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‘Degree Works’ Program Designed to Improve Retention Rates

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – “Degree Works,” a new program offered by Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, is designed to improve retention rates through an online-based system that gives students immediate access to their degree plans.

According to a 2008 study by the Center for the Study of College Student Retention, nearly 50 percent of students entering higher education will not earn a degree. The “Degree Works” program complements the University’s nationally-recognized Center for Academic Student Achievement (CASA) which is helping improve retention and graduation rates through peer mentoring, a specialized microcomputer lab, and supplemental instruction. To access Degree Works, go to http://sail.tamucc.edu and click on the links on the right side of the page.

“Degree Works” has a feature that allows undergraduate students and advisors to perform a “what if” audit to see how their classes apply to any other major and minor the University offers. The program is especially helpful for students who are transferring or those who have not yet chosen a major.

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