**State of Degrees at Bakersfield College**Prepared by Nan Gomez-Heitzeberg. December 21, 2014

California's Associate of Arts for Transfer and Associate of Science for Transfer Degrees identified in Senate Bill 1440 (SB1440) were designed to establish a clear transfer path for community colleges students moving to California State Universities. The initial list from the State Chancellor's Office identified the most common degrees in the state. Through collaborative efforts across California and within multiple disciplines, faculty from both community colleges and CSUs met to develop templates for degree requirements and to identify common course identifiers.

Bakersfield College initially committed to develop 20 Associate of Arts for Transfer and Associate of Science for Transfer Degrees. To date the College has 21 AA-T and AS-T State approved transfer degrees and has the following additional degrees in process, philosophy, chemistry, elementary education and several agriculture degrees.

Bakersfield College faculty and administrators faced challenges in developing some of the degrees. The 60-unit limit for all degrees impacted high unit discipline degrees like Business Administration, Computer Science and Early Childhood Education. Within these high unit disciplines, the solution took the form of course revision and reduction of units, while maintaining the rigor of the course and aligning the content with C-ID course curriculum. In other cases, a wider curriculum dialogue took place between the degree discipline faculty, faculty from the general education disciplines, counseling faculty and administrators. The most intense discipline discussions took place regarding English and math, but ultimately English B1a was reduced to 3 units and the Math B22, Statistics, to 4 units. Both of these courses are support courses for many disciplines but are not degree requirements for the English and math transfer degrees. In Fall, 2014, a similar discussion has taken place between the faculty and administrators in philosophy and chemistry, resulting in a 4 unit philosophy course changing to 3 units to better support the chemistry transfer degree.

In addition to these dialogues, the curriculum development and campus review process includes discussion about existing local degrees and related certificates within the CTE disciplines. These discussions initially take place with program faculty and administrators at the department level and conclude at the curriculum committee and final review by the chief instructional officer before recommendation to the college president. To date, 20 of the 21 approved transfer degrees have replaced the existing local degree. The transfer and local degrees for administration of justice have been maintained. These two degrees meet the needs of two student populations, those who are planning to transfer and those who are planning to directly enter the workforce. This will be the first year that the transfer degree is in place. Moving forward, data will be collected to determine the viability of maintaining both degrees. The review of this and other degrees also takes place annually as a part of the program review process.

Following the passage of Senate Bill 440 (SB 440) Bakersfield College moved to establish a systematic approach to meet the time frames established in the bill. Community colleges have 18 months from the time an approved template is established and posted to develop and secure state approval. The chief instructional officer, curriculum and articulation faculty leads, have worked collaboratively to communicate on a regular and consistent basis with impacted discipline and curriculum committee faculty about these requirements. Bakersfield College faculty have been very engaged and provided leadership in the discipline-specific review processes in the fields of art, psychology and biology to name a few. BC professors were primary reviewers for music, biology and geology. Biology department faculty are working on the new TMC for biology, which was recently completed.

Bakersfield College continues to be engaged in the state discipline and C-ID review process to develop future transfer degrees. BC faculty submit courses to the curriculum committee for local review and through the state process for the necessary C-ID approval. Bakersfield College currently has 107 courses approved through the state CI-D review process.

Conversations between Bakersfield College and CSUB administrators and faculty have continued about SB 1440 and SB440. Another meeting with administrators and faculty is planned for spring 2015. These dialogues are intended to facilitate the building of future degrees and to further streamline the transfer process for Bakersfield College students.

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| **BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE** | | |
| **Transfer Degrees** | | |
| **Transfer Degree Program** | **Local Degree Program** | **Status of Local Degree** |
| Administration of Justice, AS-T | Criminal Justice AA | Active |
| Anthropology, AA-T | Anthropology AA | Inactive |
| Business Administration, AS-T | Business Administration AA | Inactive |
| Communication Studies, AA-T | Communication AA | Inactive |
| Computer Science, AS-T | Computer Information Systems AA | Inactive |
| Computer Information Systems AS | Inactive |
| Computer Science AS | Inactive |
| Early Childhood Education, AS-T | Child Development and Family Relations AS | Inactive |
| Economics, AA-T | Economics AA | Inactive |
| English, AA-T | English AA | Inactive |
| Geology, AS-T | Geology AS | Inactive |
| History, AA-T | History AA | Inactive |
| Journalism, AA-T | Journalism AA | Inactive |
| Kinesiology, AA-T | Physical Education AA | Inactive |
| Math, AS-T | Math AA | Inactive |
| Music, AA-T | Music AA | Inactive |
| Physics, AS-T | Physics AS | Inactive |
| Political Science, AA-T | Political Science AA | Inactive |
| Political Science AA |  |
| - Emphasis in Domestic Policy | Inactive |
| Political Science AA |  |
| - Emphasis in International Relations | Inactive |
| Psychology, AA-T | Psychology AA | Inactive |
| Sociology, AA-T | Sociology AA | Inactive |
| Spanish, AA-T | Spanish AA | Inactive |
| Studio Arts, AA-T | Art AA | Inactive |
| Theater Arts, AA-T | Theatre Arts AA | Inactive |