

Review of Disciplines and FSAs

Academic Senate

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What Are They?



Disciplines

- Assigned to each course during the curriculum creation/revision process
- Set the minimum qualifications to teach each course.
- Disciplines are defined at the state level by the ASCCC
- Reference: [Min Qual Handbook](#)

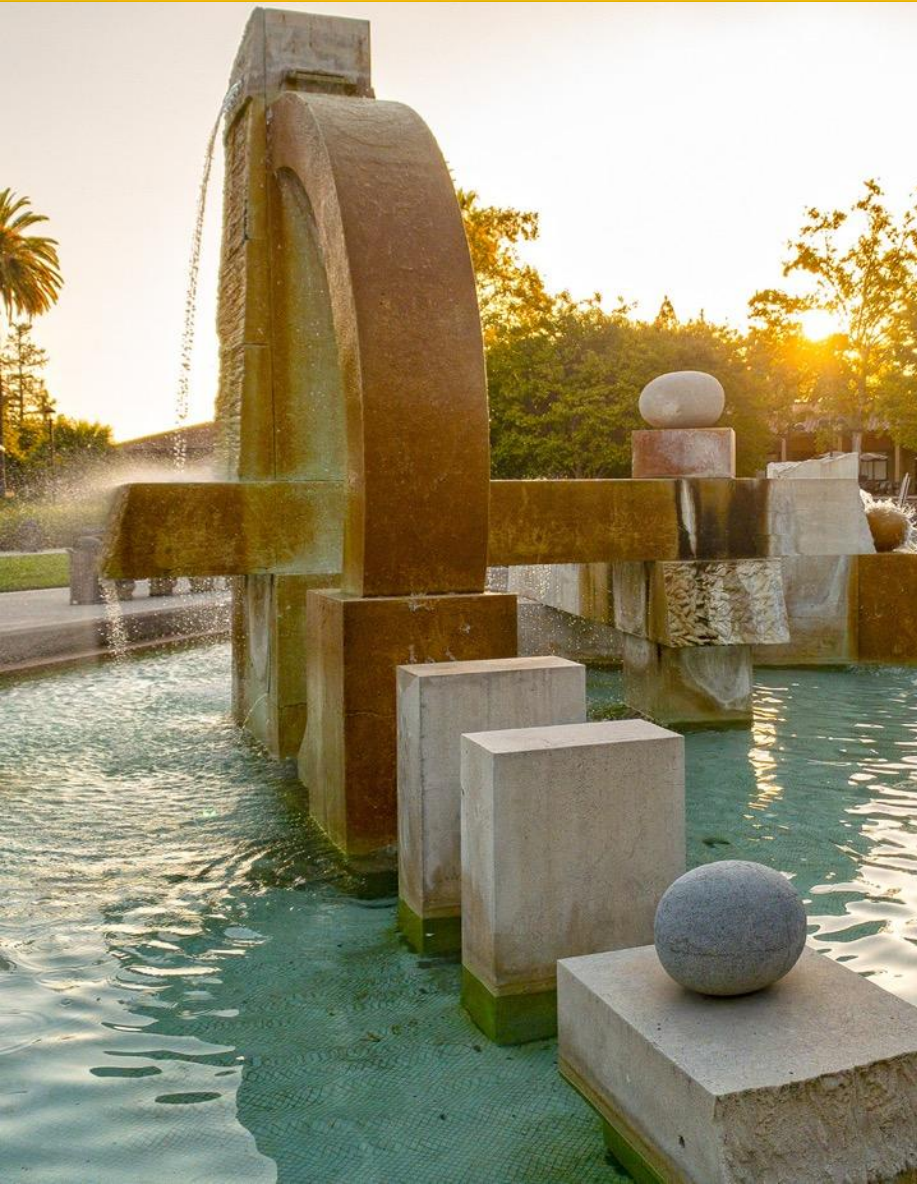
Faculty Service Areas (FSAs)

- Assigned to each course during the curriculum creation/revision process
- A service or instructional subject area or group of related services or instructional subject areas established by the Foothill-De Anza Community College District
- Referenced during Reduction in Force actions.
- Negotiated by FA and the District.

When are they Reviewed?

- Both Disciplines and FSA are part of the Course Outline of Record (COR) in eLumen. They should be confirmed during new course submission and during 5-year revisions. These reviews are handed by the Curriculum Committee
- As individual assessment of courses can potentially lead to inconsistencies across subject areas, a wholistic review of all Disciplines and FSAs occurs once every three years. These reviews are handled by the Executive Officers of the Academic Senate.





Comprehensive Review

- Executive Committee officers will contact department chairs and deans to begin review.
- Department faculty should be consulted, and appropriate disciplines and FSAs are selected from the available lists.
- Updates are communicated to the Exec Officer and through them to the Academic Senate
- The Academic Senate votes to approve the updated list.



Selecting Disciplines

- Courses may have multiple disciplines assigned.
- Courses may require instructors to have one of the listed disciplines (OR operator) or some/all of the listed disciplines (AND operator)
- Courses that require multiple disciplines are often referred to as “interdisciplinary.”
- As eligibility to teach a course is determined by the discipline, faculty should carefully select disciplines to ensure that qualified instructors take charge of each class. Some transfer courses may require specific disciplines in order to be transferable (ex: ethnic studies)
- Deans and schedulers should ensure that faculty assigned to teach courses satisfy the required discipline/min quals for a specific course.



As we discuss Disciplines and FSAs, we will also be exploring opportunities for Dual Enrollment.

Is a Course appropriate for High School students
Can it be taught in high schools, or should it only be taught on De Anza's campus?