

Adopted: November 29, 2022

**ACADEMIC SENATE
Of
CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
San Luis Obispo, CA**

AS-952-22

RESOLUTION ON CROSS-DISCIPLINARY STUDIES MINORS and SEMESTERS

Impact on Existing Policy: Updates AS-775-14 ⁱ

- 1 WHEREAS, The Chancellor’s Office has mandated that Cal Poly convert to semesters
2 by fall of 2026; and
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- 4 WHEREAS, Conversion to semesters requires that all academic policies be reviewed
5 and revised as appropriate; and
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- 7 WHEREAS, The current policy on Cross-Disciplinary Studies Minors (CDSMs) is given
8 in AS-775-14 Resolution on Cross-Disciplinary Studies Minors; and
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- 10 WHEREAS, A cross-disciplinary studies minor (CDSM) is the result of a partnership
11 between two or more target major programs. It is defined as a set of
12 curricular requirements comprised of coherent groups of courses tailored
13 for each partner program such that all students from target majors
14 develop (1) depth in the partner discipline, (2) focused study in their own
15 discipline, as well as (3) focused study in the mutual domain of the minor;
16 therefore be it
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- 18 RESOLVED: that the requirements for a CDSM as listed in the attachment from AS-
19 775-15 be updated to the following:
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- 21 • The curricular requirements are the same for all students in the
22 CDSM.
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 - 24 • The total number of semester units in the CDSM that cannot be
25 covered by the requirements of the student's major shall be at
26 least 9 and no more than 16.
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 - 28 • At least half of the units must be from upper division courses and

29 at least half of the units must be taken at Cal Poly.

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31 • Not more than one-third of the courses in an CDSM can be graded
32 Credit/No Credit (CR/NC), except for courses that have mandatory
33 CR/NC grading.

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35 • A minimum overall 2.0 GPA for all CDSM required coursework is
36 needed for completion.

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40 RESOLVED: that no other definitions or procedures set forth in AS-775-14 are
41 modified by this resolution; and be it further

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43 RESOLVED: that these updated requirements will apply to all CDSMs proposed or
44 converted for the 2026-27 semester-based Catalog, and subsequent
45 Catalogs.

Proposed by: Academic Senate

Curriculum Committee

Date: November 01, 2022

ⁱ (1) Describe how this resolution impacts existing policy on educational matters that affect the faculty. Examples include curricula, academic personnel policies, and academic standards.

(2) Indicate if this resolution supersedes or rescinds current resolutions.

(3) If there is no impact on existing policy, please indicate NONE.



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

MEMORANDUM

To: Thomas Gutierrez
Chair, Academic Senate

Date: February 9, 2023

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Subject: Response to AS-952-22 Resolution on Cross-Disciplinary Studies Minors and Semesters

By way of this memo, I approve the above-entitled Academic Senate resolution. This resolution provides faculty with the necessary clarity and parameters they need to develop these pedagogically important minors for our students.

Please extend my appreciation to the Academic Senate and the Academic Senate Curriculum Committee for their continued efforts on revising the curriculum policy in preparation for our conversion to semesters.