

A non-traditional student is defined as an undergraduate student enrolled at COM-FSM and meets at least one of the following criteria:

- Delays enrollment (does not enter postsecondary education in the same calendar year that he or she finished high school)
- Attends part-time for at least part of the academic year
- Is a veteran or active duty military service member
- Works full-time (35 hours or more per week) while enrolled
- Is a single parent (either not married or married but separated and has dependents)
- Does not have a high school diploma (completed high school with a GED or other high school completion certificate or did not finish high school)
- Taking less than 12 credits due to significant non-academic commitments
- Adult learner age 25 and above, and is financially independent
- Pursuing specific courses in completion of previous degree
- Has dependent other than spouse/partner
- Students who are financially independent

- Students who enrolled once and quit for several years then reenrolled

- Outside of the usual college age range (18-22)

- Returning to college to further their career or begin a new career