

Committee on Undergraduate Studies and Advising-CUSA 2011-12 Academic Year Charges

On-going charges as directed by CLAS Bylaws:

1. Review and recommend to the CAC and/or the Assembly for action all proposals with reference primarily to undergraduate course and curricular change and educational policy and procedures.
2. Review and accept for file statements of major requirements and departmental honors requirements.
3. Periodically review undergraduate degree requirements and the manner in which they may be satisfied, and, where appropriate, suggest to departments and programs that courses be modified so as to accomplish more effectively the goals for which the requirements were established.
4. Review and make recommendations on undergraduate petitions requesting special relief from College or University rules when referred to them by College Student Academic Services, the Dean and/or his or her designee, or by special request of the student.
5. Undertake inquiries into matters of undergraduate educational policy and procedures, and related matters of advising, and make recommendations to the Dean, as well as CAC and/or the Assembly.

Dean's charges:

1. Evaluation of current and potential CLAS policies and procedures to support University Strategic Planning efforts to improve undergraduate retention and graduation.
 - a. Consider recommendations for limits to student course withdrawals.
 - b. Consider changes to student's eligibility for degree-seeking status if undeclared after completing 90 hours.
2. Improve undergraduate student communications regarding degree requirements, academic progress, and semester planning.
 - a. Consider actions that support implementation of the Degree Progress Report (DPR) that will replace ARTS.
 - b. Determine if mathematics and 2nd language are essential components for BGS and/or BA degrees.
 - c. Evaluate current CLAS definition of Capstone courses.

Current definition: A course requiring students to synthesize the knowledge, principles, and theories presented across the curriculum of a particular discipline; and/or to complete an advanced project through the application of knowledge, skills, and responsibilities to a new setting and/or a complex problem.
3. Ensure compliance with the Kansas Board of Regents Articulation Policy through actions as the appeal body for CLAS students.