

How Angelo State University Helps Keep Students On Track

A FOCUS ON STUDENT RETENTION



COURSE SHARING CHAMPION

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The academic leaders at ASU are focused on helping learners stay on track with their degree plans by matching students to approved online courses from partner institutions in the Acadeum network.

Since Summer 2020, more than 375 students have maintained enrollment or avoided delays in graduation thanks to course sharing, with 90 students completing partner courses for Summer 2023 alone. Additionally, course sharing helps ASU apply cost-effective measures to institutional processes by redirecting under-enrolled courses to recover revenue.

"The face of higher ed is changing," said Meagan Word, Director of Student Academic Progress. "Acadeum helps us keep up with that." Read on to learn more about ASU's course sharing strategy and best practices.

ASU: Fast Facts

- Based in San Angelo, TX
- Military-serving, four-year public
- Minority/Hispanic-serving institution
- Medium-sized; 10K students enrolled
- Started course sharing in Summer 2020

\$1.3M

in recovered
tuition revenue

375+

students retained



“Utilizing course sharing allows students to progress on their degree and meet pre-requisite requirements while keeping them enrolled at ASU. It’s a win-win for everybody.”

- Meagan Word

The Turning Point

Word worked to create alignment among advisors, registrars, and faculty by demonstrating how ASU planned to use Acadeum's course sharing network to keep students on track. "We had a non-traditional student with a personal tragedy," Word said. "I shared her story and showed how we kept her enrolled. Without course sharing, she wouldn't have graduated."

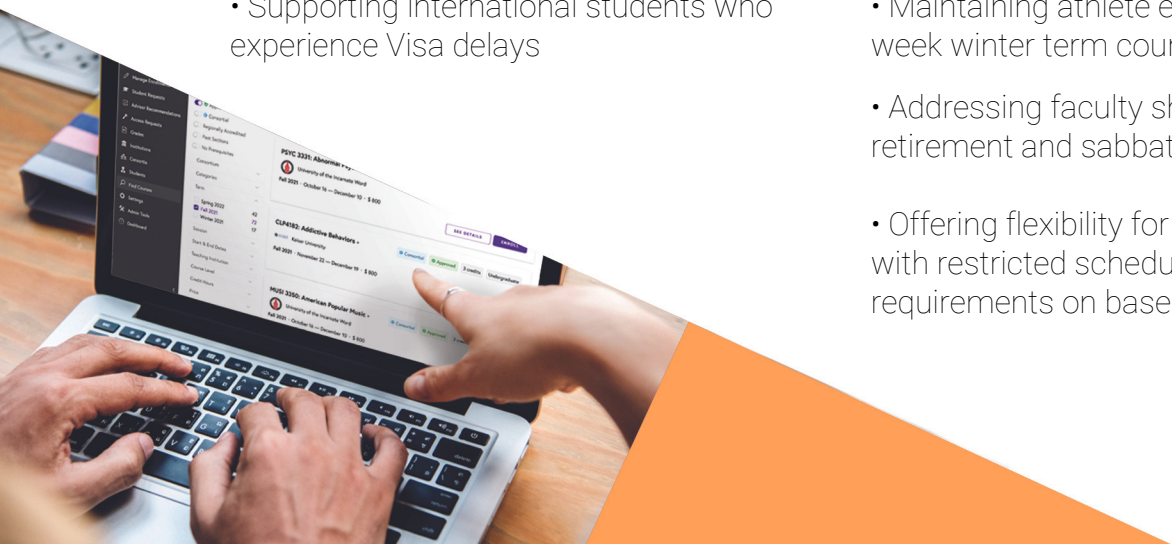


Acadeum course compatibility with financial aid was another factor that allowed Angelo State to accelerate their use of course sharing, lessening their reliance on outsourced courses, which can result in time-consuming processes and paperwork. "Acadeum has been really helpful as an advising tool to give students a more ideal schedule," said Word.

To get up-and-running, ASU worked with Acadeum to pre-approve courses they were already using through existing transfer agreements with local colleges.

How ASU is using course sharing to meet student needs and recover tuition revenue:

- Keeping students on track by finding required pre-requisite courses
- Preventing delays in student progress when courses are offered once a year
- Supporting international students who experience Visa delays
- Providing a life-raft to students facing work commitments and family challenges
- Helping students complete their degree after they receive job offers
- Maintaining athlete eligibility through 8-week winter term courses
- Addressing faculty shortages due to retirement and sabbaticals
- Offering flexibility for military students with restricted schedules, due to time requirements on base.



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