

Committee on Educational Policy
Policy on Courses and Course Sponsoring Agencies

In order for a proposed course to be approved by the Committee on Courses of Instruction, it must include “academic activity.” Academic activity appropriate for a course must:

- Provide sufficient interaction with an instructor (i.e. a person holding one of the instructional titles¹ in the University of California for the course)
- Involve evaluation of the work of students
- Consist of material or skills taught that has value going beyond UC Santa Cruz.

The number of credits for the course must be appropriate for the amount of academic activity associated with the course, consistent with systemwide Senate regulation SR 760.

A curricular offering is a University course of instruction only if it is under the jurisdiction of an academic agency approved by The Regents. (SR 739.) At UC Santa Cruz, this consists of colleges, divisions, departments, and programs of study (divisional regulations SCR 2.2, SCR 3.1, SCR 4.2). Academic agencies should consist of a group of Senate faculty with the resources available to offer courses.

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¹ See APM 110-4.15 and APM 112.