Special Permission to Enroll and/or Drop Class(es)

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Perceptive Content Overview

What is Perceptive Content?
Perceptive Content (formerly called ImageNow) is a dynamic content management system. In a nutshell, it is software that allows us to manage documents electronically throughout our campus. We can store and retrieve documents, send documents to other users, complete tasks like approving invoice, and sign and approve forms like graduation and graduate admission applications - all electronically.

Logging into Perceptive Content
Use Google Chrome or Safari to access Perceptive Content. Internet Explorer and older browsers are not supported.

- Access the Perceptive Content web client called Perceptive Experience by navigating to the following address:

  https://docs.coastal.edu
  Tip: Bookmark this page

- Login is associated to your CCU network credentials (same as your email). Single Sign On (SSO) will automatically log you into the system.

Apps in Perceptive
Once you successfully log into the system, Perceptive Content will display available apps on the Home screen:
Think of these as single **apps** within a larger structure that work independently of each other. Based on your permissions, you may or may not see all of the **apps** listed above.

**Tip:** You do not need to use the **Capture app** or the **Task app** for this guide.

**Tip:** You can view current and historical forms using the **Documents app**.

**Tip:** You will need to use the **Workflow app** to process your decision and route the student form to the Office of the Registrar.

**Tip:** You can always click the 📁 icon to be directed back to the **Home** screen to select a different **app**.

**Using the Capture App**
You may have multiple roles that allows you to see the **Capture App**. However, you will not use this app for processing student forms.

**Using the Task App**
You may have multiple roles that allows you to see the **Tasks App**. However, you will not use this app for processing student forms.

**Using the Documents App**
Users can search and view historical graduation applications using the **Documents App**. Think of this **app** as viewing documents in a ‘filing cabinet’. You use this app to look into the filing cabinet, search through it, select a file, and view the contents of the file.

Use the **Documents App** in the following scenarios:

- If you want to search or view historical student forms
- If you want to find where a given student form is at during any part of the process
Using the Workflow App

Users will actually process the graduation application using the Workflow App. Think of this app doing actual work on the form.

Use the Workflow App in the following scenarios:

- If you have work to do
- If you need to route any of your work out of your workflow queue

Tip: Once you complete work in the Workflow App, the document will no longer be in your workflow queue since it has been routed elsewhere. You would need to use the Documents App if you needed to locate the form for any reason.
Understanding Custom Properties

Custom Properties are specific pieces of information about a given document. Each document type in Perceptive Content can have its own set of custom properties. **Student Forms will utilize Custom Properties.** Understanding how custom properties are utilized will make it easier to understand the approval process. Here is a list of important Custom Properties utilized for this form:

- **RO – Athlete:** flag to indicate student athlete
- **RO – Honor Student:** flag to indicate student participates in the University Honors program
- **RO – International:** flag to indicate international students
- **RO – Adviser Username:** designated adviser of record
- **RO – Status:** the **current** status of the request, potential options:
  - Pending
  - Processed
  - Unable to Process
- **RO – Processed:** date the form was processed in Colleague, if processed
- **RO – SP Add Class List:** *composite property* that consists of:
  - **RO – SP Add Class:** Holds course section name
  - **RO – SP Add Class Dept**
  - **RO – SP Add Class Div**
- **RO – SP Drop Class:** *composite property* that consists of:
  - **RO – SP Drop Class:** Holds course section name
- **RO – Student Division List:** *composite property* that consists of:
  - **RO – Student Division:** Holds the division the student belongs to

*A composite property allows the user to enter multiple values for a single property. Values must conform to the data types of the associated custom properties.*
How to Search/Find Documents using Predefined Filters

1. Click the **Documents App** from the **Home Screen**:

2. Click and expand the appropriate **Document View** on the left-hand side of the screen.

   **Tip**: The name of the **Document Views** will start with **RO**. Each college has their own **Document View**. 
   *Example*: **RO – BS Reg Special Perm**

3. Select the desired filter (filter options will be based on permissions granted)

   **Tip**: Views are typically limited to 500 results

   **Tip**: Student IDs must be entered as 7 digits (include any necessary leading 0)

   **Tip**: Student Name should be entered in the following format:
   Last name, First name, Middle Name

4. Click on the **Search** button located on the right of the screen.
How to Create a New Search
If a pre-defined filter does not satisfy the request, users can build their own searches. To create a new search, complete the steps below:

1. Click anywhere in the “Search in [View Name]:” window located to the left of the Search button. You should see the following:

```
Add Constraint: Name
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2. From the left drop-down, select one of the available field parameters.
   **Tip:** The NAME constraint is not the student’s name. It is the student’s confirmation number from the email notification generated after the student applied for graduation via WebAdvisor.

3. From the second drop-down, select an operator.

4. Depending on your previous selections, type or select a search parameter in the third field.

5. Select Add to complete the constraint. **Do not forget this step.** Your search will not work without adding the constraint.

   **Tip:** To utilize multiple constraints in a single search, select Add and repeat steps 2 through 6.
   **Tip:** To change from an AND to an OR constraint statement, click the word “AND”.

How to View Document Properties

In the Properties pane, users can display key and custom property values that pertain to the document.

1. Open the document using the **Documents App** or the **Workflow App**

2. In the viewer, click the **Show or Hide Properties icon** to show or hide the document properties.

   **TIP:** Depending on your screen size, you might need to click the down caret to view all icons.

   Now, you can view specific properties related to the document.
How to View Related Documents

1. In the viewer, click the **Show or Hide Related** icon. The **Related Documents** pane should now appear. You may drag a pane’s perimeter to resize accordingly.

![Show or Hide Related Documents](image1)

2. In the **Relationship** list, select **RO – View Special Permission Forms**. A list of other special permission forms received for the student will appear. Double click on any document listed to open the document in a new viewer window. Simply close the new window when you wish to return to the main application view. You may also wish to close the related documents pane to save space. Remember that you can always recall it by selecting **Show or Hide Related Documents**.

![Relationship List](image2)

How to Turn off Thumbnails

In this workflow process, you should **not** need to view thumbnails. It is recommended to turn off thumbnails for additional viewing space of the form.

**Tip**: If the curiosity in you wants to know about this function, it is helpful in viewing multiple pages in a document. However, since the **Change of Academic Program** is an online form, there are not multiple pages to the document.

1. Open the document using the **Documents App** or the **Workflow App**

2. In the viewer, unselect **Show or Hide Thumbnails** to hide thumbnails.

![Show or Hide Thumbnails](image3)
Special Permission Form Details

Overview
Students, faculty, and staff will utilize an online form to enroll and/or drop in the following situations:

- When a student requests entry into a course, which has been filled to capacity (no seats available)
- When a student requests entry into a course, which requires special permission from the instructor or department chair
- When a student requests entry into a course which has a class restriction (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, major, program)
- When a student requests an Academic Hours Overload to enroll in more than the maximum hours within a specific term, as defined in the University Catalog
- When a student requests entry into a course for which co-requisites and/or pre-requisites have not been met
- When a student requests to drop a class after the drop/add period

The person that is completing the form is stored in a hidden field. This allows us the opportunity to potentially bypass workflow in specific situations. When authorized individuals complete the form on behalf of the student, approval is automatically granted for areas in which the authorized individual has authority. For example, if an advisor completes a form for one of their advisees, the required advisor’s approval is automatically granted. However, if a student completes a form, the adviser’s approval will be requested.

Forms are term-specific and allow up to a maximum of 5 classes to be dropped and/or added per form submission. Here is some basic information:

- All classes listed on the form must be for the same term
- The form will require the following approval(s):
  - Student’s academic adviser will always be required
    - Although a student might have multiple advisers, only one academic adviser will be selected as the primary academic adviser
    - All academic advisers will receive email notifications on actions taken (e.g. when a form is submitted, (if) denied, (if) approved.
    - The primary academic adviser will be the only adviser to receive notifications for work needed. Think of it as we want all advisers to know what’s going on, but a single adviser will be chosen to be responsible for doing actual work on the form
    - The primary academic adviser is chosen by a rating system:
      - Advisement types of HONOR, MENTOR, and MINOR are excluded from consideration
      - If there is only 1 adviser listed in Colleague, then it is naturally selected as the adviser’s primary
      - If there are multiple advisers listed in Colleague, they are sorted from newest start date to oldest start date:
Advisements can be linked to a student’s academic program, although not required. If the student’s academic program exactly matches the advisement academic program, this adviser is selected as the primary academic adviser.

If a match to the academic program cannot be determined, then the system tries to match the Adviser Department to the Student’s primary major department.

- Example: A student has multiple advisers for, say, multiple majors. We want to select the adviser that is listed with the primary major.

Next, we will try to find a match with the student’s primary major’s College to an adviser that’s in the same College.

- If a student is below full-time status for major terms (Fall/Spring), International Admissions (Center for Global Initiatives) must approve.

- If a student athlete is below full-time status for major terms (Fall/Spring), athletics must approve.

- If a student is adding a class, the department chair of the specific class
  - Example: Permission to get into a full BIOL class will go to the BIOL department chair.
  - The form will “split” and go to as many department chairs it needs at the same time. Example: Form has 3 classes for special permission. All classes are from different departments, MATH, BIOL, ENGL. All three dept chairs will get a copy of the form at the same time. Once all three have completed, it will go to the next step.

- If the registration will put a student into academic overload, the dean of the student’s major will be required.

The student must be eligible to register in order to submit this form.

- ADF/ADS holds – the form will allow students to still register with ADF/ADS holds, pending the chosen term does not a corresponding ADF/ADS hold.
- SUS holds – these holds limit the overall number of hours that a student is allowed to register. The form will allow students to still register up to the sus credit limit; this cannot be overridden
  - If a student has multiple SUS holds, the most restrictive SUS hold will be used
- Courses that are variable credit will be required to enter the requested number of hours; this will be calculated in the overall credit hours
- Classes that have already been graded are not eligible to be dropped (and will not be displayed). Classes that have past the W period are not eligible to be dropped
- Students that have University housing will be displayed a message if they go below full-time status for major terms only (Fall/Spring)
  - Actions will still be permitted
  - Students that have Financial Aid, which requires full-time status, will receive a message if they go below full-time status
  - Actions will still be permitted
- Students that have Financial Aid, which requires half-time status, will receive a message if they go below half-time status
  - Actions will still be permitted
- For students with financial aid summer terms only:
  - A warning will be displayed if net hours are reduced
- Registration appointment times will not be checked as the Office of the Registrar processes Special Permission forms regardless of registration appointment time, so long as registration is open for the given term
- Students cannot drop all eligible courses without adding additional courses
  - Students must have a net credit hour (assuming the form will be approved) of greater than 0
- Important: Time conflicts in student schedule are not checked in this form!

- Important: This form doesn’t check if the student has already completed a class and not eligible for retake

- Important: You can add the same class multiple times in this form!

- The form can look **slightly different**, based on the user completing the form.

**Faculty and Staff**

- Form will display a Student Lookup section
  
  **Important:** Faculty and Staff *that are also current students* attempting to complete this form will be required to enter their student ID.

**Students**

- There’s no area to enter a student ID because students can only submit a form for themselves

**How Students Access the Form**

Students will access the form at [https://www.coastal.edu/studentforms](https://www.coastal.edu/studentforms).

This site is behind the Microsoft Azure login and will require students to log in using their CCU network credentials.

Students will receive an email confirmation after submission and a final email after the form has been completely processed.
How Faculty & Staff Access the Form

Although students will be encouraged to initiate this process, all Faculty and Staff can submit a Special Permission form on behalf of the student at: https://www.coastal.edu/forms.

This site is behind the Microsoft Azure login and will require students to log in using their CCU network credentials.

If you are a faculty or staff member initially completing the form, you will see a section for a student lookup:

[Image of Student Lookup]

Academic Advisors, chairs, and deans can approve/view special submitted Special Permissions via Perceptive Content.

Workflow Roles

- **Academic Advisers** – There are a total of 5 Registration Academic Adviser workflow queues, one for each college. Academic Advisers will receive daily emails on work that needs to be completed.

- **Associate Deans** - There are a total of 5 Registration Dean workflow queues, one for each college. Associate Deans will receive daily emails on work that needs to be completed.

- **Deans** – Deans have access to all workflow queues within their college. Deans do not receive any emails.

- **Department Chairs** – All Department Chairs, including co/associate department chairs, will have the ability to view historical and pending forms in their college. However, Department Chairs will not have direct access to the Director of Advising workflow queue. No emails will be generated to the Department Chairs.

- **Provost Office** – Provost Office designees will have the ability to view historical and pending forms in every college. However, Provost Office will not have direct access to any workflow queues. No emails will be generated to the Provost Office.

- **Office of the Registrar** – Office of the Registrar will have the ability to view historical and pending forms in every college. Office of the Registrar will have direct access all workflow queues, in addition internal processing queues. Office of the Registrar will be able to facilitate
moving items between workflows if needed. No emails will be generated to the Office of the Registrar.

- **Office of Graduate Studies** – Office of Graduate Studies have the ability to view historical and pending forms in every college for graduate studies students. Office of Graduate Studies will not have direct access all workflow queues. No emails will be generated to the Office of the Registrar.

**Workflow Diagram**
Understanding the Form
When viewing submitted forms, you will first see Student Information that will include student program data at the time the student completed the form.

Next, you will see the Term section.

Next, you will see the Drop section. If you are submitting a form on behalf of the student, you can add/remove sections as in the diagram below:

The next section of the form is the Add section. Section options are displayed based on having an active status as of 5am on the current day. Once a section is selected, the faculty name and meeting
info is pulled from Colleague in near real-time (<5 cache).

If the registration puts the student in overload, the Academic Overload section will display.
The next section of the will be the Anticipated Credit Hours. These values are automatically calculated as classes are added and/or dropped on the form (assuming all will be approved).

The final section of the form includes an **Internal Use Only** section.

Please note the following:

- **Internal comments** will still be part of this document, and thus, part of the student’s academic record. This means that students could request to view their records, including your comments.
- **Internal comments** are permanent and cannot be removed
Making a Decision for Academic Advisors

If an Academic Advisor submits the form on behalf of their advisee, there will be no need for the advisor to approve:

Otherwise, complete the following steps:

1. Open the form in Perceptive Content using the Workflow App.

2. Review the form and make a decision:

   **Important: Consider if the registration should be “related” to each other. Forms can be processed in one of two ways:**

   - **Default Registration Policy:** All listed registrations will be processed as they can (if approved). If a portion of the form is denied, only that part of the form is ignored. Other approved portions will be processed.
     - Example: Student would like to add an ENGL class and an BIOL class. Student gets approval for ENGL class, but not for BIOL class. The default action will be to register the student in the ENGL class, even though the BIOL class was not approved (students will always receive an email with outcome of action taken)

   - **Related Registration Policy:** All listed registrations will be processed together (if approved). If *any* portion of the form is denied, the entire form will be denied, regardless of any previously approved portions.
     - Example: Student would like to drop an ENGL class only if the student can register in a BIOL class. ENGL class was approved but the BIOL was not approved. Thus, the student will not be registered for any class.
     - In order to request this policy, you must choose **Approve with Modifications** as the Advisor Decision
Choose the appropriate decisions:

- **Approve** – This option means that you approve all actions on the form; happy path
  - The default registration policy will apply

- **Approve with Modifications** – This option means that you would like to make modifications to the form.
  - This option can only be selected when the form is in an ADVISOR workflow queue
  - You will need to identify how the form should be processed differently than what was submitted

- **Deny** – This option will remove the form from workflow, email the student & active advisers
  - No action will be taken in Colleague

- **Request Withdrawn** – This option will remove the form from workflow, email the student & active advisers
  - No action will be taken in Colleague

Once a decision is made, the username and time/date stamp will automatically be applied.

3. Next, you need to [route the document forward](#).
## Making a Decision for Department Chairs/Deans

1. Open the form in Perceptive Content using the [Workflow App](#).

2. Review the form and make a decision:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Chair Decision for ACCT 429 01</th>
<th>Approve</th>
<th>Deny</th>
<th>No Decision</th>
<th>No Decision</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Chair Decision for BIOL 121 04</td>
<td>Select</td>
<td>No Decision</td>
<td>No Decision</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chair Decision for SPAN 115 D6</td>
<td>Select</td>
<td>No Decision</td>
<td>No Decision</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dean Overload Decision:</td>
<td>Select</td>
<td>No Decision</td>
<td>No Decision</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RO/GS Process Action Taken:</td>
<td>Select</td>
<td>No Action</td>
<td>No Action</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

3. Next, you need to route the document forward.
Routing a Document Forward

No matter the decision that you make, you will need to always Route Forward. This is because predetermined routing paths have already been confirmed. Even if the decision on the form is to withdraw the request, you will always choose Route Forward so that the document can go on its predetermined path.

Tip: You must be using the Workflow App in order to route a document out of your workflow. If you are viewing the application in the Documents App, you will need to click on the Open in Workflow icon.

After a decision has been made, route the document forward using the following steps.

1. Using the Workflow App, open the application.

2. Click the Route Forward icon from the toolbar

That’s it! The next workflow queue will read your decision and process accordingly.
Potential Error Messages

There are several “moving” parts to this form. Most of these messages will be straightforward. For example, an ID entered in the Student Lookup that doesn’t belong to a current student will generate the following error message:

Sometimes, though, error messages are generated because of timing issues with database updates and/or response times to Colleague/Perceptive. These are considered technical errors. The error code and timing will be displayed.

Current list of Error Codes:
- REGSP01
- SUB_ISCRIPT
- SEC_ISCRIPT
- 1FACSTAFFRESULT
Additional Support

If you need additional support, please contact:

**Office of the Registrar**
Baxley Hall, Room 222
843-349-2019
registrar@coastal.edu