

Spring 2027 Proposed Priority Registration Schedule Adjustments

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In the SIS registration system, students earned Priority 2 once they achieved 42 units through a combination of completed & *in-progress* units. Once SRJC moved to Banner, the system could only recognize *completed* units (*no more in-progress*), so 42 units was set as the default. **This unit threshold was not chosen by any particular group at the college, but rather a number that was grandfathered in from a system that worked completely differently.** Last semester, counseling faculty had to submit *many* workaround forms for students whose priority was *downgraded* by the switch to Banner. **We have no idea how many students' needs were not addressed because they didn't know to advocate for themselves by coming to see a counselor.**

A threshold of 42 units completed also creates a substantial barrier for students trying to complete their goals at SRJC in two years. For example, a student trying to complete SRJC in two years may have taken the recommended 15 units in Fall 2025, 15 units in Spring 2026, and be currently enrolled in 15 units for Fall 2026. That student has a combination of 45 units and is aiming to be done with the 60 units required for graduation by the end of Spring 2027. However, because Banner cannot apply the in-progress units, this student's priority registration date is based only on 30 units completed. At a 42-unit threshold, the best priority that the student can hope to achieve is Priority 3 (*many defaulting to Priority 4*), even though they are entering their final semester at SRJC. This is a substantial obstacle. Allowing 42 units to be the default threshold for Priority 2 set the bar far higher than was ever intended in the SIS system and is out of alignment with what is needed for student success and timely completion. **To address this, the Counseling Department in consultation with Admissions & Records and other partner Student Services programs, recommends that the threshold for Priority 2 be set at 30 units completed.**

With the proposed adjustment in unit threshold, concern has been expressed for Priority 2 special population groups that share the timeframe with the general students. To be sure that these students have the time to get their needed classes, **the Counseling Department recommends that the Priority 2 special populations be assigned a dedicated timeframe at the beginning of the registration window called Priority 2A which will ensure special population students have the full benefit of their advanced priority status.**

Also, there is precedent for designating a priority subgroup with "A" as years ago there were Priority 1 and 1A groups (*Early Bird students were previously designated "Priority 1A"*). This would be very similar, though placing the Priority 2A students first in the timeframe.

Incidentally, it should be noted that Priority Groups 3, 4 and 5 also need to be adjusted in tandem with the Priority 2 adjustments, **resulting in the Consent Item on the agenda today:**

Given that Banner does not recognize in progress units...

Does the Academic Senate recommend the following changes to **Priority Two Registration for Spring 2027 as highlighted in bold**. Also note that **the bold adjustments to Priority Groups 3, 4 and 5** are a result of the proposed changes to Priority Two registration...

- **Priority 2A – Student Athletes, Learning Communities, International Students (0+ units)**
- **Priority 2 – 30 to 99.9 units completed**
- **Priority 3 – Early Bird/Online Orientation & Ed Plan Workshop (0 – 29.9 units completed)**
- **Priority 4 – 15 to 29.9 units completed**
- **Priority 5 – 0 to 14.9 units completed**