

Sample Syllabus Statements for Faculty Teaching Courses Who are Submitting Success Notifications

You may wish to notify students that you will be utilizing Beacon to submit early alerts concerning academic behavior in the classroom. Faculty have indicated informing students about the early alert system before submitting alerts made students more likely to respond to those acting on the alert, such as advisors and academic coaches. Feel free to use any of the following statements or create your own.

1. Coastal Carolina University strives to provide an environment conducive to teaching and learning. To further enhance the success of our students, the University has implemented a student success tool named Beacon. The goal of Beacon is to individually work with students to assist with any barriers to college success they may have. The system allows faculty to be proactive, supportive, and involved in facilitating the academic components of student retention through early detection and intervention of struggling students. CCU faculty may submit alerts at any point in the semester. Faculty may notify students who are in danger of failing, not attending regularly, or who exhibit low performance, low participation, or have missing assignments.
2. This course is part of a Coastal Carolina University initiative that utilizes Beacon. Beacon is an online notification system used by faculty to communicate with students and support personnel regarding academic achievements and to identify areas for improvement. In addition to awarding kudos acknowledging excellent performance, Beacon is also used by faculty and staff to raise early alerts and direct students to free resources such as subject tutoring and academic coaching. Beacon referrals help students identify strategies to achieve their academic goals. Students are encouraged to take advantage of the many opportunities offered by Coastal to promote academic success. Please note that early alerts do not affect a student's academic standing.
3. This course will use Beacon, Coastal's early alert system, to improve communication between students, faculty, and staff on campus. You'll likely see emails through this service with information such as resources or concerns. Please pay attention to these—they are sent to help you succeed!
4. <Insert Course> is taking part in a student success early alert initiative at Coastal Carolina University. Throughout the semester, you may receive emails from your advisor, academic coaches, or other faculty and staff in your network regarding your attendance and academic performance in this course. Please pay attention to these emails and consider taking the recommended actions.