

FOOTHILL COLLEGE
College Curriculum Committee
Exception Process for Starting Courses Prior to Catalog Publication

Background

To help student educational planning, Foothill College's normal practice has been to not offer a course prior to publication in the college catalog. However, there are cases in which it would be beneficial to students to run a course prior to publication; for example, the availability of noncredit courses to support student success, prerequisite changes based on C-ID, changes in workforce needs, permanently Stand Alone CTE courses, programmatic accreditation changes, etc. In order to provide flexibility to best serve students, this process allows for an exception to the current practice.

Note our current practice that **new programs** approved by the CCCCCO become active immediately, as long as the program courses have previously been published in the catalog.

Process

Requests must be made by the following deadlines:

March 15th for requests pertaining to Summer and Fall quarters
October 15th for requests pertaining to Winter and Spring quarters

Note: submitting a request by the deadline does not guarantee approval. The possibility of approval is determined based on a number of factors, including (for example) whether it is a transfer course and will require articulation prior to publication in the catalog, whether the changes being requested to the course will affect any curriculum sheets (either credit or noncredit), or whether a noncredit certificate must be approved by the State prior to offering the course to earn Career Development and College Preparation (CDCP) funding.

The following process should be followed to request an exception:

- A. Course outline of record (COR) must be created/updated in CourseLeaf CIM, approved by the division, and moved to "Curriculum Coordinator Review1" status in CourseLeaf CIM.
 - a. Information on COR must be complete and accurate.
 - b. Course SLOs must be entered in SLO system—we are currently transitioning to a new SLO system; in the meantime, SLOs should be presented to the Division Curriculum Committee at the same time that the COR is presented
 - c. Any necessary supplemental forms must be completed within the COR form in CourseLeaf CIM. Forms may include: Content Review for Requisites, Cross-Listed Course Approval Request, Distance Learning Application, Foothill GE Application, Stand Alone Approval Request.
- B. The Division Curriculum Reps emails the request to the Associate Vice President of Instruction (CC the Curriculum Coordinator and Articulation Officer).
 - a. Request must include the course number(s) as well as the specific reason for the request. If applicable, documentation from the outside entity regarding the change must be attached to the request.
- C. The AVP of Instruction reviews the request, which includes determining a timeline for activation.