

The Listing of Disciplines in the Course Outline of Record
Principles Adopted by the Santa Rosa Junior College Academic Senate

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1. Each course will be assigned to a discipline or disciplines corresponding to the current Disciplines List as found in “Minimum Qualifications for Faculty and Administrators in California Community Colleges.” The discipline(s) listed in the COR shall designate the minimum qualifications (MQ’s) the instructor must have to teach the course.

OTHER CODES		
Disciplines:	HUMAN	Humanities (requires master's)
	RELIG	Religious Studies (requires master's)
Basic Skills:	N	Not a Basic Skills Course
Level below transfer:	Y	Not Applicable
CVU/CVC status:	Y	Distance Ed, Not CVU/CVC Developed
Non-credit category:	Y	Not Applicable, Credit Course
Classification:	Y	Liberal Arts and Sciences Courses

Figure a

2. If more than one discipline is listed for a single course, it shall be the default assumption that the conjunction “OR” separates the disciplines and that an instructor may be assigned to teach the course who possesses the minimum qualifications for ANY of the disciplines listed. For example, the course in *figure a* may be taught by a faculty member with MQ’s in *either* Humanities or Religious Studies.
3. If, in the judgement of the discipline and/or department faculty, with the approval of the Academic Senate, an instructor must have the qualifications of more than one discipline, the requisite disciplines will be listed with the conjunction “AND” joining each, indicating that the faculty member must possess the qualifications for ALL the disciplines listed.

For example, if the Philosophy, Humanities and Religion department, in collaboration with the Behavioral Sciences department want to introduce a new course: RELS 33: Indigenous Religions, it might make sense that the faculty member should have MQ’s in both religious studies and cultural anthropology, in which case they might write the COR thus:

OTHER CODES

Disciplines: RELIG Religious Studies (requires master's) AND ANTHRO Anthropology (requires master's)

4. Interdisciplinary Studies as a discipline. The Disciplines List says this about the designation “Interdisciplinary”: “(NOTE: The Interdisciplinary Studies discipline is provided to allow for those cases where it is locally determined that a course must be taught by someone with qualifications that exceed a single discipline. The constituent disciplines can include any disciplines found in the Master’s List.)” The use of the “interdisciplinary” shall therefore be restricted to the following: It shall be so used only when expertise in two or more specific disciplines are required to teach the course, in which case the submitter for the course must be able to articulate to the Curriculum Review Committee which disciplines are covered in “Interdisciplinary.” Those disciplines in turn must appear in the in the Master’s List.

For example, INTDIS 2, Popular Culture, USA, has the discipline as INTDIS. The subject matter of the course includes history, mass communication, women’s studies, ethnic studies, and more, all of which can be found in the Master’s List. INTDIS MQ’s imply that the faculty member has a master’s in one discipline and at least substantial upper division and/or graduate work in at least one additional discipline.

5. In the judgement of the Academic Senate, it is preferable not to place a limit on the number of disciplines that may be listed for a course, but curriculum authors and revisers are advised to be circumspect in designating more than one discipline. Multiple disciplines in the COR must have a curricular rationale, rather than, for example, a scheduling or a department-specific personnel rationale.
6. For those COR’s that still use FSA’s (Faculty Service Areas) or any other method of designated a course’s discipline(s), adjustments will be made to align with these practices in the curriculum review process.