

Statewide Course Exchange

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What is the Course Exchange?

- Students take online classes from other CCCs
- CVC-OEI (Calif. Virtual Campus-Online Education Initiative)
- Grant funded to expand and improve online course offerings
- 2014-2018: Tried to create exchange software and policies
- 2018: Grant renewed with new 3rd-party software
- 7 Colleges are piloting new software now, will use for Spring registration
- Students will use the Finish Faster Online website to register

Course Exchange Timeline

- In 2018-19: All 114 colleges are home colleges; 56 are teaching colleges
 - In 2022-23: All 114 colleges will be teaching colleges
- In 2018-19: There will be 600 sections in the course exchange
 - In 2022-23: There will be 5000 sections in the course exchange
- In 2018-19: Students can search every CCC online course
 - In 2019-20: Student in Consortium colleges will have 1-click cross registration available
 - In 2022-23: Students at all CCCs will have 1-click cross registration available
- In 2018-19: The CVC-OEI will create a 5-year marketing plan targeting 100,000 equity students in the system

Finish Faster Online

- A website now available where students can enter their home college and find online classes available at any other CCC
- <https://cvc.edu/>

Results from Finish Faster Online include

- A listing of all online classes for the term specified that meet the student's requirements
- The name of the college
- The start and end dates
- The number of units/credits
- The cost
- The course it maps to at the student's home college
- A link to more details
- The ability to sort by Consortium, Price or Start Date

The details page for each course has a link to the college's application site

- Students at non-Consortium colleges need to complete an application to each college
- Students at Consortium colleges will be able to register directly for classes at any other Consortium college

Finish Faster
Online was
piloted over
the summer

- **Between May 23 - August 1**
 - 6 students completed an application to attend Santa Rosa
 - 8 Santa Rosa students completed 15 different applications to other community colleges

Should we consider joining the Course Exchange?

Advantages

- Students can easily sign up for our classes
- Students could keep fin. aid by finding additional classes
- Adv. classes with low enrollment may be kept open
(win for student, college and faculty)
- Our students still count as “completers”
- Might increase enrollments
- Courses will be heavily promoted by the CVC-OEI
- Courses will rise to the top of the search listings
- Consortium colleges will receive a variety of free and subsidized resources
- Colleges and/or classes will receive additional accessibility support and PD opportunities

Challenges

- Applicants must get multi-constituency college agreement (faculty, mgmt., AS, Financial Aid, DE, IT)
- Applicants must sign a Federal Fin. Aid Agreement
- Faculty who put their class(es) in Exchange can have them reviewed, possibly make changes, and then receive “badges” which will promote search ranking (reviewed classes do 4.9% better in student success than non-reviewed)
- Colleges in the exchange may lose enrollments to other colleges

Things to Think About

- Whether or not we join the Consortium and participate in the Course Exchange, our students (like all CCC students) are becoming more aware of the availability of online courses at other CCCs.
- We don't yet have any data showing how many of our students take classes at other CCCs, but anecdotally we know that they do .
- **If we are interested in keeping our online student enrollments at SRJC**
 - We would need to...

Questions?