



BOARD POLICY

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DESERT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

PROGRAM, CURRICULUM, AND COURSE DEVELOPMENT

The District may offer instructional courses and programs including collegiate and pre-collegiate courses and programs, continuing and community education, study abroad, short-term training courses and programs, programs for international students, and contract or other special programs. 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. To that end, 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 vocational and occupational programs.

The Board encourages the District to develop and offer programs and curricula in ethnic studies, programs and curricula that infuse a global perspective into the curricular offerings, and programs and curricula that include instruction on the perspectives of persons with low socioeconomic status in the topic.

All new courses and programs and course and program revisions, deletions, and discontinuances shall be approved by the Board.

All new programs shall be submitted to the Office of the Chancellor for the California Community Colleges for approval as required.

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.

References:

**Education Code Sections 70901 subdivision (b), 70902 subdivision (b), and 78016;
Title 5 Section: 51000, 51022, 55002.5, 55100, 55130, and 55150;**

U.S. Department of Education regulations on the Integrity of Federal Student 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 Standard 2**

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