

Maricopa Curriculum News

The District Curriculum Committee (DCC), in collaboration with Maricopa faculty and Instructional Councils, has been busy with a number of important curriculum agendas that support student success. Here's a sample of some highlights.

Course Review

Approximately 1900 courses have been deleted from the course bank as a result of the Instructional Council review of courses never offered or not offered in five years. Beginning in Fall 2009, the review will be conducted annually.

Interdisciplinary Curriculum

The curriculum is becoming increasingly multi-disciplinary and interdisciplinary, but our processes were designed for clearly defined discipline areas. DCC needs to encourage and support emerging new interdisciplinary programs that are timely, coherent, responsive, and relevant. Proposals are under way.

“Overlapping” Curriculum

DCC's faculty Curriculum Development Facilitators (CDF's) are drafting a process that addresses new courses that cross disciplinary lines. The process will include a decision tree to identify new courses that may involve more than one discipline. Faculty CDF's will work with course initiators early in the curriculum development process to ensure information sharing and review by the appropriate Instructional Councils.

Similar Programs, Multiple Colleges

Maricopa has many programs for which many colleges have developed unique, but very similar, degrees. DCC is working with Instructional Councils to begin review of these program areas for similarities and recommendations for whether some can be consolidated.

Advising Guides

A new process is under development that will provide faculty with an option to create *Advising Guides* that define transfer pathways, to be used district wide, for programs and disciplines that are not adequately addressed through the Arizona Transfer System.