



# Colleague® Student Planning

*Boost graduation rates*



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According to recent studies, students at four-year colleges are taking longer—six years—to graduate if they graduate at all. The trend in lagging graduation rates is attributed to students' lack of understanding about degree requirements, family and work responsibilities that compete for limited resources, and inadequate support to help students develop and adhere to a degree plan.

Giving students tools to develop and track their course of study increases the likelihood that they will graduate. And this same planning makes it possible for institutions like yours to offer the courses students need. Colleague® Student Planning is designed to accelerate time-to-degree by offering effective communications, appropriate engagement and intervention, and strategic planning solutions that can help you make measurable progress toward better student outcomes.

## Empower students to create short and long-term academic plans

Colleague Student Planning is a web-based solution that helps students clarify, plan, and track their course of study in order to progress more confidently to a degree. The solution also helps improve the quality of interaction between students and advisors, and enables institutions to map future course offerings more effectively.

## With Colleague Student Planning, you can:

- Provide insightful advising that helps students make better decisions and graduate faster
- Free advising staff from administrative duties so they can spend more time with at-risk students
- Deliver clear “on-track” and “on-time” indicators to help students stay on their academic path
- Offer an easy-to-use online solution with mobile capabilities for a convenient, on-demand user experience
- Map course offerings more effectively

## Provide the support students need to stay engaged

Colleague Student Planning helps students stay on track to earn a degree by highlighting what a student needs to complete a program as well as what they have taken to date. This gives students a greater sense of control over their academic planning process, and it allows them to explore a wider range of subjects than they might normally choose. And, it frees valuable student advisor resources so they have more time to make the most of their interactions with students.

## Improve student ownership of their academic path

Colleague Student Planning provides out-of-the-box integration to Colleague by Ellucian, enabling automatic provisioning of students and population of courses and sections. In addition to leveraging the degree, communication, and planning features already available in Colleague, the solution provides new features and capabilities including:

- Pre-loaded degree plans
- “On track” and “on time” student indicators for degree completion
- Schedule planning and integration with registration functionality in Colleague
- Advisor approval workflow
- Universal program and requirement browsing
- Support for multiple advising models

The pre-loaded degree plans help students better understand pre-requisites and course sequencing which can be confusing to them. Sample plans help students understand which courses are required for their field of study and when they should be taken to meet their graduation goals. And the planning tool gives students who rely on federal financial assistance a reference that indicates how they should complete the degree requirements during their period of eligibility.

## Provide an easy and intuitive course scheduling solution

The Colleague Student Planning user interface appeals to students who are accustomed to a streamlined and on-demand user experience. Users can export their list of required courses to various calendaring tools, so students can conveniently view their registered courses in their mobile devices.

## Strengthen the advising relationship

When students plan in advance of meeting with their advisors, the appointment time can be used to discuss topics like internships, career opportunities, and study abroad rather than focusing only on course scheduling. This frees advising staff to spend more time with at-risk students and improves advisor/student relationships, which leads to better continuity and year-to-year progression.



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