admissions, Records and Retention (OARR).
- Complete the add/drop form and get your academic advisor's approval.



Figure 4.0. The course substitution form. The form may also be downloaded from http://www.comfsm.fm/?q=OAR-forms.

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 Figure 5.0. The change of major form. This form may also be downloaded from http://www.comfsm.fm/dev/oar/oar\_forms/chang

### **Procedure for Change of Major**

(1) Get change of major form from OARR; (2) Complete the change of major/IDP form, and obtain your academic advisor's recommendation; and (3) Submit to OARR the completed and academic advisor recommended change of major/IDP form.

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### Withdrawing from a Course-Student Initiated

During the academic year, student can withdraw from individual courses after the add/drop period. A grade of W will be assigned for course withdrawn before the last day to withdraw with W (see Academic Calendar). While the W grade is non-punitive and has no effect on the GPA, students may be responsible for a portion of the tuition and fees associated with the course withdrawal. However, a grade of F will be assigned for course withdrawn after the last day to withdraw with a W.

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Figure 3.0. The Withdrawal Card. This form may also be downloaded from http://www.comfsm.fm/oar/forms/withdrawal card.pdf.

#### Steps for Withdrawing from a course-student initiated

- 1. Get Withdrawal Card from the Office of Admissions, Records and Retention (OARR).
- your academic advisor and course instructor.
- 3. Submit to OARR the completed Withdrawal Card.
- 2. Complete the Withdrawal Card, and get approval of

# **Incomplete Grades**

It is the student's responsibility to clear the incomplete grade by midterm of the following semester. Student who has an incomplete grade from spring semester have until midterm of fall semester to remove it. If a student fails to make up an incomplete grade by the midterm of the following semester, the "I" will be changed to an appropriate grade on the transcript.

### **Good Academic Standing**

Good academic standing is defined as having a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or above. Cumulative GPA is the average for all semesters attended at COM-FSM. In order to graduate from COM-FSM, student must be in good academic standing. Students cannot graduate while on academic probation.

### **Academic Honors**

Each semester all full-time students in a degree or certificate of achievement program who earn a semester grade point average of 3.5 to 4.0 without any incomplete grades are recognized on the honor roll.

Students on the Honor Roll who took only college-level courses (or courses numbered 100 and above) and who achieve a semester grade point average of 3.50 to 3.99 are recognized on the **Dean's List**.

Students on the Honor Roll who took only college-level courses (or courses numbered 100 and above) and who achieve a semester grade point average of 4.00 are recognized on the **President's List**.

### **Our Vision**

College of Micronesia-FSM will provide educational opportunities of the highest quality and will embrace the lifelong pursuit of knowledge and the enrichment of the diverse Micronesian communities we serve.

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## **Academic Probation and Suspension**

Student whose cumulative GPA falls below 2.0 are placed on **academic probation** until their GPA is raised to 2.0 or better, or they are suspended.

Students who remain on academic probation for two enrolled semesters (not including summer session) are placed on **academic suspension**. After one semester, a suspended student may apply for readmission. Readmission is not automatic, and will be granted by the president upon recommendation of the Committee on Recruitment, Admission, and Retention (RAR).

# **Request to Register After Classes Begin**

Students are encouraged to register for classes subject to the dates and deadlines established in the academic calendar. However, students may register for open classes during the late registration period (or after classes begin) by completing the request to register after classes begin form (see Figure 8.0) and having it approved by the (a) vice president for instructional affairs, and the (b) vice president for enrollment management and student services.

Students may be allowed to

audit certain classes with the

permission of the instructor

after all students registering for

credit have been enrolled.

Auditing students receive no

credit or grade for the course

audited. Academic records are

not maintained. The extent of

classroom participation is at the

option of the instructor.

Auditing students must register



Figure 9.0. Request to Register After Classes Begin Form. This form may also be downloaded from\_http://www.comfsm.fm/oar/forms/late\_r egistration.pdf

# **Auditing Classes**

and pay a nonrefundable fee of \$20 per credit.

Audited courses cannot be changed to credit status.

#### **Procedure**

- 1. Obtain the instructor's approval to audit a course.
- 2. Register the course (see Five-Step Registration Process).

### **Transfer Students and Transfer Credits**

Students who have earned satisfactory grades from another US regionally accredited college or university may apply for admission, and be given advanced standing at COM-FSM. Credit for previous satisfactory college work can only be given upon receipt of previous college records.

Students may also transfer credits earned at the college with grades of "C" or better.

To see what courses can be transferred to articulated institutions, see the college's articulations with U.S. regionally accredited institutions.

### **Contact Us**

The College Registrar Office of Admissions, Records and Retention College of Micronesia-FSM National Campus P.O. Box 159, Kolonia, Pohnpei FM 96941 | (691) 320-2480 ext. 150 <u>daoas@comfsm.fm</u> or <u>registrar@comfsm.fm</u>

## Readmission Policy and Procedure

Students who are absent from school for at least an academic year (two semesters and a summer session) must apply for readmission. Application for readmission must be submitted at least one week before the first day of instruction of the semester in which the student plans to return.

#### Procedure

- 1. Obtain an Application for Readmission Form from OARR (see Figure 6).
- 2. Complete the Application for Readmission.
- Verify with Business Office whether or not you have an outstanding balance (see Business Office Use Only section of the form).
- Submit the Application for Readmission to the Office of Admissions, Records and Retention at least one week before the first day of instruction in which you plan to return.
- Wait for the official notice from either OARR or the Committee on Recruitment, Admission, and Retention (RAR).

## Withdrawing from all Courses

Students who are planning to withdraw from all courses must see their academic advisors before withdrawing. The academic advisors will assist the students in completing the (a) withdrawal from COM-FSM clearance form, and (b) a drop form if the withdrawal is on or before the last day to drop courses, or a withdrawal card per course for post-drop period withdrawal. The completed forms are then submitted to the Office of Admissions, Records and Retention.

## Transcript Request Policy and Procedure

The Office of Admissions, Records and Retention (OARR) maintains a transcript, or permanent record on all COM-FSM students. Recorded on the transcript are all courses taken, the credits earned and the grade awarded for each course. Transcripts are issued upon written request only.

Each student is entitled to one transcript free of charge. A fee of \$4.00, paid in advance, is charged for each additional transcript request. A transcript will not be issued until all financial and other obligations to the college have been met.

**Procedure:** (1) Obtain a Transcript Request Form from the Office of Admissions, Records and Retention; (2) Complete the Transcript Request Form. Pay the \$4 transcript processing fee at the Business Office (or if first request, bring the form to the Business Office for verification); and (3) Submit the Transcript Request Form (if applicable, inclusive of receipt as proof of paying the transcript fee) to the Office of Admissions, Records and Retention (OARR).

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Figure 7.0. Withdrawal from COM-FSM Clearance. This form may also be downloaded from http://www.comfsm.fm/oar/forms/withdrawal\_cleara nce.pdf

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Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time. ~Thomas A. Edison 1847-1931

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