

Statway
findings by the Chancellor's General Education Advisory Committee
Meeting of December 2, 2010

The Chancellor's General Education Advisory Committee ("GEAC") has received recommendations on the Statway curriculum from CSU faculty in the disciplines of mathematics, sociology, business, and psychology. At its meeting of December 2, GEAC unanimously agreed to the following findings:

1. To students who complete the Statway curriculum as reviewed, community colleges that participate in GE Breadth may award three semester units (or the equivalent in quarter units) of baccalaureate credit, all of which may be applied to Area B4 Quantitative Reasoning.
2. This authority is granted as a limited exemption to the requirement that any course approved for Area B4 Quantitative Reasoning carry a prerequisite of Intermediate Algebra.
3. This Statway exemption applies only to the six California Community College Districts now participating in Statway:
 - Foothill-DeAnza Community College District
 - Los Angeles Community College District
 - Mount San Antonio Community College District
 - Los Rios Community College District
 - San Diego Community College District
 - San Francisco Community College District
4. This exemption period is limited to three years, to begin with the term Statway is first offered (Fall, 2011) and continue until Fall, 2014.
5. Four members of GEAC will stay in close contact with the organizers of this pilot project, to provide advice and oversight for the collection of research data. GEAC expects the project to produce data such as rates of persistence, course completion and GPA, and graduation, to the extent possible, so it may later evaluate the success of the project. The faculty named to this research advisory group are:
 - Kathleen Kaiser/California State University, Chico (Sociology)
 - Catherine Nelson/Sonoma State University (Political Science)
 - John Tarjan/California State University, Bakersfield (Business)
 - Mark Van Selst/San José State University (Psychology)
6. The Academic Senate CSU may elect to pass a formal resolution in support of these findings. In the meantime the CSU Office of the Chancellor and department of Academic Programs and Policy are charged with administering the recognition of Statway as described here, and California Community Colleges may rely on this memo in preparing GE Breadth certifications that include Statway coursework.