

CSU Articulation Information of LPC Courses Numbered "49"

(1) Prior to Fall 2007, these courses were listed in ASSIST under "Contemporary Studies." This was a problem b/c 4-year evaluators didn't realize that "MSCM 49" or "PSYC 49", etc were considered Contemporary Studies. As a result, students either didn't receive credit for these courses or CSU evaluators were calling me asking for verification that they were indeed transferable.

(2) During Spring 2007, I asked ASSIST to add "49" courses to each discipline listed to hopefully eliminate the above confusion. I had to give these courses a title, so I asked them to input "Selected Topics in (the discipline)." They did this retroactively to the beginning of time.

(3) Prior to Fall 2007, there was a unit limitation for "49" courses that stated only 2.5 units of all Contemporary Studies courses combined could be transferred. I tried to research the rationale for why LPC and Chabot created this and found no answers. Therefore, Jane (at Chabot) and I joined forces in bringing forward a proposal to our respective curriculum committees to remove this unit limitation (in addition to the others for 99s, 9s, etc.). After a year of presenting research, rationales, and answering questions, it was approved. So, effective Fall 2007, there are no transfer unit limitations for these courses.

(4) ASSIST does not indicate the transfer unit limitations prior to Fall 2007 b/c there isn't a place for such notation (LPC inputs these courses). The only places it is indicated is in our catalog and on our 2T flyers. Now, evaluators really only use ASSIST when evaluating incoming transcripts. As a result, they may not impose these limitations. I'm not going to alert them either. This makes advising a little ambiguous. My advice is to be on the safe side - if a student takes 49 courses prior to Fall 2007, only count 2.5 units but you may explain the above to them if they fall short of the 60 required. They can still apply for admission and the CSUs will most likely count all of them (but I wouldn't guarantee it).

(5) In addition to all of this, some CSUs are coming up with their own policies/interpretations. Today, two different scenarios come up. One CSU said they weren't taking two 49s b/c they had the same title (Selected Topics in Psychology) and another said they would give credit for both but wouldn't give credit for a 49 that was titled Radio Production b/c it was listed as such in ASSIST. For these individual cases, please feel free to refer a student or evaluator to me and I will sort it out. In an attempt to reduce confusion, I will ask ASSIST to add a notation (if possible) that any 49 with any title is transferable. I'll keep you posted.