# CMS Campus Solutions (Student Administration) Degree Checkout Process



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### **Agenda**

- Rationale for change
- Process overview
- Advantages
- Impact on academic departments
- Considerations in preparation for the process change
- Future changes planned
- Question and Answer



### Rationale for Changing the Degree Checkout Process

- Why do we need to change our current Degree Checkout Process?
  - Record high graduating classes
  - Staffing levels in graduation unit constant
  - Challenge to meet campus processing expectations
  - Chancellor's Office graduation initiative puts focus on graduation facilitation



# Rationale for Changing the Degree Checkout Process (continued)

- Why do we need to change the Degree Checkout Process now?
  - TDA portal access "user friendly"
  - Apply for graduation on-line through Self Service
  - Staffing levels in the TDA unit have been increased
  - Review of degree requirements during conversion
  - Leverage technology to automate
  - Self service components empower students to monitor their own progress towards degree objectives



# Rationale for Changing the Degree Checkout Process (continued)

- Pilot of automated Degree Checkout Process
  - Communications pilot for Spring 2006/Summer 2006 grad applicants
  - Expanded College of Business and Economics pilot for Spring 2007/Summer 2007 grad applicants
- When does the automated Degree Checkout Process go into effect?
  - Spring 2009 candidates begin processing during fall 2008



#### **Degree Checkout Process Overview**

- Automatically reviewed based on the following selection criteria
  - Undergraduate students only are included in this Degree Checkout Process
  - 85 or more cumulative earned units
  - Declared major
  - Cumulative grade point average is 1.95 or higher
  - Expected graduation term is blank
- GE review is automatic by DARwin



# Degree Checkout Process Overview (continued)

- Selected students prompted to apply for graduation via an e-mail
- "Checklist" items will be added to the student's Self Service page
  - Apply for graduation
  - Pay the graduation fee
- Application requires the anticipated term of graduation
- No graduation fee required to apply



# Degree Checkout Process Overview (continued)

- After student applies for graduation, major/minor checklists added to student record – viewable by Academic Department only
- Academic Departments receive list of students from their department who require review
- Academic Department reviewer goes to the portal and runs a TDA for the student
- Once reviewed, the TDA is signed off in PeopleSoft on the student's departmental major/minor checklist as approved
- If exceptions are required, the student's departmental checklist will be noted as "Exceptions Required"
  - Exceptions sent to the TDA unit for encoding
  - TDA unit will set the student's checklist item to approved once exception encoded



# Degree Checkout Process Overview (continued)

- Once the major/minor checklist is approved, the student will be set to Candidate status if the graduation fee is paid
- Students sent an e-mail reminder that the graduation fee is not paid if necessary
- To become a Candidate for a given term, the graduation fee must be paid
- Student must become a candidate for graduation no later than mini-census of the term of anticipated graduation
- Degree Checkout Process information and deadlines added to A&R website



### Advantages to the Automated Degree Checkout Process

- Students are automatically put into the "pipeline" for the graduation process
- TDA report becomes the official Graduation Checkout Document
- The graduation fee is not required to begin the process
- Use of TDA and student automatically put into graduation process should reduce "surprises"



# Changes Affecting Academic Departments

- Official graduation checkout document will be the TDA
- No need to complete NCR forms and file copies of the Grad Checkout
- TDA document is dynamically updated with registration and grading information and available via the portal
- GE Grad Checkout is automated which eliminates delay for manual GE review by the Graduation Unit
- Department approved exceptions to the major or minor will be reflected on the TDA



# Changes Affecting Academic Departments (continued)

- TDA exceptions can by electronically submitted to the TDA unit
- TDA is available for any student throughout his/her undergraduate career for review of degree requirements
- Sign off of major or minor checklists are completed on-line
- Candidacy lists should be available no later than census of the term allowing for commencement planning activities



### Things to Consider in Preparation

- Who in your department will require training on this process?
- What types of things will they need training on?
- Who in your department will require authority to sign off on major and minor checklists?



# Things to Consider in Preparation (continued)

- Who has the authority to approve and/or submit exceptions to the TDA?
- What can be done in advance to prepare for this change?
- How might this affect your current Degree Checkout Process procedures within your department?

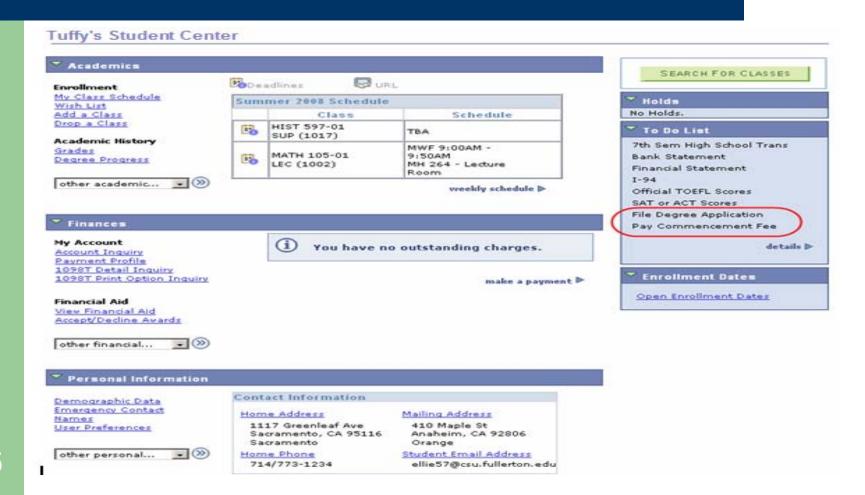


#### The Future

- Degree Checkout Process reviewed and adjusted based on feedback
- Proposed early candidacy term audit by Grad Unit
  - letter of notification if deficiencies
  - need to complete outstanding items (e.g. incompletes, supplemental transcripts, petitions for exceptions, EWP, etc.)
- Reduced manual review improves availability of evaluators to students for graduation related questions

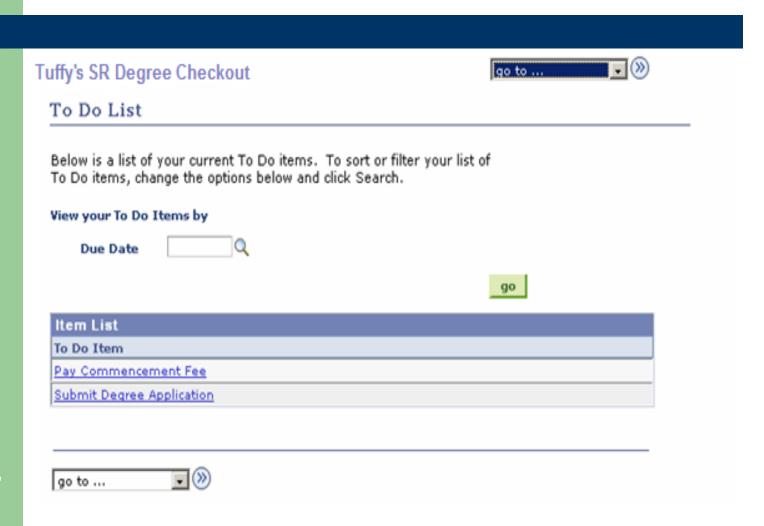


### Student Self-Service Student Center Screen





#### **Student Center To Do List Items**





### Student Specific To Do List Detail

To Do List

To Do Item Detail

Tuffy's SRDegree Checkout

Submit Degree Application

Contact

Contact:

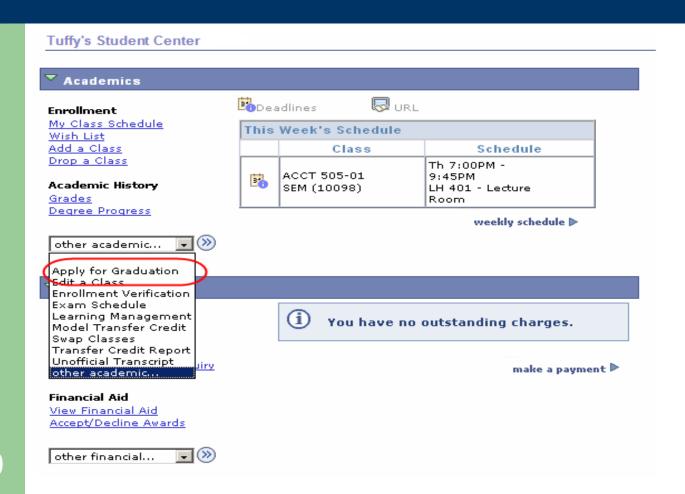
Description

Our records indicate that you have more than 85 total units and may be eligible to begin the degree checkout process. Please go online and submit your degree application.

Return

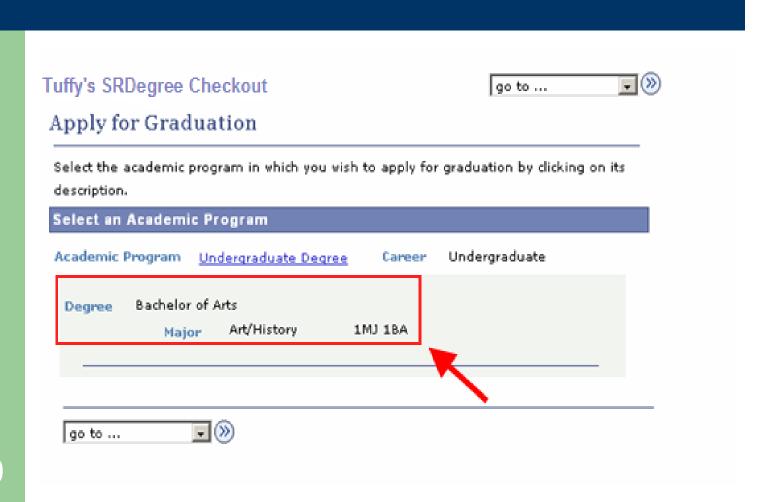


# Submitting an Online Degree Application



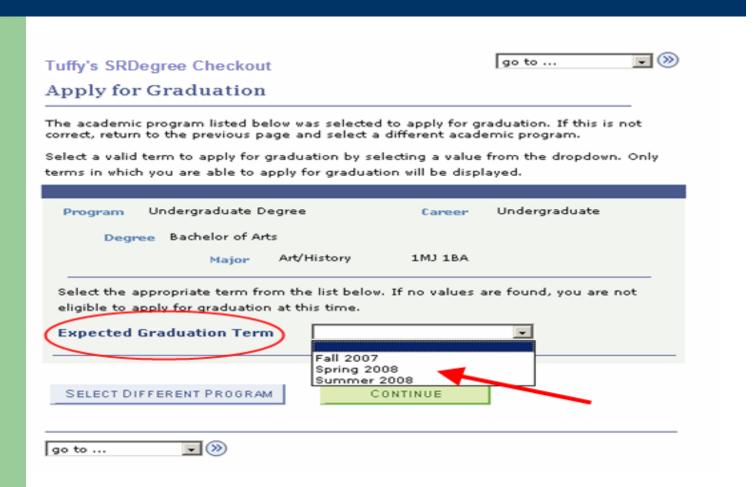


### **Applying for Graduation Program Plan**





#### **Selecting Expected Graduation Term**



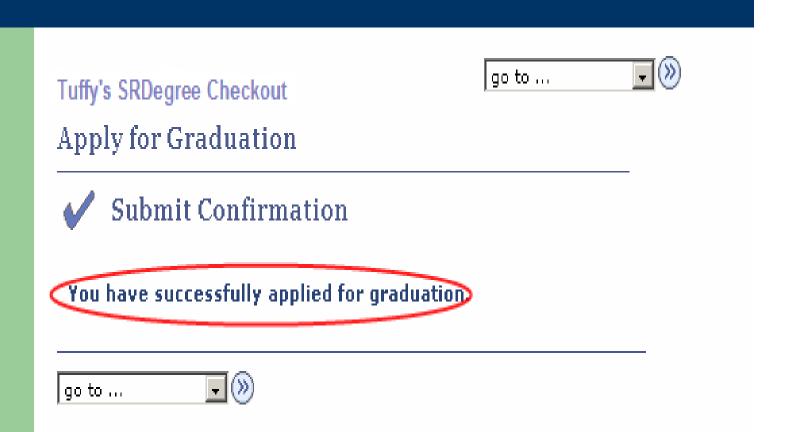


# **Verify and Submit Graduation Application**

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Apply for Graduation	
Verify that all data is correct.	
If the academic program/degree is not corre- button to select a different value. If the term is not correct, click the Select Diff value.	
If everything is correct, dick the Submit Appl	ication button to continue the process.
Program Undergraduate Degree	Career Undergraduate
Degree Bachelor of Arts  Major Art/History	1MJ 1BA
Expected Graduation Term Summ	ner 2008
Graduation Instructions	
Submit your degree application	
SELECT DIFFERENT PROGRAM	SUBMIT APPLICATION
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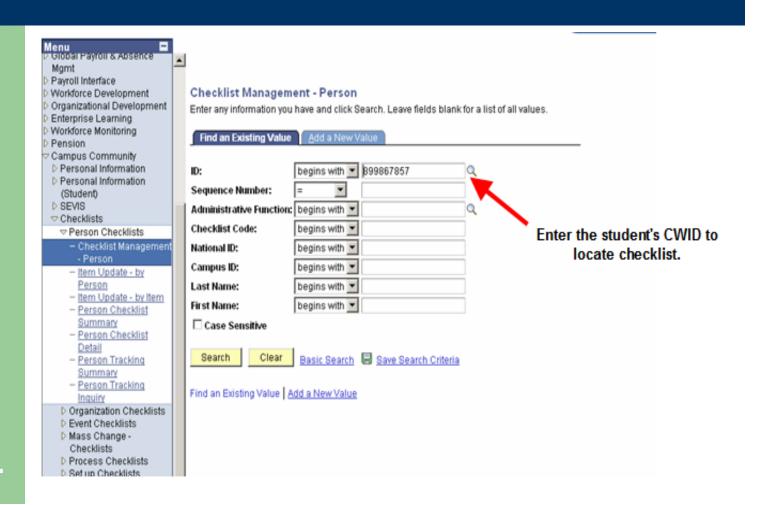


### **Graduation Application Confirmation**



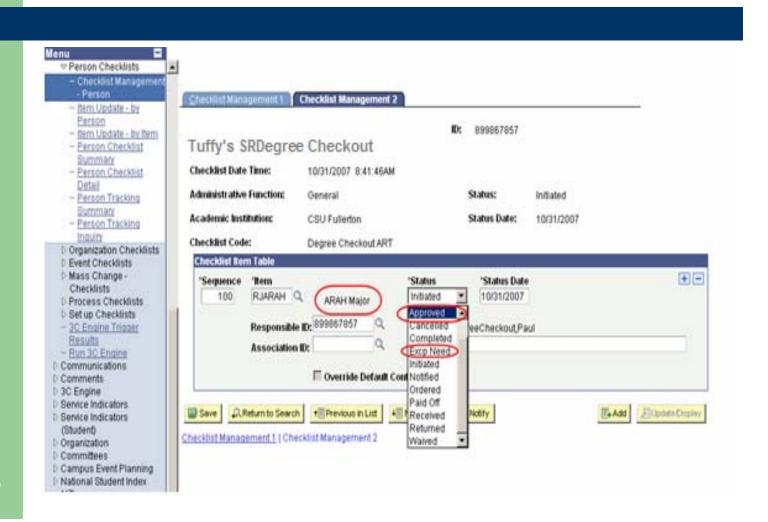


#### **Graduation Checkout for Departments**





# Departmental Signoff of TDA for Major or Minor





### **Question and Answer**

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