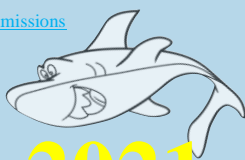




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# Student's GUIDE 2021



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## The Five-Step Face-to-face Registration Process

- 1 Admissions and Records**  
Creation of identity, activation of term records, and issuance of course selection form.
- 2 Financial Aid**  
Verification of financial aid status, and certification of course selection form.
- 3 Business Office**  
Payment of the registration fee, and issuance of receipt as proof of payment.
- 4 Academic Advisor**  
Course selection, and approval of selected courses.
- 5 Admissions and Records**  
Issuance of student schedule as proof of completing the registration.

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.

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COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA - FSM Office of Admissions, Records and Retention COURSE SELECTION FORM		Registration Status <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuing <input type="checkbox"/> Returning	
Name (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial)		For Academic Term <input type="checkbox"/> Spring <input type="checkbox"/> Summer <input type="checkbox"/> Fall	
Student ID		Year	
Campus		State of Origin	
Program		Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Major		Academic Advisor	
In Residence Hall <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Meal Plan <input type="checkbox"/> On Campus <input type="checkbox"/> Off Campus <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
Rate <input type="checkbox"/> Student <input type="checkbox"/> Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Dependent		Academic Advisor	
Subject	Course	Section	Title
Credits	Time	Day	Room
Instructor			
Student's Signature		Total Number of Credits	Academic Advisor's Signature
			Date

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

## Online Registration

Online registration can be accessed through myShark provided that the student is clear from the Business Office, Counseling Office and the Office of Admissions, Records & Retention (OARR).

- Step 1. Get approval to register online and recommended courses to register from your academic advisor.
- Step 2. Login to your myShark account and select your courses to register.
- Step 3. Pay the registration fee at the Business Office on or before the due date.

See tutorial slide on how to register online on this link  
<http://www.comfsm.fm/oar/tutorial-slides/How-to-register-online.pdf>

## 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.

## 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 [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). 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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## 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 an academic basis.

## 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 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.

## 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 free tutoring. 320-2480 ext. 196 (National Campus), 320-1065 (Pohnpei Campus), 330-2689 (Chuuk Campus), 350-2296 (Yap Campus), and 370-3191 (Kosrae Campus)

## Fall 2021 Semester

### Important Academic Dates

- ☐ **Early Registration**  
June 28, 2021 – July 2, 2021
- ☐ **Regular Registration**  
August 11-11, 2021
- ☐ **First Day of Instruction**  
August 16, 2021
- ☐ **Add/Drop Period**  
August 16-18, 2021
- ☐ **Mid-term Evaluations**  
October 4-5, 2021
- ☐ **Last Day to Withdraw with "W"**  
October 22, 2021
- ☐ **Spring 2021 Early Registration**  
November 1-5, 2021
- ☐ **Last day of Instruction**  
December 8, 2021
- ☐ **Final Exams**  
December 09-13, 2021

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

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UPON CONSULTATION WITH THE ADVISOR, THE STUDENT HAS REQUESTED TO ADD/DROP THE FOLLOWING COURSE(S). THE CHANGE(S) SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE WHEN ALL REQUIRED SIGNATURES ARE OBTAINED.

1 Name (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial) 2 Campus or Site 3 Date

4 Student (Signature over printed name) 5 Advisor (Signature over printed name)

For Office of Admissions and Records:  
RECORDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ JOB TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE RECORDED: \_\_\_\_\_

Figure 2.0. The add/drop form. This form may also be downloaded from [http://www.comfsm.fm/oar/forms/add\\_drop.pdf](http://www.comfsm.fm/oar/forms/add_drop.pdf).

## Steps for Adding and Dropping Courses

1. Get add/drop form from the Office of Admissions, Records and Retention (OARR).
2. Complete the add/drop form and get your academic advisor's approval.
3. Submit to OARR the completed and advisor approved add/drop form.
4. Request a copy from OARR of your new student schedule.

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**COURSE SUBSTITUTION**

1 Name (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial) 2 Campus or Site 3 Date

4 Student (Signature over printed name) 5 Advisor (Signature over printed name)

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RECORDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ JOB TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE RECORDED: \_\_\_\_\_

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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**CHANGE OF MAJOR/IDP**

1 Name (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial) 2 Campus or Site 3 Date

4 Change Major/IDP from 5 Change Major/IDP to

6 Student (Signature over printed name) 7 Advisor (Signature over printed name)

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RECORDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ JOB TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE RECORDED: \_\_\_\_\_

Figure 5.0. The change of major form. This form may also be downloaded from [http://www.comfsm.fm/dev/oar/oar\\_forms/change\\_of\\_major.pdf](http://www.comfsm.fm/dev/oar/oar_forms/change_of_major.pdf)

## 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.

## 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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**WITHDRAWAL CARD**

1 Name (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial) 2 Campus or Site 3 Date

4 Student has returned all books and materials 5 Student (Signature over printed name)

6 Advisor (Signature over printed name) 7 Instructor (Signature over printed name)

FOR OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS AND RECORDS:  
RECORDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ JOB TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE RECORDED: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTES:  
1. Student may withdraw from a course up to two weeks after mid-term.  
2. Fill out the Withdrawal Card and take it to your Academic Advisor and Instructor for approval.  
3. Return all borrowed books and materials to your instructor.  
4. Return the Withdrawal Card to the Office of Admissions and Records.

Figure 3.0. The Withdrawal Card. This form may also be downloaded from <http://www.comfsm.fm/oar/forms/Withdrawal-Card-Student-Aug-02-18.pdf>

## Steps for Withdrawing from a course-student initiated

1. Get Withdrawal Card from the Office of Admissions, Records and Retention (OARR).
  2. Complete the Withdrawal Card, and get approval of your academic advisor and course instructor.
  3. Submit to OARR the completed Withdrawal Card.
- Withdrawing online can be also be availed through your myShrak account. Go to myShrak for details.*

## 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**.

Student who needed less than twelve credits to graduate and registered for those credits may be recognized on the Honor Roll the semester they graduate if (1) the GPA is 3.5 to 4.0 without any incomplete grade and (2) the student was on the honor roll for the two consecutive semesters prior to graduation as a full-time student.

Students achieving a baccalaureate degree are recognized as follows:

<i>Cum laude</i>	Cumulative GPA of 3.50-3.69
<i>Magna cum laude</i>	Cumulative GPA of 3.70-3.89
<i>Summa cum laude</i>	Cumulative GPA of 3.90-4.00

## 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.

Figure 9.0. Request to Register After Classes Begin Form. This form may also be downloaded from [http://www.comfsm.fm/oar/forms/late\\_registration.pdf](http://www.comfsm.fm/oar/forms/late_registration.pdf)

## Auditing Classes

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

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

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Office of Admissions, Records and Retention  
College of Micronesia-FSM  
National Campus  
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[daos@comfsm.fm](mailto:daos@comfsm.fm) or [registrar@comfsm.fm](mailto:registrar@comfsm.fm)

## 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.
3. Verify with Business Office whether or not you have an outstanding balance (see Business Office Use Only section of the form).
4. 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.
5. 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).

Figure 6.0. Application for Readmission. This form may also be downloaded from <http://www.comfsm.fm/oar/forms/Application-for-Readmission.pdf>

Figure 7.0. Withdrawal from COM-FSM Clearance. This form may also be downloaded from [http://www.comfsm.fm/oar/forms/withdrawal\\_clearance.pdf](http://www.comfsm.fm/oar/forms/withdrawal_clearance.pdf)

Figure 8.0. Transcript Request Form. This form may be downloaded from [http://www.comfsm.fm/dev/oar/oar\\_forms/transcript\\_request%20form.pdf](http://www.comfsm.fm/dev/oar/oar_forms/transcript_request%20form.pdf)

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