

Best Practices for Facilitating Graduation: CSU Monterey Bay

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9. Provision in Policy of Mandatory Individual Student Study Plans to the Degree

CSUMB's educational model is outcomes-based. For every major, the degree requirements are spelled out in terms of knowledge, skills and abilities that the student must be able to demonstrate in order to achieve each outcome of the major.

Each outcome can be fulfilled in a variety of ways, including successful completion of a course or courses, or independent assessment. Each student creates an individualized learning plan (ILP) in the first course in their major, in which, in consultation with their instructor/advisor they specify the individual pathway that they will take to achieve each outcome. Every student is required to complete an ILP before embarking on a significant portion of their major.

The ILP forms are available on line, and students' ILPs are completed and maintained on line. An example of an on-line ILP and accompanying advising material can be found at

[Sample ILP](http://itcd.csumb.edu/students/forms/TMAC_Fall_04_ILP.pdf) http://itcd.csumb.edu/students/forms/TMAC_Fall_04_ILP.pdf

CSUMB is not yet a CMS campus; rather, we have been linking ILPs through our native advising interface to BANNER, PLANNER WEB. As we develop our CMS implementation, the hope is that we can replicate and even improve our interface to the ILPs via the student information system.