

# What is a Discipline?

- A “discipline” is defined as a grouping of courses that share common academic or vocational preparation, which are typically defined by a degree or degrees (MFA, MA, BA, MS, etc), or specific professional preparation.
  - Not the same as local departments or subject areas.
  - Defined in the Minimum Qualifications document maintained by the BOG.
  - Example:
    - Local Department or Subject Name: Child and Family Studies
    - Official Discipline: Early Childhood Education
  - Discipline Definition in CA Education Code §87357
  - **Not the same as or related to TOP codes and names**

# The Disciplines List



## Minimum Qualifications for Faculty and Administrators in California Community Colleges

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# Organization of Disciplines List

- Disciplines requiring a Master's Degree
- Disciplines where a Master's degree is not normally expected but a Bachelor's or Associate degree is expected
- Disciplines in which a Master's, Bachelor's or Associate Degree is not generally expected or available in that specific discipline
- Disciplines for non-credit instruction
- Other – to include Administrators, Learning Center Coordinators, Health Services Professionals, Apprenticeship Instructors, DSP&S Counselors, Work Experience Coordinators, Faculty Interns, EOPS



# Assigning Courses to Disciplines

- Determined by local process, but Senate has regulatory authority.
- Local process should rely on discipline faculty expertise with review and oversight by local Curriculum Committee, Senate, or both.
- Curriculum Committee often charged with overseeing this process, but other models exist.
- Faculty-driven process, regardless of committee.

# Considerations When Assigning Courses

- The guiding principle is course content, not personnel issues or FTE
- Courses should be placed in a discipline on the body of knowledge necessary to teach the course
- Regardless of the local situation, discipline faculty need to be involved in assignment of courses to disciplines.
- Remember: Not all programs or department titles are disciplines
- Tops codes are NOT disciplines



# Three Different Ways of Assigning

1. Course assigned to a single discipline.
  - Example: ENGL 101 assigned to English. The minimum qualifications for English provides adequate preparation to teach the course content.
2. Course assigned to more than one discipline with an “or” (cross listed)
  - Example: ARTS 101 assigned to Art or Graphic Design. The minimum qualifications for either discipline provide adequate preparation to teach the course content.
3. Course assigned to more than one discipline with an “and” (interdisciplinary)
  - HUMA 120 assigned to Humanities *and* Ethnic Studies. The minimum qualifications for both disciplines *together* provide adequate preparation to teach the course content.

# Multiple Disciplines

*Do not* need to be listed on more than one course outline of record (COR) or be listed in the catalog under multiple subject codes. For Example:

ARTS 101 is cross-listed on the COR under Art and Graphic Design. The college only maintains one COR for ARTS 101. The course is listed in the catalog ONLY as ARTS 101.

May be “double-coded”, i.e. recorded on two or more CORs and listed in the catalog under each subject code. For example:

Social Psychology is recorded on two separate CORs, one as PSYC 120, one as SOCI 120. It is listed in the catalog under both subject codes. Double-coded courses should have identical CORs.



# Impact on Teaching

## Single Discipline:

Faculty who meet minimum qualifications or the locally-determined equivalent for that discipline are eligible to teach the course.

## More than one discipline with an “or”:

Faculty who meet minimum qualifications or the locally-determined equivalent in any of the listed disciplines are eligible to teach the course.

## More than one discipline with an “and”:

Faculty who meet minimum qualifications or the locally-determined equivalent for ALL of the listed disciplines are eligible to teach the course.





# To What Discipline Would You Assign...

- Animation
- Death
- History of American Film
- Economic History of the U.S.
- Photoshop



# Multi College Districts

- While some multi college districts have common courses, others do not
- Since your district has one set of minimum qualifications, similar courses should be placed in the **same** discipline, even if they are called different things.
- Your local process will be different than those in single college districts



# Questions?

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