Unit requirements change in several majors

Students in several majors will now be able to graduate with 180 units if they have met all of the graduation requirements other than six remaining units (or less) of free electives.

The affected programs have either reduced their total units to 180 for the 2003-05 catalog or will reduce total units to 180 for the 2005-07 catalog. Blanket curriculum substitutions have been processed that allow retroactive reduction of total units for the 2003-05, 2001-03 and 2000-01 catalogs. The unit reduction is accomplished by eliminating six units of free electives. All of these programs still have a minimum of eight units of free electives. The substitutions are effective beginning with students graduating in winter 2004.

The affected programs are B.A. programs in English, history, liberal studies, modern languages and literatures, music, philosophy, physics, political science, speech communication and theatre as well as B.S. programs in agriculture, business administration, economics, child development, psychology, physical science, social sciences and statistics.

Academic Programs recommends advisors discuss the change with affected students. For more information, contact Mary Whiteford at mwhitefo@calpoly.edu or ext. 5475.

Summer classes cut; Continuing Ed expands

To meet a budget target set by the Chancellor’s Office, Cal Poly’s summer quarter will be reduced to a minimum level yet to be determined by the college deans. Continuing Education will expand its summer offerings to partially fill the gap.

The administration reduced the summer enrollment target to zero — thereby not requiring individual colleges to offer classes — in response to a mandate from Long Beach to cut enrollment for 2004-05 by 5 percent.

The CSU’s 5 percent cut would mean a fall-quarter reduction of about 900 FTE if summer quarter were offered. With the all-but-elimination of summer quarter, the fall target will be only about 400 fewer than 2003.

“Because summer classes are relatively more expensive to teach, this action allows the instructional colleges to use their reduced budgets to offer the most effective schedules for their students during fall, winter and spring quarters,” Vice Provost Linda Dalton said.

Continuing Education will increase offerings particularly to help currently enrolled students progress in their degree programs. As details on “Summer Special Session” courses become available, they will be accessible from the Cal Poly home page, www.calpoly.edu, and from the portal, my.calpoly.edu. The class schedule for summer will be prepared over the next several weeks.

Liberal Arts Dean Harry Hellenbrand told the San Luis Obispo Tribune that his college, for one, hopes to offer roughly the same number of classes through Continuing Education as it did in last year’s summer quarter.

The university plans to resume full year-round operations when more state funds become available, Dalton said.

Hispanic engineers win

Teams from the Cal Poly chapter of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers won first and third places in the national 2004 Design Contest sponsored by the National Science Foundation and the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers Foundation.

The design contest was held during the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers’ recent National Technical Career Conference in Chicago. Ten of the society’s student chapters were chosen as finalists, including UCLA and UC Berkeley.

CPR deadline is tomorrow

Because of the Presidents’ Day holiday Monday, the deadline to submit articles for next Wednesday’s (Feb. 18) Cal Poly Report is 4 p.m. Thursday (Feb. 12).
Campus Administrative Policies — latest update

Cal Poly is undertaking a comprehensive review of its administrative policies that will result in a new collection of "Campus Administrative Policies" (CAP), published on the Web and in print. CAP will take the place of the pre-existing Campus Administrative Manual (CAM).

The CAP Ad Hoc Editorial Coordination and Review Committee reports the following draft policies have been reviewed and posted for campus comment:

New CAP policies

The following new Campus Administrative Policies have been considered by the CAP Committee and have been posted as draft policies on the CAP Web site, http://policy.calpoly.edu/capdraft/draftTOC.htm.

• CAP 221.11 – Collection of Student Grades.
• CAP 302.4.6 – Interdepartmental Campus Mailings to All Employees.
• CAP 690.2.4 – Accommodated Testing.
• CAP 691 – Disability Resource Center Accommodated Testing Services.
• CAP 718 – Naming Facilities, Properties, Academic Entities and Related Areas.

Revised CAP policies

The following revised Campus Administrative Policies have been considered by the CAP Committee and have been posted as draft policies on the CAP Web site:

• CAP 300 – Organization and Division Policies (except 302.4.6, which is a new policy; see above).
• CAP 370 – Contract and Procurement Services.
• CAP 690.2 – Testing Services.
• CAP 851 – Julian A. McPhee University Union Facility Use.

Questions and comments about these draft policies are invited. The policies will not have official status as university policies until final legal and administrative review has been completed.

A list of Campus Administrative Manual policies that are now retired is also posted on the Web site, http://policy.calpoly.edu/capdraft/CAM%20Retired/CAM%20retired.htm.

A copy of all interim/final CAP policies and list of retired CAM policies is available in the Kennedy Library Reserve Room.

Questions and comments about any CAP policies may be directed to Dan Howard-Greene, executive assistant to the president, at ext. 6000, fax ext. 1129 or dhgreene@calpoly.edu.

Activist to speak on racism Feb. 19

Tim Wise, one of the most prominent white anti-racist voices in the United States, will present "Beyond Diversity: Challenging Racism in an Age of Backlash" Feb. 19.

Wise will speak at 7 p.m. in Philips Hall in the Performing Arts Center. During the day, he will meet with students and members of the faculty and instructional staff.

Wise has been a social justice activist for the past two decades. He has trained labor, government, corporate and law-enforcement officials on methods for dismantling racism in their institutions and has served as a consultant for plaintiffs’ attorneys in federal discrimination cases in New York and Washington state. As a visiting faculty member at the Poynter Institute in St. Petersburg, Fla., he has trained journalists in how to eliminate racial bias in reporting.

For more information on events planned for Wise’s visit, call Jean DeCosta in Campus Relations at ext. 6770 or look on the Web at www.calpoly.edu/~ocr.

Music Department wins national accreditation

The Music Department has received unqualified five-year accreditation from the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM).

The accreditation notification made note of the excellence of a self-study prepared by the entire music faculty and complimeted the department on designing a program that worked well at a highly competitive university.

"The successful accreditation is especially satisfying," Professor Alyson McLamore said, "because most first attempts at NASM accreditation are routinely met by at least a temporary postponement plus a list of areas to be addressed before accreditation is granted."

Openings in Sta. Maria van

Cal Poly’s van pool program has openings for Santa Maria and Nipomo commuters who work 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For cost and other information, contact Deby Anderson, coordinator of commuter and access services in the University Police, at ext. 6680 or djanders@calpoly.edu.

‘Obesity epidemic’ to be topic Tuesday

The Food Science and Nutrition Department will host a talk Tuesday (Feb. 17) on "The Obesity Epidemic: Is it the Fruits of Success of the Food Industry?" The seminar by Cornell University Professor David Levitsky will be 7:10-8:30 p.m. in Philips Hall in the Performing Arts Center.

Levitsky, a professor of nutritional sciences and psychology, is co-author of "Fed Up!: A Woman’s Guide to Freedom From the Diet/Weight Prison" and author of numerous book chapters and articles on eating behavior, obesity and nutrition.

Career Symposium set for Feb. 19

Career Services encourages students, faculty members and staff members to meet with representatives of the more than 80 organizations that will have displays at the 25th annual Career Symposium 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 19 in the Rec Center Gym.

The list of employers is on the Career Services Web site, from www.career.services.calpoly.edu, click on the Faculty/Staff tab, then "Access to Mustang Jobs." For more information, call Teresa Morgan in Career Services at ext. 5980.

Position Vacancies

FACULTY Candidates are asked to visit the employment Web site at www.calpolyjobs.org to apply for any of the positions shown below.

Submit all requested application materials as attachments to your online application, unless otherwise stated. A copy of the ad appears online on Wednesdays. Articles should be emailed to polynews@calpoly.edu with the subject line "For Cal Poly Report." For more information, call ext. 1511.

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