

A. NAME OF AGENDA ITEM

Consideration and approval of new or revised courses and programs.

B. STATEMENT OF ISSUE/PURPOSE

1. Background and Purpose:

Sections 55002, 55130, and 55150 of Title 5 requires the local district governing board approve degree-applicable credit courses, nondegree-applicable credit courses, noncredit courses, community services offerings, and credit and noncredit programs.

The following curriculum changes are proposed for the San Diego Community College District for City College, Mesa College, Miramar College, or Continuing Education:

English

Adoption of a new course at City College. **(Attachment A)**

Geology

Adoption of a new course at City College, Mesa College, and Miramar College. **(Attachment B)**

Music

Adoption of a new course at Mesa College. **(Attachment C)**

Physical Science

Adoption of a new course at City College, Mesa College, and Miramar College. **(Attachment D)**

Political Science

Adoption of a new course at City College, Mesa College, and Miramar College. **(Attachment E)**

2. Cost and Funding:

There is no additional cost to the District.

C. PROPOSAL

The Board of Trustees hereby grants authority to take the action outlined in Part A

ACTION

Adoption of a new course at City College.

Proposed new course at City College:

13A Academic Writing Skills

**8 - 9 hours lecture, 24 - 27 hours lab, 1 units
Pass/No Pass**

Advisory: English Language Acquisition 45 with a grade of "C" or better, or equivalent or Assessment Skill Levels R4 and W4 or English 47A or English 48 and English 49, each with a grade of "C" or better, or equivalent or Assessment Skill Level R5 and W5.

This course provides support in college writing skills for all disciplines. Emphasis is placed on the writing of organized, clear, concise, coherent, and carefully crafted written texts from a variety of genres as well as evaluating and incorporating feedback in the revision process. The course is \par individualized, with students working on specific learning outcomes tailored to their needs. (FT) Not applicable to the Associate Degree.

Geology

ACTION

Adoption of a new course at City College, Mesa College, and Miramar College.

Proposed new course at City College, Mesa College, and Miramar College:

130 Field Geology of San Diego County
48 - 54 hours lecture, 48 - 54 hours lab, 4 units
Grade Only

Advisory: English 101 with a grade of "C" or better, or equivalent or Assessment Skill Levels R6 and W6; Mathematics 38 with a grade of "C" or better, or equivalent or Assessment Skill Level M30. Geology 100, Geology 101, Geology 104, Geology 120 or Oceanography 101, each with a grade of "C" or better, or equivalent.

This course explores the geologic history and plate tectonic evolution of San Diego County. Emphasis is placed on the geology of various regions, including the coastal plain, Peninsular Ranges, and Salton Trough. Through lectures, laboratory activities, and field trips, students will gain a deeper understanding of the processes that have shaped these areas. Topics include plate tectonic theory, regional geology, rocks and minerals, map and compass work, geo-spatial data collection, and geologic report writing. This course is intended for those with an interest in field geology. (FT) Associate Degree Credit & transfer to CSU.

ACTION

Adoption of a new course at Mesa College.

Proposed new course at Mesa College:

153 Beginning Jazz Improvisation
24 - 27 hours lecture, 24 - 27 hours lab, 2 units
Grade Only

Advisory: English 47A or English 48 and English 49, each with a grade of "C" or better, or equivalent or Assessment Skill Levels R5 and W5; Music 150A with a grade of "C" or better, or equivalent.

Advisory: Completion of or concurrent enrollment in Music 174A with a grade of "C" or better, or equivalent.

This course provides the opportunity to develop skills in basic jazz improvisation. Students will learn to read and interpret basic jazz rhythms and notation, determine chord/scale relationships, and play standard motifs and rhythms so as to create their own improvised solos within a combo setting. This is an interactive course open to all students who can read music, understand basic chord structures, and have performance skills beyond an entry level on their instruments. (FT) Associate Degree Credit & transfer to CSU.

ACTION

Adoption of a new course at City College, Mesa College, and Miramar College.

Proposed new course at City College, Mesa College, and Miramar College:

114 Weather and Climate

48 - 54 hours lecture, 3 units

Letter Grade or Pass/No Pass Option

Advisory: English 101 with a grade of "C" or better, or equivalent or Assessment Skill Levels R6 and W6; Mathematics 38 with a grade of "C" or better, or equivalent or Assessment Skill Level M30.

This course is an introduction to weather and climate. Emphasis is placed on the principles of solar radiation and energy transfer, atmospheric structure and composition, cloud development, precipitation, atmospheric pressure, and winds. Topics include the origin and development of storms, the greenhouse effect, and Earth's changing climate. The scientific method is illustrated as it relates to analyzing meteorologic problems. This course is appropriate for students with an interest in weather and climate.

(FT) Associate Degree Credit & transfer to CSU.

ACTION

Adoption of a new course at City College, Mesa College, and Miramar College.

Proposed new course at City College, Mesa College, and Miramar College:

121 American Political Development
48 - 54 hours lecture, 3 units
Letter Grade or Pass/No Pass Option

Advisory: English 101 with a grade of "C" or better, or equivalent or Assessment Skill Levels R6 and W6.

This course provides an overview of American political development. Students engage in a historical analysis of the evolution of governmental institutions in the United States, and study how political ideas, political practices, and political actors (including ethnic groups, women, political parties, interest groups, and social movements) shape and are shaped by these institutional factors. This course is intended for transfer students, political science majors, or students interested in the American political system. (FT not required) Associate Degree Credit & transfer to CSU.