

# College of Science Course Crosslisting Policy

*The College of Science (COS) understands the student-focused value of offering two or more courses in the same location, at the same time, with the same instructor. As such, crosslisting two or more courses housed within COS is allowable if the following criteria are met:*

## Criteria One: Student-focused Intent

Crosslisting will only be permitted when the principal reason for the crosslist is to benefit students.

*Example A: Offering courses together, under varied discipline prefixes, allows students to more easily locate coursework beneficial to their specific major.*

*Example B: The perspectives of students in various science majors enhances the learning of all enrolled students.*

## Criteria Two: Aligns with University and College Policies

The crosslist must be in line with all university policies on crosslisting, i.e.:

- University Policy 3002: [Cross-level Listing of Undergraduate/Graduate Courses](#)
- Academic Scheduling: [Cross-listing Policy](#)

## Criteria Three: Student Learning is Either Unaffected or Enhanced

Student learning in each course must not suffer with the introduction of crosslisting. The introduction of a crosslisted course(s) should not prune the quality of either standalone course- by any measure. Nor should the introduction of a crosslisted course advance either course's content past its appropriate pedagogical boundary.

This determination is allowed to vary by instructor. Course sections must not be crosslisted if the assigned instructor is convinced that a crosslisted course will negatively impact any student's learning.

## Criteria Four: Departmental/School Agreement

Any involved department/school chairs/directors must be supportive of the crosslist and advise their staff to work together to schedule sections.

If arbitration is needed between department/school heads in order to create the crosslist, the crosslist should not occur.

Any potential instructor-funding considerations must be agreed upon by all chairs/directors, and vetted and approved through the college's chief business officer.

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