

Merritt College Counseling Department

Articulation Notes March 14, 2005

- 1. Grandfathering Courses for IGETC on ASSIST Recent conversation w/ UCOP revealed that UCs will "backdate" courses one term (not counting Summer) for effective dates shown on ASSIST. Example: a course shows on ASSIST as being effective F05. A student takes the course S05. The evaluators at UC will give credit for the course because it was taken 1 term prior to the effective date (not counting Summer). NOTE: this is NOT true for UC TCA however. They will NOT accept a course one term back (though they still don't count Summer).
- 2. Learning Center Services & Hours Lorna Pascual (x2443) stopped by to give me an update on the Learning Center services & hours in D-187. They are open from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, providing tutoring from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and computer usage from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Monte Hanrahan is the evening supervisor). They're open Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. They provide tutoring across the curriculum, particularly in Math, English, and the sciences, and the tutors in these subjects work closely with our instructors (Rauch & Fabian in Biology, Chamberlain in Chemistry, Shah & Seigfried in Math, and Elliott, Drinnon & Johnson in English). The computer labs (D-178 & D-180) offer Internet access, e-mail, laser printing, scanning and educational software for academic classes. Many students (and instructors!) aren't aware of these hours and services so it's important to spread the word.
- **3.** <u>Liberal Studies at SFSU</u> San Francisco State has created a page on their website devoted entirely to transfer and major prep for Liberal Studies. It has good information about requirements and preparation and I've put a link to it on the SFSU page.
- **4. Artic Changes at CSUSB** San Bernardino has made a number of curricular changes which affect our articulation. New courses with articulation are CHEM 208 w/ our CHEM 30B, GEOG 104 w/ our GEOG 1L, and INFO 102+103 w/ our CIS 1. Changes in our existing articulation are EELB 130 now w/ our EDUC 1 and PSYC 120 now w/ our COUN 57. All changes are now posted on ASSIST.
- **5.** Change in Nursing at SFSU Effective immediately, the Nursing major at SFSU has deleted the option for students to take certified GE Area B-4 Quantitative Reasoning course to satisfy the statistics requirement. Students must now complete a statistics course to meet the prerequisite requirement. This change has been posted on ASSIST.
- **6.** <u>UC Davis Transfer Program</u> A student group called "Pathfinder," an official unit of UC Davis's student government (ASUCD), is developing a special Transfer Day at UC Davis on Saturday, April 9, 2005. The event is free to prospective transfer students; students will have to travel to Davis on their own. The program will address such issues as campus life, internships, financial aid, and housing. There will be a panel of current UC Davis students who transferred from California Community Colleges. Lunch will be provided.
- **7. IGETC Eligibility for UC** There's been some discussion about how many CCC units a student has to take within the IGETC pattern. UC's position is that IGETC exists to

facilitate transfer of CCC students and that, therefore, only those students who meet the definition of a CCC student should use IGETC (def: CCC student is one who has completed more than 50% of their transferable units at one or more CCCs). Thus, the emphasis is on whether the student meets the CCC definition, not whether they have completed more than 50% of their IGETC units at a CCC (which they do not have to do).

8. <u>IGETC Area 6A Certification</u> This is an advance notice of a change UC is making to their policy on meeting the Language Other Than English proficiency requirement. Effective F05, students will be able to clear the requirement if they've taken a course that is at a higher level than the proficiency level. In other words, if SPAN 1A is the proficiency level, and a student places into SPAN 1B (and completes it satisfactorily w/ a C or better), they will have cleared the proficiency level (and Area 6A). In addition, if the SPAN 1B course is also listed in Area 3B, Humanities, they can double count it. This is a significant change in policy for UC and will be reflected on next year's advising sheet.