

Definition of Program

For the purposes of Program Review and program SLOs, *programs of study* will refer to programs with course offerings in academic disciplines/subjects that lead to degree or certificate completion or to a transfer pathway and *programs of service* will refer to academic support, student services, and administrative services programs.

All departments offering Title-5-defined programs (degrees or certificates) or skills certificates will review their offerings to determine how these offerings should be “grouped” (when appropriate) for purposes of assessment through program-level SLOs and evaluation through Program Review. All Title-5-defined programs must be accounted for, either independently or through groupings.

The Academic Senate will determine the most appropriate means to group all remaining multi-disciplinary Title-5 programs into Programs of Study.

Transfer pathway shall refer to an academic subject that a student may pursue for transfer, i.e., a transfer student’s major. In light of the state mandate to adopt Associate Degrees of Transfer (ADT), any subject for which there is state-approved template for ADTs shall be deemed a transfer pathway.

Through consultation with department chairs, disciplines/subjects without a degree/certificate program that offer 12 or more units of transferable courses shall also be identified as programs of study. Within this context, disciplines should take into account the value of declaring a program of study when there are an extensive number of sequential courses leading towards an academic milestone.

Departments shall evaluate programs of study through the program review self-evaluation and annual update process. In addition, for each programs of study, departments shall ensure the assessment of program-specific learning outcomes while the Senate will ensure institutional learning outcomes and general education learning outcomes are assessed at the program level.

In this way, all academic disciplines/subjects shall be assessed and evaluated as “programs of study” through program-level SLOs and Program Review.

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