Advisor Tips

Course Signals detects early warning signs and provides intervention to students who may not be performing to the best of their abilities before they reach a critical point.

Advisors are able to log into Course Signals and view the signals sent to their students. This allows advisors to monitor the needs of their students and provide help and direction to them when they need it.

Make logging into Course Signals a part of your routine so you can stay informed on students’ progress.

Effective messages are short. Try to average between 40 and 60 words. If your messages are too long, students will not read them.

You can email students directly from the Advisee Status tab.

Focus on advice, not reminders. Don’t tell students what they already know; instead, provide guidance on how students can improve their performance. Previous use of Course Signals has shown the most effective messages to students provided specific actions they can take to improve performance.

PassNote is available to help you construct email messages to students. Visit PassNote (www.purdue.edu/passnote) and use the available resources to help send meaningful and effective messages that are customized to meet students’ needs.

Feedback should provide concrete activities or steps students can take to enhance their learning. Link to available resources such as: http://www.purdue.edu/studentsuccess/academic/index.html

You can sort advisees according to those who received red signals only or red and yellow signals only, helping you identify students who need the most assistance.

Keep a record of messages you send to students. You will be copied on emails you send to individual students, but not if you email multiple students at once. Students will not see others emailed if you choose to send a group email.

Refresh the Course Signals page frequently so it captures all updates from faculty. If the tab seems to stop working try closing your browser and logging back in.

The success of every Purdue University student is a common goal shared by each instructor, advisor, and staff member.

For more information about Course Signals

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