

Office of the Vice Provost for Student Success
University of Kansas
Priority Summary
Graduation Milestones

The Office of the Vice Provost for Student Success values collaborative partnerships that focus resources on initiatives important to the greater University Community and to Student Success. The most important initiatives are those that promote student success in the classroom and foster an environment in which students can learn and grow. These initiatives are most successful when they are developed in collaboration with other departments, focus on issues that clearly merit attention, and are achievable in the time designated.

Priority: Graduation Milestones

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Charge: Develop a Graduation Milestones proposal that incorporates two mechanisms to enhance timely graduation and student success: pathways to graduation and class connections. Pathways to graduation should include Student Success programs, practices, and policies that mark milestones and provide support for students to progress to graduation, from the freshman to the senior class. It should include expectations for students' success and engagement at each level, and assistance with transition from one level to the next. Class connections could include distinctive programs for each class, including a class council, liaison, theme, service project and website. Include assessment, communication and promotion components, and a review of the use of e-portfolios and other methods for tracking progress. Explore linking these programs to the Tuition Compact which provides "students a powerful incentive to finish their degrees on time."

Outcome: Students will have access to clearly marked paths to graduation, accomplished through appropriate Student Success programs and practices that clarify student milestones. Students will have designated methods for developing class identity, connecting to students in their class, and making the transition from class level to class level. The overall goal is supporting students' timely graduation.

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