

Academic Affairs

BP 4020 PROGRAM, CURRICULUM, AND COURSE DEVELOPMENT**References:**

Education Code Sections 70901(b), 70902(b), 78016;
Title 5 Sections 51000, 51022, 55002.5, 51956, 55000-55225;
Financial Aid Programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended;
34 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 600.2, 602.24, 603.24, and 668.8;
ACCJC Accreditation Standards II.A. and II.A.9.

The District shall offer credit, noncredit, and community services classes in conformance with definitions and a classification system consistent with state law.

The programs and curricula of the District shall be of high quality, relevant to community and student needs, and evaluated regularly to ensure quality and currency. The Superintendent/President shall establish procedures for the development and review of all curricular offerings, including their establishment, modification, or discontinuance.

Furthermore, these procedures shall include:

- appropriate involvement of the faculty and Academic Senate in all processes;
- regular review and justification of programs and course descriptions;
- opportunities for training for persons involved in aspects of curriculum development; and
- consideration of job market and other related information for career and technical education programs.

All new programs and program discontinuances shall be approved by the Board of Trustees.

All new credit and noncredit courses, programs, certificates, and degrees must satisfy the conditions authorized by Title 5 regulations, shall be approved by the Board of Trustees, and shall be submitted to the California Community College Chancellor's Office for approval as required. In addition, all course and program deletions shall be approved by the Board of Trustees.

Individual degree-applicable credit courses offered as part of a permitted educational program shall be approved by the Board. Non-degree-applicable credit and degree-applicable courses that are not part of an existing approved program must satisfy the conditions authorized by Title 5 regulations and shall be approved by the Board.

Credit Hour

Consistent with federal regulations applicable to federal financial aid eligibility, the District shall assess and designate each of its programs as either a "credit hour" program or a "clock hour" program.

The Superintendent/President shall establish procedures which prescribe the definition of "credit hour" consistent with applicable Title 5 and federal regulations, as they apply to community college districts.

The Superintendent/President shall establish procedures to assure that curriculum at the District complies with the definition of “credit hour” or “clock hour,” where applicable.

The Superintendent/President shall also establish procedures for using a clock-to-credit hour conversion formula to determine whether a credit hour program is eligible for federal financial aid. The conversion formula is used to determine whether such a credit-hour program has an appropriate minimum number of clock hours of instruction for each credit hour it claims.

The total educational program of the District shall be reviewed continuously with respect to its value to the students enrolled and to meeting the needs of the community.

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