

2015-16 Annual Report

Curriculum Committee

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This year the Curriculum Committee engaged in some new terrain and accomplished an enormous amount on perfecting our existing curriculum. Unlike the previous couple of years which were dominated by mandates and requirements placed upon the college by the Chancellor's Office (Associate Degrees for Transfer—SB 1440 compliant degrees—and C-ID), this year was full of exciting new directions and curriculum updating.

New Degrees and Certificates

The Curriculum Committee approved the following 4 innovative degrees and certificates based on the expertise of the area faculty and the advice of the respective Advisory Boards. This includes SMC's first ever Baccalaureate degree in Interaction Design.

- Interaction Design **Bachelor of Science**
- User Experience Design **Department Certificate**
- Infant/Toddler Teacher **Associate in Science (AS) / Certificate of Achievement**
- Visual Development **Department Certificate**

Revisions to Degrees and Certificates

The Curriculum Committee approved revisions to 33 degrees and certificates based on the expertise of the area faculty, the advice of the respective Advisory Boards, and changes in industry.

- Accounting **Associate in Science (AS)**
- African and Middle Eastern Studies **Department Certificate**
- Athletic Coaching **Associate in Science (AS) / Certificate of Achievement**
- Business Administration **Associate of Science for Transfer (AS-T)**
- Business **Associate in Science (AS)**
- Clerical/Data Entry **Department Certificate**
- Communication Studies **Associate of Arts for Transfer (AA-T)**
- Computer Business Applications **Associate in Science (AS) / Certificate of Achievement**
- Cosmetology **Associate in Science (AS) / Certificate of Achievement**
- Digital Media **Associate in Science (AS) / Certificate of Achievement**
- Digital Production and Design **Department Certificate**
- Digital Publishing **Department Certificate**
- Environmental Science **Associate in Arts (AA) / Certificate of Achievement**
- Esthetician **Department Certificate**
- General Accountant **Certificate of Achievement**
- General Office **Associate in Science (AS) / Certificate of Achievement**

- General Science **Associate in Arts (AA)**
- Global Studies **Associate in Arts (AA) / Certificate of Achievement**
- Graphic Design **Associate in Science (AS) / Certificate of Achievement**
- Legal Administrative Assistant **Associate in Science (AS) / Certificate of Achievement**
- Liberal Arts – Arts & Humanities **Associate in Arts (AA)**
- Liberal Arts - Social & Behavioral Science **Associate in Arts (AA)**
- Medical Administrative Assistant **Associate in Science (AS) / Certificate of Achievement**
- Nail Care **Department Certificate**
- Political Science **Associate of Arts for Transfer (AA-T)**
- History **Associate of Arts for Transfer (AA-T)**
- Sales and Promotion **Associate in Science (AS) / Certificate of Achievement**
- Spanish **Associate of Arts for Transfer (AA-T)**
- Technical Theatre **Associate in Science (AS) / Certificate of Achievement**
- Theatre **Associate in Arts (AA)**
- Website Development Management **Department Certificate**
- Website Software Specialist **Associate in Science (AS) / Certificate of Achievement**
- Word Processing **Department Certificate**

New Ideas

The Curriculum Committee approved several new courses stemming from innovative and exciting ideas. Particularly innovative new courses include:

- **Applied Learning:** a companion course (1 unit) for any discipline which allows students to apply their “classroom learning” in an experiential fashion.
- **Engineering:** 4 new courses which introduce students to the fields of engineering much earlier in their academic career.
- **First Aid and CPR:** a course particularly useful to both our Kinesiology/Physical Education students and our Early Childhood Education students.
- **Introduction to Law:** an early exposure to the study of Law meant to motivate our students toward law school.
- **Pre-Statistics:** a different pathway for students to reach our Statistics course.
- **Upper Division General Education:** “Customizable” higher level general education courses in English and Psychology which can be contextualized to specific cohorts for baccalaureate program students.

New Courses

This academic year, the Curriculum Committee approved the following **44 new courses** (including 15 upper division courses) and **5 revised and reinstated courses**:

- [ANY DISCIPLINE] 99 Applied Learning in [ANY DISCIPLINE]
- CIS 37 Microsoft Word
- COSM 38B Mechanical Exfoliation
- COSM 38C Chemical
- COSM 50E Written Preparation For Esthetician State Board Exam
- COSM 50N Written Preparation For Nail Care State Board Exam
- ECE 32 Communicating With Families
- ECE 54 Documentation: Making Learning Visible (replacing 1 unit ECE 52)

- ECE 55 Environment As The Third Teacher (replacing 1 unit ECE 53)
- ENGL 300 Advanced Writing and Critical Thinking in the Disciplines (Upper Division)
- ENGR 1 Introduction to Engineering
- ENGR 11 Engineering Graphics and Design
- ENGR 21 Circuit Analysis
- ENGR 22 Circuit Analysis Lab
- ET 21A Character Design
- ET 21B Environment Design
- ET 21C Prop and Vehicle Design
- ET 41M Digital Music Production
- GEOL 10 / ASTRON 10 Exploration of the Solar System
- GR DES 60 Design Research
- GR DES 62 User Experience Design 2
- HEALTH 11 First Aid and Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation
- HEALTH 70 Integrative Health
- HEBREW 3 Intermediate Hebrew 1 (Reinstatement)
- HEBREW 4 Intermediate Hebrew 2 (Reinstatement)
- HIST 28 Modern Europe: 1914 to the Present (Reinstatement)
- IxD 310 Interaction Design Studio 1 (Upper Division)
- IxD 330 Interaction Design Studio 2 (Upper Division)
- IxD 350 Interactive Storytelling (Upper Division)
- IxD 360 Product Design (Upper Division)
- IxD 370 Design for Community Change (Upper Division)
- IxD 410 Project Management for Design (Upper Division)
- IxD 430 Interaction Design Studio 3 (Upper Division)
- IxD 450 Interaction Design Portfolio (Upper Division)
- IxD 460 Tangible Interaction (Upper Division)
- IxD 470 Interaction Design Senior Studio (Upper Division)
- IxD 491 Interaction Design Internship (1) (Upper Division)
- IxD 492 Interaction Design Internship (2) (Upper Division)
- IxD 493 Interaction Design Internship (3) (Upper Division)
- KIN PE 34B Intermediate Karate
- KIN PE 34C Advanced Intermediate Karate
- KIN PE 56B Intermediate Track and Field
- MATH 50 Pre-Statistics
- MEDIA 4 Introduction to Game Studies
- POL SC 24 Introduction to Law
- PRO CR 25 Personal Trainer Preparation
- PSYCH 320 Cognitive Psychology (Upper Division)
- TH ART 28B 3D Make-Up and Theatrical Styles (Reinstatement)
- TH ART 32 Scenic Design (Reinstatement)

Curricular Updates

The Curriculum Committee approved over 200 course updates/revisions in the following 26 disciplines:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accounting• Anatomy• Business• Computer Applications• Cosmetology• Dance• Early Childhood Education• English• Entertainment Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Geography• Graphic Design• Kinesiology / Physical Education• Library• Mathematics• Microbiology• Media Studies• Music• Philosophy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nursing• Nutrition• Occupational Education (Emeritus College-noncredit)• Physiology• Professional Courses• Psychology• Theatre Arts• Varsity Physical Education
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Baccalaureate Degree

Several Curriculum Committee members served on the Bachelor's Degree Taskforce which explored and vetted multiple aspects of this new program. These members meet every "non-curriculum Wednesday" to discuss issues related to: 1) the curricular program of study, 2) the application process and admission criteria, 3) the required student services for students, and 4) the technology needs for the program.

Global Citizenship

The Committee approved the following courses to satisfy the Global Citizenship degree requirement under the criteria of Global Studies:

- History 6: History Of Latin America II

Additionally, the Committee approved a restructuring of the Global Citizenship Degree Requirement to allow students to satisfy the 3-unit requirement by utilizing (in combination) courses of less than 3 units. The committee also approved as satisfying the requirement the successful completion of any Santa Monica College Study Abroad experience (if completed Spring 2008 or later) regardless of the number of units or duration of the experience.

Distance Education

The Committee approved 6 courses in the following disciplines to be offered either partially or entirely via distance education:

- Computer Applications
- Early Childhood Education
- Geography
- Philosophy

Prerequisites, Corequisites, and Skills Advisories

The Committee approved prerequisite, corequisite, and/or skills advisory changes to several existing courses.

CSU GE Pattern and Crosslisted Courses

As a result of changes to Area D of the CSU GE Pattern (which now mirrors Area 4 of the IGETC Pattern), the Committee restructured how our courses are listed to facilitate student completion without confusion or unexpected surprises. This involved treating our crosslisted courses differently than we have in the past. We also are exploring different methods of managing our crosslisted courses and better displaying these courses on student transcripts.

Changes to Credit Granted for AP Exams

The Committee increased the number of degree-applicable units granted to students for several Advanced Placement (AP) Exams. These changes mirror the units currently granted to students at the CSU.

Administrative Regulation Changes

The Committee approved changes to three ARs (5110: “Curriculum Committee: Structure, Functions, Responsibilities, Meetings”, 5111: “Establishment of Courses and Programs Originating Within Departments” now retitled: “Establishment of Programs in New Areas Of Study”, and 5113: “Program Discontinuance Process”). The Committee also approved the removal of AR 5112: “Establishment of Courses and Programs Originating Outside Departments” as its content was included into the revised 5111.

Noncredit Offerings

Key personnel in SMCs noncredit offerings presented an overview of the field of Noncredit and changes at the statewide level which offer SMC new possibilities. The Committee approved the revision of two noncredit courses offered as part of our Emeritus College which may help SMC take advantage of some of these new opportunities.

Community Services (Not-For-Credit) Offerings

The Committee reinstated the practice of receiving an overview of SMC’s Community Service offerings to better acquaint the Committee with the large spectrum of opportunities available to our community.

Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (SB 1440)

At the conclusion of this academic year, SMC offers a total of 15 ADTs. Two other ADTs are awaiting approval by the Chancellor’s Office.

Associate Degrees for Transfer offered by SMC

- 1) Anthropology AA-T
- 2) Art History AA-T
- 3) Business Administration AS-T
- 4) Communication Studies AA-T
- 5) Early Childhood Education AS-T
- 6) Economics AA-T

- 7) Geography AA-T
- 8) History AA-T
- 9) Journalism AA-T
- 10) Kinesiology AA-T
- 11) Mathematics AS-T
- 12) Political Science AA-T
- 13) Spanish AA-T
- 14) Studio Arts AA-T
- 15) Theatre Arts AA-T

Associate Degrees for Transfer Approved by SMC (not yet approved by the Chancellor's Office)

- 16) Geology AS-T
- 17) Nutrition and Dietetics AS-T

All courses related to ADTs which have a "C-ID" (common course numbering system) descriptor must be submitted for approval in tandem with the submission of the degree. SMC currently has 87 courses fully approved for C-ID.

Unfinished Work and a Look Ahead

- While SMC has approved the **Baccalaureate Degree in Interaction Design**, approval by the Chancellor's Office (and ACCJC) has not yet been accomplished as we await final requirements from these two entities. It is likely we will be required to revise our current program of study as a result of new requirements proposed by ACCJC. These revisions will likely occur early in Fall 2016.
- One goal of the committee for this year was largely unaddressed due to other, more immediate, demands. Thus, the committee will carry forward the evaluation and revision to the **prerequisite approval process** in order to strengthen the process in support of both access and student success.
- We have envisioned a fairly significant revision to our **college catalog** to make it more readable and "user-friendly" for students, as well as for faculty and staff. We hope to implement this revision for the 2017-2018 college catalog.
- We intend to revise the way in which our **Program Learning Outcomes** are articulated to ensure stronger validity of those outcomes as well as facilitate improved data collection.
- The committee will continue its "**pro-active**" approach toward curriculum as well as promoting and facilitating a **collaborative and interdisciplinary approach**. To this end, the committee will be exploring SMC's degree structure and possible changes toward new or revised "**degree pathways**" for students.