C IOS AAS Degree Program Suspension

Frequently Asked Questions

The University of Alaska Anchorage/Mat-Su College has suspended admissions to the CIOS AAS degree. This document explains what this decision means for CIOS students.

Q: Is the CIOS degree being deleted?

A: Yes. It is being deleted as a degree option at Mat-Su College. New admissions to the major are suspended. Current majors will continue taking courses to complete their degree.

Q: What do current majors need to do?

A: CIOS AAS majors must meet with an academic advisor to establish a graduation plan and then follow up regularly, as recommended below, to ensure that they complete the degree within the five-year limit on admission to the program.

No new admissions to the major will be accepted. Students whose five-year admission to the degree program has expired will not have the option of readmission to the CIOS AAS major.

There will be regular outreach to current majors to inform them of course schedules and help them track their progress toward the degree. Majors have a responsibility to read and respond to communication from Mat-Su College and to register for required courses in the major.

Q: Should students consider changing their catalog year to accommodate changes in the program?

A: Students have the right to graduate under the catalog year of their choice (within University policy). Students are encouraged to consult with an advisor to determine which catalog year is best for them.

Q: Is Mat-Su College offering courses to accommodate students with different catalog years?

A: Course offerings always reflect curriculum as published in the current catalog. However, part of the planning process when curriculum is updated involves identification of equivalent curriculum and appropriate substitutions. If a course from an older catalog is no longer offered, appropriate substitutions are approved via the academic petition process so that students can complete the degree requirements for their catalog year.

Q: Will students be notified of future changes to the course plan?

A: Yes. CIOS AAS majors will be notified via e-mail when key courses will be offered. All students are encouraged to meet regularly with their advisor. Majors are responsible for completing required courses for which they are qualified when those courses are offered.

Q: How often should CIOS AAS majors see their advisor?
A: It is suggested that students meet with their advisor at the beginning of the semester and before registering for the next semester to stay on track.

Q: Is DegreeWorks an accurate source for program planning?

A: The information DegreeWorks provides is accurate, but DegreeWorks does not provide all information that is relevant to program planning (for example, see the next question). Moreover, when there are options with respect to how a particular course is applied to degree requirements, DegreeWorks may not apply the credit in the way each student prefers. Therefore, it is important to confer with an advisor.

Q: Does DegreeWorks display petition options for courses?

A: No. DegreeWorks records successful petitions after they have been approved. It does not list possible petitions. Students should consult an academic advisor.

Q: How often will particular courses that majors need be offered?

A: The demand for particular courses will be evaluated on an ongoing basis, to determine the number of majors who need the course and have completed the prerequisites. Courses will become available as a cohort of majors is approaching the requirement.

Q: Who are the college advisors for students earning the AAS degree in the CIOS?

Students enrolled in the CIOS AAS degree are encouraged to request an appointment with an academic advisor. Appointments can be made by calling 907-745-9762.