

Finish in Four FAQs for Faculty

Q: What is the main purpose and promise of the *Finish in Four* program?

A: *Finish in Four* highlights the value of our strong advising system and careful curricular planning to help prospective students understand that, under typical circumstances, a full time student can and should complete their education in 4 years.

Q: Where can I find the program description in full?

A: [Http://.....](http://.....)

Q: Does Rollins *Finish in Four* affect my responsibilities as an advisor?

A: No. *Finish in Four* references our strong faculty advising system and highlights for our students the key role faculty advisors provide, as captured by these aspects of Rollins commitment to our students:

- Provide access to an academic advisor to assist with mapping out a semester-by-semester degree completion plan.
- Provide an academic advisor to discuss degree progress prior to registration each semester.

Q: Does the Registrar play a role in *Finish in Four*?

A: Yes, the Registrar provides the necessary tools (e.g., DegreeWorks and EAB Navigate), along with the course catalog and course schedules to support you in advising students, as captured by these aspects of Rollins commitment to our students:

- Provide the students with the necessary tools (e.g. DegreeWorks), to monitor degree progress.

Q: Do departments take on additional responsibilities if a student is not able to finish in four years?

A: For a student who has met the eligibility requirements, fully complied with the nine criteria outlined in the section “Student’s Commitment,” and is missing a course necessary for graduation, three options are provided (below). Which option to select will be determined by the department chair, advisor, and Dean (or designee). No department will be required to change their standards for graduation or exceed an enrollment cap in a course without their agreement. If it is not feasible for a department to assist the student, the College will waive tuition and course fees for an additional semester. Rollins will not pay for the student to take the course elsewhere and transfer it back. The specifics are included in the *Finish in Four Promise*:

- In the event a required course is not accessible or available by the start of the last (8th) semester, one of the following options will be provided at the discretion of the student’s major department chair, academic advisor and dean (or designee):

- Enrollment in an independent study or tutorial;
- Waive or apply a course substitution for a missing requirement;
- If neither of the above is an option, Rollins College will waive tuition and related course fees for any credits needed for degree completion beyond the fourth year at Rollins College, but not housing and meals. Students will be required to apply for financial aid by filing a FASFA and will have one academic year to complete any remaining credits and still be eligible for a tuition waiver.

Q: My advisee is a double major with a minor and it will be difficult for her to finish in four years. Shall I advise her to use this program to stay an extra semester to finish her second degree?

A: The Finish in Four Promise applies only to a single degree. Students are welcome to pursue multiple degrees, but the promise applies only to the first degree. You can help your student by reinforcing that caveat and supporting her in focusing on being sure she is on track to finish that first degree in four years.

Q: My advisee started at Rollins in January and her science courses are out of sequence. Do we have to change course offerings to accommodate her?

A: No, spring semester starts and transfer students are not currently eligible for the program.

Q: My advisee had planned to graduate in May 2020 but is going to need some additional courses to finish his degree. Is he covered by the program?

A: This program applies only to students who begin in the College of Liberal Arts in the fall of 2020 as first time, full time degree seeking students, not our currently enrolled students.

Q: My student is a star soccer player and is extending eligibility to play beyond year four. Will the program allow her to continue playing with waived tuition in year five?

A: No, this is not possible.

Q: Will this program pay for the fifth year of the 3/2 program with Crummer?

A: Students in the 3/2 program are not eligible.

Q: My advisee switched majors in his fifth semester and needs an additional semester to complete his degree. Will Rollins cover his tuition?

A: No, "students who change majors after the fourth semester of enrollment must meet with their major advisor to develop a new plan and determine that graduating within four years is still a viable plan."

Q: I believe one of my advisees qualifies for an extra semester. What do I do?

A: Reach out to the Associate Dean for Advising who will work with the student to determine eligibility and find a solution that works for the student and the department.

Q: How many students will benefit from the promise each year?

A: Based on past years, a maximum of 4 to 6 students would qualify. With the multi-year planning departments are doing for course offerings and the addition of tools like EAB navigate, this number will likely be even smaller.

Q: If this affects such a small number of students, why are we doing this?

A: It adds value to attending Rollins College. One of the value propositions of attending Rollins is the careful, committed advising our students receive that enable them to finish in four years. While we recognize this, it is not obvious to prospective students, many of whom are also considering large state universities where it can be more challenging to finish a degree in four years.