BroncoConnect makes it easy to identify and track at-risk students. In addition to the flags generated within the system, BroncoConnect imports selected student information from Banner. This information can provide background on students and advisees, and it can be used to filter a long list of advisees into a short list of students.

**Note:** BroncoConnect is not intended to replace Banner or to provide official student information. A variety of factors such information refresh rates (BroncoConnect information from Banner is updated nightly) mean that there may be discrepancies between Banner and BroncoConnect. Always check Banner when official information is needed.

**Viewing Student Information**

Every student in BroncoConnect has a Student Folder with several tabs:

The **Overview** tab presents basic information:

- School/College
- Level: U=Undergraduate, G=Graduate, D=Doctoral
- Department: Academic department of the student's major. (Note: this information is provided by a field in Banner that reflects the name of the department at the time the student declared his/her major. Hence it may not correspond to the current department name.)
- Major
- Admit Type: FR=First-Time Freshman, TR=Transfer, RE=Readmit, SV=Special Visiting
- Student Type: Overlaps to some extent with Admit Type, but with important differences:
  - For degree-seeking students, the Student Type corresponds to the Admit Type only in the first term of enrollment. After the first term, degree-seeking students are all Continuing.
  - For non-degree-seeking students, the Student Type remains the same. This is important for identifying Early College students (Cross Creek, Cumberland International), whose Admit Type is SV.
- Cumulative GPA
- Earned Hours
- Last Term GPA: Term GPA for the preceding term of enrollment.
The Info tab repeats some of the Overview information, but adds other information:

- **Admissions**
  - Transfer (Yes/No): This field simply notes the presence or absence of transfer credits. Since an increasing percentage of entering freshmen have earned college credit in high school, this field should be used in conjunction with Admit Type and Student Type.
    - High School GPA
    - First Term of Enrollment
    - ACT/SAT
- **Cohorts:** A variety of student subsets based on student information. These are useful for filtering groups of students and will be explained below.
- **Demographics**
  - Gender
  - Race
- **Programs:** Major
- **Term Status:** Starting from Spring 2015, displays information specific to each term of enrollment
  - Academic Standing
  - Cumulative GPA
  - Total Credit Hours
  - Credits Earned in Term
  - Term GPA
  - Class Level
  - Credits Attempted in Term
Filtering Students

Student information can be used to identify at-risk students or just students with specific characteristics (e.g., first-time freshmen who entered Fall 2011). This allows instructors and advisors to focus on the students who most need their attention. Students can be filtered by cohorts or by additional filters.

Cohorts are pre-defined groups of students who share certain characteristics:

- Admissions: Admit Type, Student Type, and or first term of enrollment. Examples include
  - Cross Creek Early College: current high school students (not early college graduates enrolled as degree-seeking students)
  - First Time Freshmen 2010 Fall
- Classification: Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors
- Gender
- Cumulative GPA
- Term GPA

The list of cohorts will be expanded as instructors and advisors provide feedback on what information is most useful.

Advisors and instructors can filter students from the Students view in BroncoConnect. In the case below, filtering advisees for the cohort GPA – 0.00-1.99 reduced a list of 25 to 3 students. The advisor can now follow up with these students to make an appointment at the beginning of the semester.
Alternatively, faculty and staff can use the Additional Filters feature to filter by additional criteria such as

- Tracking Items (e.g., flags)
- Attributes (e.g., Department)

Cohorts and additional filters make it possible for instructors and advisors to sort through their students and intervene with those most in need.

**Corrections/Suggestions**

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the student information used in BroncoConnect. If you discover significant discrepancies between BroncoConnect and Banner, please bring them to the attention of the Implementation Team by sending an e-mail to BroncoConnect@uncfsu.edu.

BroncoConnect can import virtually any information from Banner. If you have ideas about student information that would help you as an instructor or advisor, please send them to BroncoConnect@uncfsu.edu.

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