

CCC Communiqué

March 6, 2025

News & Announcements:

- ❖ **Updating Foothill GE:** As reported in the last edition of this newsletter, CCC recently approved new Foothill GE application forms to be used temporarily, for courses and degree programs applying for Foothill GE for the 2026-27 catalog. The initial plan was to create new “permanent” forms, but during the process of discussing the drafts, CCC members were inspired to not only continue the discussions but dive deeper into Foothill GE, itself. This includes not just the breadth of the full pattern and depth of each individual area, but also how Foothill GE is presented to our students and others as a valuable part of education.

At the March 4th meeting, CCC began the planning process for holding these in-depth discussions with a bit of a brainstorming session. We haven't yet determined exactly how, where, and when the discussions will take place, but we're trending toward kicking things off with targeted discussions for each of the eight Foothill GE areas. We want to ensure that all faculty are able to contribute to this important work, so we're planning to provide as many opportunities as possible for you to participate. You'll hear more from your CCC Reps, as well as here in future editions of the CCC Communiqué!

- ❖ **Changing our Catalog Start Term:** The other main topic of discussion at the March 4th meeting was a recommendation from the CCC Team, presented by Kurt, that Foothill change our catalog start term from summer to fall. We are one of only a few California community colleges using a summer start term; even De Anza starts their catalog with the fall! This change would not affect the academic calendar or fiscal year, which will continue to begin in summer. What the change would do is better align us with other community colleges and four-year institutions, especially when it comes to articulation agreements, which generally are effective for the fall term. It would also help reduce potential confusion as more and more courses transition over to Common Course Numbering, because each phase of that project is tied to a fall effective term.

If we do decide to change our start term from summer to fall, the change won't go into effect until the 2026-27 catalog, at the earliest; the upcoming 2025-26 catalog will not be affected and will begin with the summer term. Our curriculum deadlines would most likely stay the same, although the default Effective Term for new courses and course updates submitted in CourseLeaf would change from summer to fall. We want to make sure that we're considering all aspects and impacts of this change, so please don't hesitate to ask any questions or provide feedback! You can reach out to your CCC Reps or any member of the CCC Team.

Reminders:

- ❖ **Upcoming Curriculum Deadlines:**
 - *Friday, April 18th:* Deadline to submit curriculum (program) sheets for 2025-26 in CourseLeaf CAT (must be in "Curriculum Coordinator" status by this date)—*if you are a curriculum sheet owner, expect to receive an email from Mary soon with more details/information*