

Information

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The Raider Plan

For Graduation in Four Years



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Shippensburg University offers quality academic programs that prepare our students for future success in a broad range of disciplines. The university is committed to helping students develop their potential, expand their interests, and achieve their educational goals in a timely manner. Academic advisors assist students in planning their degree programs, selecting courses, and registering for classes. The Raider Plan is the way for students who wish to graduate in four years to work closely with their advisors to meet all the requirements for completing their degrees within eight semesters of their initial enrollment. Students who remain on track will be assured that the courses needed for graduation will be available.

Students in the Raider Plan assume responsibility for the term-by-term monitoring of progress toward their degree in consultation with their academic advisor. Shippensburg provides academic advice to help students achieve that goal. The university also is responsible for providing space in the classes required for students to complete their degrees. At the same time, many students elect during their time at Shippensburg to take advantage of opportunities such as second majors, minors, and certificate programs or to pursue specialized plans of study or employment tailored to unique educational, personal, and career goals. These choices may mean extending graduation beyond four years. Students initially in the Raider Plan who later determine that they need more time to graduate may do just that.

Terms of the Raider Plan

Students:

- Will work with their advisors to prepare a four-year schedule of course work that, if followed, will enable graduation within that time period. Students must meet with their advisors at least once before registering for courses each semester to verify and to refine their four-year plan.
- Will register for classes each semester during assigned times. If there are difficulties with scheduling courses, students must consult with their advisors (or departments or deans) for adjustment or for alternatives within their plans. Students are also obligated to consult their advisors when they become aware of academic or of other problems that may affect their good standing.
- Must successfully complete at least one quarter ($1/4$) of the necessary credits for graduation within any 12-month period following initial enrollment.
- Must realize that changing majors, having a second major, or having a minor or concentration in certain cases may result in new academic requirements that will extend graduation beyond four years. The university recognizes and encourages such options when appropriate, but the Raider Plan can be maintained only if these changes require no adjustment in the initial time frame for graduation.
- Must maintain minimum university and departmental grade point averages and all other university requirements. Students also must perform according to the standards of the department or intended major and must take courses in the sequence or timing required by the department or intended major.

Shippensburg University:

- Will provide knowledgeable academic advisors who will meet with students at least once per semester or more often if necessary.
- Will offer courses that allow students to meet graduation requirements for majors within the Raider Plan in four years.
- Will provide, at its sole discretion and with the agreement of departments and advisors, one of the following remedies if a student is unable to enroll in a course required for graduation and identified in his or her four-year course plan:
 - Alternate means to satisfy the course requirement within that particular semester;
 - Alternate means to satisfy the course requirement within the four years of the agreement or;
 - An opportunity to take the required course or an alternative means to satisfy the course requirement at no expense to the student after the expiration of the four years of the Raider Plan.

The university will not be responsible for providing these remedies if circumstances arise that are beyond the university's control.