

Faculty Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

This FAQ document is designed to provide faculty with information and resources to navigate the transition.

Will there be a consultation period prior to discontinuing a program?

In accordance with the campus [Discontinuation Policy](#), there will be a period of time that faculty may submit feedback. The deadline is March 30, 2025.

Do students need to change their major if a program is discontinued?

Students in eliminated majors will need to be within 60 units of completing all requirements for graduation by the end of Spring 2025 so they can follow a pathway to graduating within two years (by the end of the Spring 2027 semester). Students who are not within 60 units of graduation or are otherwise unable to follow a pathway to graduating within two years will be required to change majors by May 22, 2025 (the end of the Spring 2025 semester).

What is the impact on Student Athletes?

Please see Student-Athlete FAQs.

Have students been notified?

The entire campus community, including students, received the message from the president about the budget deficit and the actions being taken. Students in impacted majors and minors will also receive direct communications and support.

How will we be scheduling classes for future semesters?

Programs that are being closed need to plan to teach out students who are within 60 units of completion. Faculty should work closely with chairs and deans to ensure proper course rotation and scheduling that will allow this.

Can I talk to a parent about how their child/student is impacted?

FERPA regulations prevent faculty from providing student-specific information to parents. Impacted students are receiving direct communications with instructions and resources for either changing their major or completing their degree in the next two years.

How will student financial aid be impacted?

Students impacted by their major closing can reach out to the financial aid office at finaid@sonoma.edu or attend the [Financial Aid Office Hours](#). See Student FAQs.

Can a faculty member be reassigned to another campus?

Individuals should consult with CFA and/or the AVP for Faculty Affairs and Success about their employment details.

Will a teach-out plan be developed for impacted majors?

Yes, see the 2025-26 Instructional Budget Reduction Plan and the [Discontinuation Policy](#). Academic Programs will provide College Deans a teach-out template that they can use collaboratively with faculty. Colleges will release teach-out plans by March 30 so that junior and senior students can register appropriately for Fall 2025.

Which academic programs are being discontinued?

Please see the [Instructional Budget Plan](#) for a complete list of majors and minors planned for closure.

Will fees be waived for students adding or dropping courses after the deadline?

This semester, students will have until census, February 17, 2025, to drop courses without fees and they can add courses with no fees through February 4, 2025.

What is going to happen to our COPLAC status?

Our status in COPLAC, the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges, is unchanged, and Sonoma State continues to be a full member. The Provost has addressed this concern with the COPLAC Executive Office and is assured that SSU will remain a member. Many COPLAC institutions have made budget cuts and changes to their program mix and are still grounded in the liberal arts and sciences, as is Sonoma State.

For questions not answered in this document, please send an email to questions@sonoma.edu.