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STREAMLINING UC ARTICULATION OVERVIEW

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Issue: In 2004, the University of California faculty addressed the issue of “gaps” in articulation of major preparation courses between California Community Colleges and UC campuses (Streamlining UC Articulation). Articulation gaps made it difficult for prospective transfers to identify which CCC courses would meet major preparation requirements at specific UC campuses, since information on comparability of certain courses was unavailable. In 2005, the University faculty adopted SR 477, requiring every UC campus to articulate specific CCC courses/sequences when four or more UC campuses had already articulated them for common requirements in similar majors. The policy assured that no gaps in articulation would exist, even if a campus had not reviewed the community college class, provided the class had already been reviewed and approved by other UC campuses for the same major.

Policy Adopted—Additional Challenges

UC campuses recently have concentrated on completing articulation of all major preparation courses with all California Community Colleges; as of March 2006 that process is completed, which represents a doubling of articulation since 2001. Faculty remain concerned about major preparation, however, since even with all course articulation in place, students still face the challenge of deciding on a major from among over 900 different baccalaureate majors across the 9 general UC campuses and understanding the similarities and differences in preparation for each.

Implementation—Identifying Major Preparation Paths for Each UC Major

Even though each University campus major may have its own unique academic focus, a key aspect of the SR 477 policy is that every year the University must identify all commonalities in similar majors across campuses. The University faculty are working to leverage this information by providing students and advisors with related UC Transfer Preparation Paths for top University majors. These UC Transfer Preparation Paths: 1) Provide students with **general descriptions of each major**, 2) Identify all lower division **degree requirements that are common** across any UC campuses, 3) Identify all **additional academic requirements at each UC campus**, 4) Identify other – possibly **unrelated – majors where the common preparation** applies, and 5) Describe any **additional criteria** (gpa, minimum grades, etc) that students must achieve to be selected for admission at each campus.

The Transfer Preparation Paths establish a new framework to identify specific courses at every CCC that students can use to meet any of the lower division requirements. This information will be made available in addition to all of the current, traditional major preparation articulation the UC campuses maintain that cover all of the possible transfer options.

Current Status – October 2006

At the direction of the UC Academic Senate (BOARS and UCEP), initial Transfer Preparation Paths for four initial majors have been developed, reviewed, and posted for public access at www.UCTransfer.org. These include the statewide and campus-specific Paths for Biology, Chemistry, History, and Psychology majors.

The ASSIST Coordination Site is also using information on the common requirements in these four majors to conduct the SR 477 articulation analysis to identify any gaps in current CCC-to-UC articulation that might be filled.

This first phase was intended as a “proof of concept” to generate real, useful information and to inform a broader implementation. A full implementation plan is currently being developed that 1) expands the Paths to all top UC campus majors incorporating appropriate faculty consultation processes, 2) creates a computerized database so the information can be more easily maintained, updated, and displayed each year, 3) connects the Paths to CCC courses so students and advisors can see which specific courses apply, 4) conduct the SR 477 articulation analysis against all CCC-to-UC articulation for common requirements in all top majors, and 5) create better ways of using all of this information on a web site to help students and their advisors.

Combining Streamlining and Transfer Preparation Paths = Student Success

The new UC Transfer Preparation Paths combined with the extensive and comprehensive traditional major preparation articulation will be a powerful resource so that students can make the most effective use of California’s robust community college system, attain baccalaureate degrees without accumulating unnecessary course units, and have the flexibility to move seamlessly through the transfer process if/when they change their interest in majors or University campuses.



06-07 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA TRANSFER COURSE AGREEMENT (UCTCA) RESULTS

The University of California has taken the following action regarding Mesa's request for inclusion on the University of California Transfer Course Agreement (UCTCA):

New courses approved:

- CISC 189A Introduction to Programming I
- CISC 189B Introduction to Programming II
(Note: CISC189A and 189B are equal to 190. No credit for 189A or 189B if taken after 190)
- CISC 193 Microsoft C# Software Engineering I
- CISC 210 System Analysis and Design
- HIST 168 The United States in Vietnam
- MUSI 212 Vocal Ensemble
- PHYS 125 General Physics
- PHYS 126 General Physics II
- PHYS 195 Mechanics
- PHYS 196 Electricity and Magnetism
- PHYS 197 Waves, Optics and Modern
(Note: PHYS 124A, 124B or 194A , 195B, 195C or 125, 126 or 195, 196, 197 combined: maximum credit, one series. Deduct credit for duplication of topics)

Courses re-reviewed and approved:

- ARCH 175 Advanced Architectural Design I
(Any or all of these courses combined: maximum credit, 18 semester units per UC Berkeley's College of Environmental Design.)
- CHEM 152 Introduction to General Chemistry
- CHEM 152L Introduction to General Chemistry Laboratory
(Note: CHEM 100, 100L and 152, 152L combined: maximum credit, 4 units. No credit for 100, 100L or 152, 152L if taken after 200)
- ENGL 245 Writing Creative Nonfiction
- ENGL 247 Writing Seminar - Poetry
- ENGL 249 Introduction to Creative Writing
- ENGL 253 Fundamentals of Fiction
- ENGL 254 Intermediate Fiction Writing
(Note: ENGL 245, 249, 253, 254 combined: maximum credit, 6 units)

Courses approved as UC transferable, but will not appear on the TCA because they are Variable Topics:

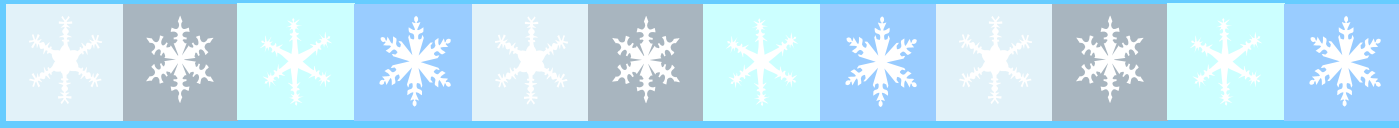
NONE

Courses not approved as UC transferable:

- CISC 152 Introduction to the Linux Operating System
(Reason: No comparable course in lower division at UC)
- CISC 220 Fundamentals of Computer Game Programming
(Reason: No comparable course in lower division at UC. Professional development. Insufficient prerequisite.)

Courses which require additional review or campus action:

- ARCH 172 Architectural Design II
(Note: The UC Office of the President will notify when a response is received)



MESA CURRICULUM REVIEW COMMITTEE (CRC) MEETING SCHEDULE

Fall 2006/Spring 2007 ~ Thursdays ~ 2:00 p.m.

Fall 2006

November 2, 19
December 7

Spring 2007

February 1*, 15 (*Virtual Vote)
March 1, 15, 29
April 19
May 3, 17

PUBLICATION DEADLINES FOR CRC REVIEW

CRC Meeting

February 15, 2007
February 2007
April 2007
May 2007

Publication

Mesa Catalog 2007
Summer Schedule 2007
Fall Schedule 2007
Spring Schedule 2008

Please note that all items submitted prior to and by these deadlines remain dependent upon subsequent CIC/Board of Trustee's and/or State approval. Until the appropriate subsequent approvals are given, items cannot be included in the above publications. For updates and changes to deadlines, please contact the Curriculum Chair (Paula Gustin, Ext. 2850)

SDCCD CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIONAL COUNCIL (CIC) MEETING SCHEDULE

Fall 2006/Intersession 2007 ~ Thursdays ~ 2:00 p.m.

CIC Meeting Dates

October 26
November 9
November 30
December 21
January 25

Proposals Due to District Instructional Services

October 6
October 20
November 3
November 29
December 22

IMPORTANT DATES

07-08 IGETC/CSU GE- Breadth Submittal
07-08 SDSU Articulation Renewal

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