

CCC Communiqué

May 1, 2025

News & Announcements:

- ❖ **New Certificate Application:** At the April 29th meeting, CCC approved the application for the following new certificate, which will be sent to the FHDA Board of Trustees for approval at an upcoming meeting:
 - ◇ Certificate of Achievement in Artificial Intelligence Empowered Instruction K. Pereira

- ❖ **SLO Framework & Assessment Process:** At the April 29th meeting, CCC continued our discussion about the new SLO Framework & Assessment Process, which focused on the group's tasks to 1. establish a standard structure for the wording of SLOs, and 2. determine minimum expectations for clarity, measurability, and mapping. The group reviewed a draft Faculty Guide and draft SMART rubric, which are being created to help support faculty in writing quality SLOs, and gave its stamp of approval to both. Additionally, the group finalized its recommendation for the standard wording to use at the beginning of every SLO across campus. The Faculty Guide, SMART rubric, and standard wording recommendation will be reported out by Ben at the next meeting of the SLO Committee.

- ❖ **Minimum Grade Requirement for Foothill GE Courses:** The other big discussion at the April 29th meeting was on the topic of potentially establishing a minimum grade requirement for certain (or all) areas of the new Foothill GE pattern going into effect for the 2025-26 catalog year. Whereas previous Title 5 language mandated a grade of C or better for minimum proficiencies in English and math, recently updated Title 5 language includes no such requirement, and it is our local decision to make. Resident GE expert Evan outlined our options, shared information about what other colleges in our area are doing, and fielded questions from the group to help explain the nuances of the situation. This important decision needs to be made in time for the publication of the 2025-26 catalog, and we've attached a supporting document to aid in discussion at the division curriculum committee level. Your CCC reps have been asked to gather feedback to bring to the next CCC meeting, so please get involved! You're also welcome to reach out to Ben or Evan with your feedback, or if you have any questions.

- ❖ **2025 Curriculum Institute:** ASCCC's annual Curriculum Institute will again be a hybrid conference, and this year it's being held at the Ontario Convention Center in Ontario, CA (with virtual option using Zoom Events). We encourage all interested faculty to attend—please reach out to Ben if you're interested. The conference will be held July 10-12; for more information, [visit the conference webpage](#).

Reminders:

- ❖ **Upcoming Curriculum Deadlines:**
 - *Friday, June 20th:* Deadline to submit CORs for all new courses and course updates for 2026-27 in CourseLeaf CIM (must be in "Curriculum Coordinator Review1" status by this date)
 - Important Note: CORs for any new courses or revisions being submitted for UC transfer approval must be in "Curriculum Coordinator Review1" status by the earlier deadline of Monday, June 2nd. If you have any questions about whether your COR falls under this earlier deadline, please reach out to Evan

Minimum Grade Requirement for Foothill GE

Reasons for this discussion at CCC

The newest Title 5 language does not specify a grade requirement of “C” (or “P”) or better in any area of local general education for the associate degree (AKA Foothill GE).

Previous Title 5 language required us to have minimum proficiencies in math and English, which required a grade of “C” or better. Other areas of Foothill GE did not have any minimum grade requirement. Now that minimum proficiencies are no longer required by Title 5 and have been incorporated into the new Foothill GE pattern (which goes into effect for 2025-26), we need to decide if we should establish a minimum grade requirement for some, or all, areas of Foothill GE.

What are other colleges doing?

Cañada:

- “C” or better in three GE areas: English, Critical Thinking and Communication, and Math
- Other areas can be satisfied with a “D” grade

Gavilan:

- “C” or better in three GE areas: English, Critical Thinking and Communication, and Math
- Other areas can be satisfied with a “D” grade

College of Marin:

- “C” or better in ENGL 1A course, as well as in one GE area: Math
- Other areas can be satisfied with a “D” grade

Hartnell:

- “C” or better for both GE and major prep courses

Ohlone:

- “C” (or “P”) or better in three GE areas: English, Critical Thinking and Communication, and Math
- Other areas can be satisfied with a “D” grade

LACCD:

- Sticking with the minimum Title 5 requirement, which is a “D” or better in each area of local GE

Mission/West Valley:

- Sticking with the minimum Title 5 requirement, which is a “D” or better in each area of local GE

Chabot:

- Sticking with the minimum Title 5 requirement, which is a “D” or better in each area of local GE

Butte:

- Sticking with the minimum Title 5 requirement, which is a “D” or better in each area of local GE

The Question for CCC

The request of the College Curriculum Committee is to decide on the minimum grade requirement for Foothill GE. Below are options for CCC to consider:

1. Require a grade of “C” (or “P”) or better for **two** areas: Area 1A (English Composition) and Area 2 (Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning). Allow for all other areas to be satisfied with a “D” grade
2. Require a grade of “C” or (“P”) or better for **three** areas: Area 1A (English Composition), Area 1B (Oral Communication and Critical Thinking), and Area 2 (Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning). Allow for all other areas to be satisfied with a “D” grade
3. Require a grade of “C” (or “P”) or better for the **entire** Foothill GE pattern
4. Require a grade of “D” or better for the **entire** Foothill GE pattern

Important note: Regardless of which option is the final decision, the student must have an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher.