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Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges
Western Association of Schools and Colleges
10 Commercial Boulevard, Suite 204
Novato, CA 94949

Re: Notification of Distance Education Programs, Fall 2020

Effective Summer 2020, all programs of study at Columbia College are now eligible to be taught via distance education. The Columbia College Curriculum Committee convened this summer to conduct a thorough review of every course in our curriculum and designated each with all appropriate distance education modalities. The committee determined the appropriateness of each of the following modalities for each course in its catalog:

- Fully Online
- Fully Online – but only upon mutual agreement between the Academic Senate and Administration (generally intended for emergency use only)
- Online with Flexible In Person Components (e.g. online with a few occasional face-to-face meetings for skill development, field trips, laboratories, or assessments)
- Partially Online – with some components online and others face-to-face
- Correspondence Education – to be utilized for student-inmates at prisons and jails

All lecture courses were approved to be offered fully online. Lecture-lab and lab-only courses were approved to be offered in manners appropriate to the discipline and course of study. As a result of this extensive review, at least 50% of every program of study at Columbia College can now, hypothetically, be offered online. With the shift to online instruction due to the COVID-19 crisis, students are now pursuing all of these programs of study via online and hybrid course offerings.

As previously reviewed by the Commission as part of our Substantive Change proposals and full accreditation site visits, Columbia College offers a comprehensive slate of student services to fully support online learners. All face-to-face services are available and well utilized in the online environment.

The College is accurately communicating to its students about the status and quality of these online and hybrid course offerings. Fall registration is strong in spite of the ongoing COVID-19 crisis. The College has provided thorough training in online instructional methodologies and strategies for many years. The College is a leader in online instruction, serving as a member of the Online Education Initiative since its inception.

In spring and summer of 2020, thorough faculty training opportunities have been offered to all untrained faculty members to prepare for fall. Moreover, seasoned online instructors have participated in extensive skills-upgrade training to further improve their effectiveness. Finally, any instructor who has not yet been fully certified to teach online will be enrolled in a concurrent training program in the fall 2020 semester. This training program will ensure that their online course offerings meet the expectations of quality established by the College, consistent with the ACCJC Standards, with special emphasis on regular and substantive interaction between the students and the instructor, as expected by the ACCJC Policy on Distance Education and on Correspondence Education.

The programs of study listed in the following pages will all be offered via Distance Education to some level effective summer 2020 and thereafter. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,



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Columbia College Distance Education Programs, Effective Summer 2020

Note: All current programs of study in the 2020-21 College Catalog are included in this listing. In practice, the extent of distance education offerings varies. In all cases, courses are offered such that they remain compliant with external mandates and guidelines. For instance, the Certificate of Achievement in Fire Technology is listed below because some of its lecture content can be delivered remotely. However, its laboratory skills are assessed in person in accordance with expectations of the California's Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Legend:

- AA-T: Associate of Arts in Transfer
- AS-T: Associate of Science in Transfer
- AA: Associate of Arts
- AS: Associate of Science
- COA: Certificate of Achievement

All associate degrees include general education and require a minimum of 60 units of coursework.

Programs of Study:

1. AA-T: Anthropology
2. AA-T: Studio Arts
3. AA: Fine Arts: Emphasis in Art
4. AA: Fine Arts: Emphasis in Photography
5. AA: Arts and Humanities
6. AS: Automotive Service Technician
7. AS: Drive Train Technician
8. COA: Automotive Service Technician
9. COA: Engine Performance
10. COA: Under Vehicle Service
11. AS-T: Biology
12. AS-T: Business Administration
13. AS: Accounting
14. AS: Business Management
15. COA: Accounting
16. COA: Management
17. COA: Organizational Behavior
18. COA: Payroll Clerk
19. AS-T: Chemistry
20. AS-T: Early Childhood Education
21. AS: Child Development
22. COA: Associate Child Development Teacher/Future Educator
23. COA: Associate Infant/Toddler Teacher
24. AA-T: Communication Studies
25. AS: Computer Programming
26. AA-T: Economics
27. AA-T: Elementary Teacher Education

28. COA: CSU-GE Breadth
29. COA: IGETC Pattern
30. AS: Emergency Medical Services
31. COA: Emergency Medical Services
32. AS: Engineering Fundamentals
33. AA-T: English
34. AS: Entrepreneurship
35. COA: Entrepreneurship
36. AS-T: Environmental Sciences
37. AS: Fire Science
38. AS: Fire Technology
39. COA: Fire Technology
40. AS: Forestry
41. COA: Forestry
42. COA: Management & Restoration of Fire-Adapted Ecosystems
43. AS: Natural Resources
44. COA: Natural Resources
45. AS: Geographic Information Systems
46. COA: Geographic Information Systems
47. AS-T: Geology
48. AS-T: Nutrition and Dietetics
49. AS-T: Public Health Science
50. AS: Allied Health
51. AA-T: Kinesiology
52. AA: Sport Science
53. AA-T: History
54. AS: Culinary Arts
55. AS: Hotel and Restaurant Management
56. AS: Baking and Pastry Arts
57. COA: Culinary Arts
58. COA: Baking and Pastry Arts
59. COA: Hotel and Restaurant Management
60. COA: Hospitality Supervision
61. COA: Human Services
62. AS-T: Mathematics
63. AS: Media and Design
64. COA: Media and Design
65. COA: Media for Entrepreneurs
66. AA-T: Music
67. AA: Music
68. AS: Administrative Office Professional
69. COA: Administrative Office Professional
70. AS: Medical Office Specialist
71. COA: Medical Office Specialist
72. AS-T: Physics
73. AA-T: Political Science

- 74. AA-T: Psychology
- 75. AS: General Science
- 76. AA: Social and Behavioral Sciences
- 77. AA-T: Sociology
- 78. AS: Water Resources Management
- 79. COA: Water Resources Management
- 80. COA: Welding Technology