

TOPIC: COLORADO COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM TWO-YEAR DEGREES WITH ACADEMIC DESIGNATIONS IN ANTHROPOLOGY AND FRENCH

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I. SUMMARY

This consent item recommends approval for The Colorado Community College System (CCCS) to offer two-year degree programs with academic designations in Anthropology and French to go along with the Statewide Articulation Agreements in Anthropology and French approved by the CCHE at its May 4, 2012 meeting.

II. BACKGROUND

Senate Bill 10-088 authorized Colorado community colleges to offer two-year degree programs with academic designation. CCCS agreed to restrict two-year degree designations to only those programs for which valid statewide articulation agreements exist. On May 4, 2012, the Commission approved statewide agreements in anthropology and French. Accordingly, the Colorado Community College System seeks Commission approval for degrees with designation for the two additional disciplines, anthropology and French. The degree plan for each program is attached.

In collaboration with the four-year public institutions and the Department, the Colorado Community College System has designed and implemented nine associate degrees with designated major requirements, which permit seamless transfers into to any Colorado public four-year institution that offers a corresponding baccalaureate degree program. These programs include business, economics, history, mathematics, BS and BA in psychology, and Spanish.

III. STAFF ANALYSIS

CCCS has submitted the following two-year degrees with academic designation for approval:

- Associate of Arts in Anthropology
- Associate of Arts in French

Pursuant to C.R.S. §23-60-211, Department staff finds that the degrees with designation submitted by CCCS fit the institution's statutory role and mission to create two year transfer programs to qualify students for admission with junior standing at other public colleges and universities in the state of Colorado.

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Commission approves CCCS's proposal to offer an AA in Anthropology and an AA in French degrees.

V. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Copies of all relevant materials are on file in the Academic Affairs office and are available upon request.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

C.R.S. §23-60-211

(1) Before a community college offers a two-year degree program with academic designation, as authorized by section 23-60-201, the community college shall determine the program designation for the degree. A two-year degree program with academic designation shall only be for a degree program that has a valid student transfer agreement pursuant to section 23-1-108(7). The community college shall then submit the degree program designation to the board for its review and approval. The community college may offer the degree program only after it has been approved by the board and by the Colorado commission on higher education. The community college shall exclusively use the degree program designation name in official publications, course catalogs, diplomas, and official transcripts. (2) Successful completion of an associate of arts or associate of science degree with academic designation does not guarantee the degree holder admission to a four-year state-supported institution of higher education; nor does it guarantee the degree holder automatic transfer of credits unless the degree holder has fulfilled the requirements of an existing statewide transfer agreement.