
To Department Heads: Online Courses Post-COVID

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Rick and Michelle, here is a brief item for discussion at some future meeting of academic senate; it's feedback from Pol Sci about the document we drafted about online courses post-covid.

Mark

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Subject: Re: To Department Heads: Online Courses Post-COVID

To: Mark Nelson <manelson@westmont.edu>

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Hi Mark (CCing Patti),

Thanks for the invitation to share this with departments. While I know it's been a while, I wanted to share with you some of the feedback from Political Science.

Members of the department mainly had questions about the policy for Mayterm classes. On the one hand, there was a sense that some online offerings might help "save" Mayterm from the long decline it's had (CC classes are much cheaper!). Is there a plan to develop guidelines for online Mayterm / summer offerings?

At the same time there was a suggestion that we craft a policy limiting the total number of online classes a student could take--including during Mayterm and during a semester--maybe 3 total? This would help both to preserve the integrity of the educational program here *and* prevent online offerings from drying up in-person classes.

All best,

Jesse

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