STUDENT PROGRAM PLAN ACADEMIC STRUCTURE, TERMS, AND RULES

It is important for advisors to understand academic structure and the related terminology before making updates to a student’s academic program. Academic Structure is a term used by the Office of the University Registrar for all the things that need to be in place to create the rest of the Student Information System. This includes degree programs (majors, and degrees) and other offerings such as minors, concentrations, and certificates. This information is organized into what Campus Solutions calls Careers, Programs, Plans, and Sub-Plans. Advisors will need to identify which career, program, and plan a student is in before making any updates.

TERMS

1. **Career**: is the student’s classification such as Graduate or Undergraduate
2. **Program**: is the student’s classification plus college such as a Graduate student in the College of Agricultural & Life Sciences
3. **Plan**: is the major plus degree such as a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology or a minor or certificate level
4. **Sub-Plan**: is a concentration/emphasis/specialization or a certificate
5. **Student Program/Plan**: a student’s career, program, plan, and sub-plan
6. **Student Groups**: identified groups to be tracked

For example, UF Online, Innovation Academy, and self-funded programs can be identified by Student Groups.

7. **Stack**: unique collection of a student’s career, program, plan and sub-plan

ACADEMIC STRUCTURE

Below is a chart to represent the components of a Student’s Program/Plan.

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<th>Definition</th>
<th>Code Examples</th>
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<td>CAREER</td>
<td>Undergraduate&lt;br&gt;Graduate&lt;br&gt;Law&lt;br&gt;Medicine</td>
<td>UGRID = Undergraduate&lt;br&gt;GRAD = Graduate&lt;br&gt;LW = Law&lt;br&gt;MED = Medicine</td>
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<td>PROGRAM</td>
<td>Career + College</td>
<td>GRLAS = Graduate / Agricultural &amp; Life Sciences&lt;br&gt;UGLAS = Undergraduate / Liberal Arts &amp; Sciences&lt;br&gt;UNENG = Undergraduate Non-Degree / Engineering&lt;br&gt;VMVEM = Veterinary Medicine / Veterinary Medicine</td>
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<td>PLAN</td>
<td>Major + Degree&lt;br&gt;Minor (subject) + Level&lt;br&gt;College of Certificate + Level</td>
<td>APY_BA=Anthropology_Bachelor of Arts&lt;br&gt;LINE_UMN=Linguistics_Undergraduate Minor&lt;br&gt;EN_GUCT=Engineering_Undergraduate Certificate</td>
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<td>SUB-PLAN</td>
<td>Concentration/Emphasis/Specialization or Certificate</td>
<td>BLY_BS01 = Biology_Bachelor of Science / Sub-Plan #&lt;br&gt;ENG_UCT01 = Engineering_Undergraduate Certificate / Sub-Plan #</td>
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Below is a chart to represent how a student’s Career, Program, Plan, and Sub-plan (left) is linked to the rest of a student’s information including terms, classes, and eventually grades and graduation information.

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<td>Career</td>
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<td>Sub-plan</td>
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Below are some sample codes for Careers, Programs, Plans, and Sub-Plans.

**Career**
- UGRD=Undergraduate
- GRAD=Graduate
- MED=Medicine
- LAW=Law

**Program**
- College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
  - UGLAS
    - Undergraduate Career
- College of Agricultural & Life Sciences
  - GRAGL
    - Graduate Career

**Plan**
- Degree: Bachelor of Arts
  - APY_BA
    - Major: Anthropology
    - Undergraduate Minor
    - LIN_UMN
      - Minor: Linguistics

**Sub-Plan**
- Sub-Plan #
  - IDS_BS01
    - Plan Code
  - ENG_UCT01
    - Plan Code

Below is how a student’s program/plan will appear in the Student Services Center.

**RULES-UNDERGRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL CAREERS**
1. There is 1 stack per program (college). 1 program stack can have multiple major plans attached.
2. If there are 2 major plans in 2 different colleges, there will be 2 stacks (1 for each college).
3. If the student is changing colleges, it is a program change. The user must enter the previously recorded admit term and requirement term.
4. Degree attributes are not used for UGRAD and PROF career stacks.
5. Undergraduate advisors can change the major of a student with 1 major plan, to another major plan, and can update the requirement term. Other updates should be made by the Registrar’s Office.
RULES-GRADUATE CAREERS

1. There is 1 Stack per major plan, no matter what.
2. Add a Stack when the student has one active Stack (is enrolled) and wants to earn an additional degree (example: A Master student also wants to earn a PhD degree).
3. When creating new Stacks, the admit term will remain the same. The student’s admit term will always be the first term the student started in any graduate career program. The exception is when the student is re-admitted into a program.
4. New Stacks will be created automatically for students who are re-admitted. The Admit and Requirement Terms will both be the term the student was re-admitted.
5. If a student has one active Stack (is enrolled) and wants to change to a new plan (major and degree) in the Same College, departmental staff can do a PLAN CHANGE in the student’s existing Stack.
6. Minors are attached to the major and degree plan, so they do not “float” or “move” from Stack to Stack within the career.
7. The other allowable PLAN CHANGE is a minor plan change.
8. If a student has one active Stack and wants to change to a new plan (major and degree) in a Different College, a PROGRAM CHANGE must be done in the existing Stack. NOTE: Only Graduate School Staff can make the change for you. Please send your request to graddata@ufl.edu.
9. Degree attributes reflect degree options for different students such as thesis/non-thesis or joint graduate-professional degrees. A custom batch job will default degree attributes to any new graduate career plan, and graduate department coordinators can make limited manual adjustments.
10. Graduate department coordinators can add new Stacks (for additional degrees), change majors in an existing Stack within their College, add and remove minors, and update degree attributes.
11. Status for a student Stack will automatically change to Discontinued (DISC) in the Student Information System (SIS) when a student is not enrolled for 2 consecutive terms.
12. If a student wants to drop from one degree program or leave the University (drop from all degree programs) you can do a DATA CHANGE to the student’s stack(s).

RULES-CERTIFICATE STACKS (ALL LEVELS)

1. Certificates are always free-standing stacks. They are all in the UGRAD career, with a UNXXX program.
2. These stacks are built when a student is admitted to a certificate program.
3. The only changes to certificate stacks will be to DISC (discontinue), and/or COMP (complete) these stacks as students are certified and awarded the certificate.

PROGRAM ACTION CODES

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<td>ACTV (Active)</td>
<td>AMAJ (Add Major)</td>
<td>The Graduate student is adding a major or degree.</td>
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<td>PRGC (Program Change)</td>
<td>CMAJ (Change Major)</td>
<td>The Undergraduate student is changing major AND College.</td>
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# Student Information System

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<td>Plan Change</td>
<td>PLNC</td>
<td>The Undergraduate student is adding a minor in the same College.</td>
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<td>Add Minor</td>
<td>AMIN</td>
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<td>Change Major</td>
<td>CMAJ</td>
<td>The student is changing a major in the same College.</td>
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<td>Change Subplan</td>
<td>CSUB</td>
<td>The student is changing a sub-plan only (concentration, emphasis, specialization).</td>
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<td>Remove Minor</td>
<td>RMIN</td>
<td>The Undergraduate student wants to remove a minor.</td>
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<td>Requirement Term Change</td>
<td>RQTC</td>
<td>An academic advisor needs to make an exception and set the requirement term (catalog year) as before the student’s admit term.</td>
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<td>Data Change</td>
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<td>The Graduate Student wants to drop a degree program.</td>
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<td>Choose from a list of codes</td>
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## For Additional Assistance

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