



SACRAMENTO CITY COLLEGE

Distance Education Substantive
Change Report to ACCJC



DE Substantive Change Report

- Sacramento City College makes a conscious effort to support student learning and make changes as needed to improve that learning.
- As part of that effort, SCC has approved additional courses to be offered in a DE modality.
- This has resulted in additional degrees and certificates having more than half of the program units in courses approved for DE, so the college is required to submit a Substantive Change Proposal to ACCJC.

The use of Distance Education aligns with the College Mission

- The college mission includes an emphasis on open access to a wide range of educational opportunities for a diverse student body.
- Development of Distance Education courses increases the range of educational opportunities that the college can offer.
- It extends access to a population of potential students who are unable to take in-person sections of the courses.
- It also supports a diverse student population and the range of learning styles they embrace.

The report follows ACCJC definitions for DE

- *ACCJC Distance Education courses = those courses for which more than 50% of the instructional time, excluding assessment or orientation, is approved for delivery in a DE modality.*
- *ACCJC Distance Education programs = those degree or certificate programs for which more than 50% of total program units are in courses that have been approved to be offered by DE under the course definition above.*

Many SCC programs have more than 50% of the courses approved for DE

Most of those have been reported to ACCJC in previous DE Substantive Change Reports.

Over the past few semesters curriculum approvals have resulted in an additional 6 SCC certificates and 26 SCC degrees with more than half of the program units in courses approved for Distance Education.

The total units in a program include the core units, General Education units, and elective units required for an AA or AS degree.

SCC provides a coordinated and academically rigorous approach to distance education

- Distance Education is a component of District and College planning from the strategic planning level to the operation work of the college departments.
- Sacramento City College courses are approved for each DE mode by the SCC Curriculum Committee to ensure a quality learning experience and academic rigor.
- College instructional divisions determine which courses to offer by DE; support is provided by the IT and Learning Resource divisions.
- The College provides student support services to facilitate access and success, with all essential services available online.
- DE enrollment is growing.

As the college catalog notes:



Sacramento City College is committed to giving our DE students the same individual support, academic standards, and experienced faculty found in our classrooms, along with the freedom to choose the learning modality.

