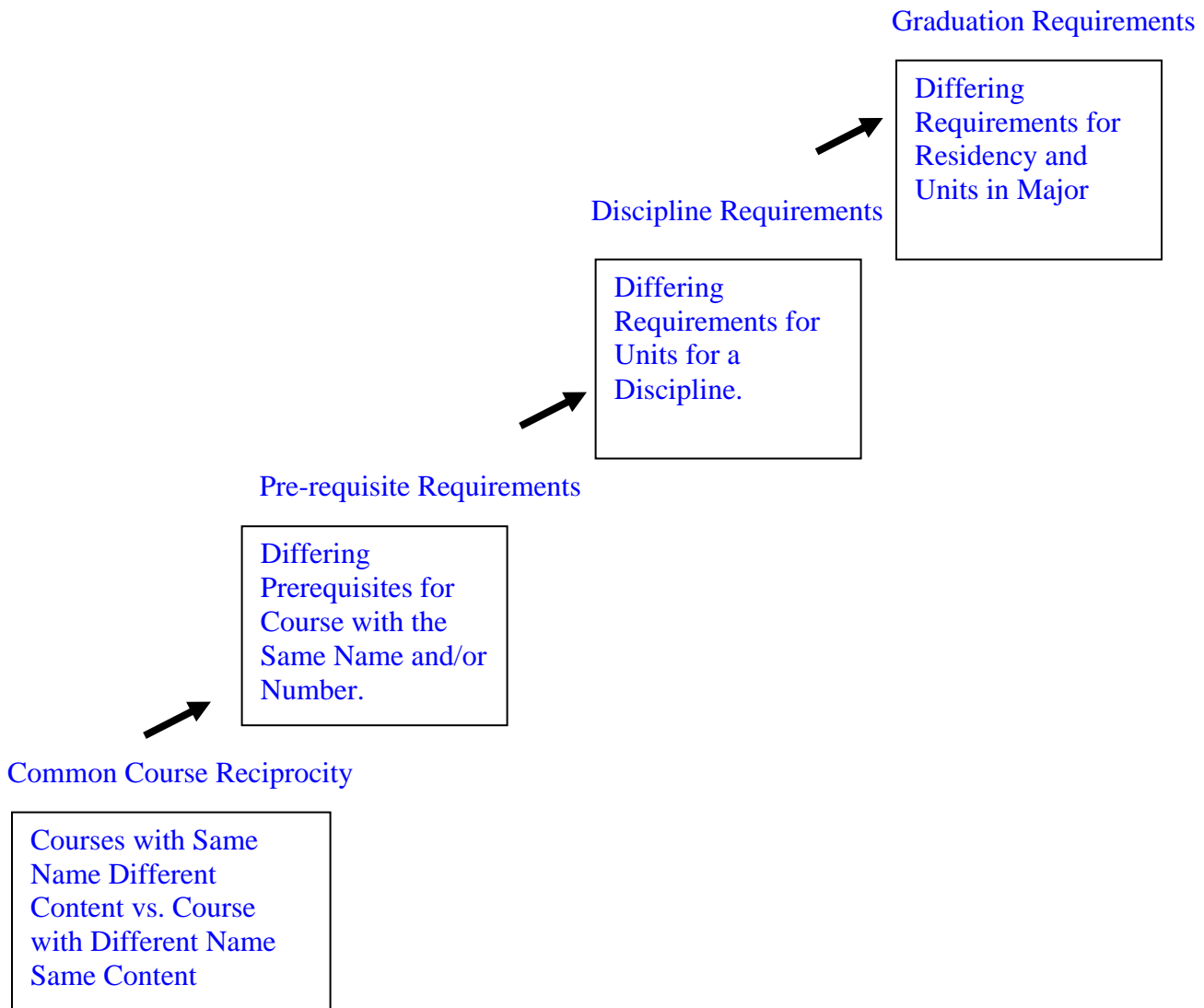


Challenges for Students

1. Number of students who enroll in more than one of our colleges in a given semester.
 - a. Show slides that indicate cross enrollments for Fall 2004 and Fall 2006 if John can get the numbers.
 - b. Indicate differences if there are any

Since there is a fairly large population that cross enrolls, it behooves the colleges to examine the added complexities as a result. The colleges operate under the guidelines and requirements of Title V and Board Policy 6.26 as well as a number of other related policies. We generally agree that to the extent possible, we need to make sure unnecessary challenges to students are eliminated. In our view, these challenges are primarily in the differences in the following as laid out in a hierarchical order of requirements students must fulfill in order to graduate:



2. Differing Graduation Requirements
 - a. CSM
 - i. 12 units in the major
 - ii. Either 48 units in residence or the last 12 units in residence at CSM
 - b. Skyline
 - i. 50% of units in the major
 - ii. Minimum of 12 units in residence
 - c. Cañada
 - i. 50 % of units in the major
 - ii. Minimum of 12 units in residence
 - d. Ethnic Studies requirement at Cañada and at Skyline, but not at CSM

Consequences of these differences for students

1. Depending on the number of units required in a major, students may fulfill the requirement at one college and not at another. Majors can range from 18 units up to 60 units depending on the discipline. The difference between 12 units and 50 % can be significant for specific students, especially for the higher unit degrees.
 - a. Accounting
 - i. CSM - 22 units
 - ii. Cañada – 25.5 – 29.5 units
 - iii. Skyline 22.5
 - b. Biology
 - i. CSM – 24 units
 - ii. Cañada – 30 units
 - iii. Skyline 18 – 24 units for Major in Natural Science
 - c. Engineering
 - i. CSM 19 units
 - ii. Cañada – 37 – 40 units

Use Engineering as an example, consult page 63 of the Canada catalog and page 80 of the CSM catalog,

Differing Prerequisites for course with the same name and/or number

Look for some courses

Courses with same name and number satisfying different requirements

1. Math 115 at CSM satisfies minimum competency requirement at CSM but not at Cañada
2. For university Studies Degree History 201 meets Humanities Requirement and CSM, and meets Social Science Requirement at Cañada and Skyline

To sum it up,

- 1) We recognize that to the extent possible we should eliminate the issue of courses with the same name but different content so that students have no confusion in selecting the courses and satisfying common course reciprocity toward their degrees as described in Board Policy 6.26.
- 2) We recognize that pre-requisite requirement for the common courses should be the same. Efforts are underway to implement pre-requirement alignment and computer blocking.
- 3) We recognize that faculty control the curriculum and the diverse requirements for a discipline are the strengths of our colleges. Since we operate in the same district and students view the colleges as one and the same, to the extent possible, different discipline requirements may constitute unnecessary challenges. We may need to have better communication and alignment for new programs that are being proposed and a better way to make the information about the differing discipline requirements transparent to the students.
- 4) We recognize that there is less rationale in the difference in graduation requirements, i.e., residence and units in major, therefore, we need to make the requirements as similar as possible.

Questions:

Common Course Numbering now changed to Common Course Reciprocity?

Is major part of the discipline issue as well as graduation issue?