

Starfish at East Carolina University



Welcome to Starfish

Starfish is an early alert tool that is accessed through Blackboard to support students' academic success at East Carolina University. Through Starfish, faculty can inform students of their academic performance within a course and connect students to appropriate support resources such as tutoring.

Features Include:

- ★ Early Alert Flags – Starfish enables faculty to inform students of their academic performance within a course (raising flags/notifications) in an efficient manner.
- ★ Monitoring – Specific individuals (academic advisors) and resources can be notified when a student receives a flag notification. Reports can be generated and sorted by types of flags, instructors, and course prefixes.
- ★ Student Success Network – Starfish can connect students to academic and support resources.
- ★ Appointments – A scheduling option is available utilizing the Starfish calendar. Students, faculty, and advisors can make or request appointments using this feature.

Pilot Test: Spring 2011 (20 faculty, 1792 students) highlights:

- ★ Of the 14 faculty responding to the survey, 100% indicated that they would continue using Starfish.
- ★ 95% of the student respondents who received a positive reinforcement flag “felt it was beneficial to receive positive reinforcement within a course.”
- ★ 78% of the student respondents who received an academic difficulty flag “felt that it was beneficial to receive an update on performance through a Starfish email notification” and 70% of the respondents indicated they “took action” (40% sought tutoring, 20% spoke to professor, 10% other action).

Additional Information:

- Beginning fall 2011, Starfish replaces Academic Progress Reports (APR's) for the general student population. ***Athletics will continue to use their own academic progress reporting system for student athletes.***
- You do NOT have to be a Bb “user” to use Starfish. You DO need to login to Bb and select the Starfish tab at the top of the screen.
- You can registrar for a training through OneStop > Tools > University Trainings. You can also set up an individual, group, or department training by contacting John Trifilo at trifiloj@ecu.edu.
- You can obtain a copy of the Starfish Faculty and Advisor Guide through the main Bb login screen.
- Faculty will be asked to complete an Academic Status Report three times during the semester. An e-mail requesting completion of this report will be sent to the faculty's ECU email account. You can find more information regarding these reports in the Faculty and Advisor Starfish Guide.
- As of Oct 4, 2011 – **8492** flags raised:
 - **3821** Academic Difficulty (45% of all flags raised)
 - **3649** Positive Reinforcement (43% of all flags raised)
 - **1022** Attendance Related (12% of all flags raised)



Have Questions?

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