

I am fine with whatever you do.

All I know is that our chair – Bruce Kessler – was unable to have this resolved.

He has talked to the registrar and they do not budge.

Thus my involvement to reach out to the senate.

Claus

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I spoke with Rheanna Plemons a few minutes ago. She would like time to pulled documentation to see if an error was made in her office. I don't mind discussing this at SEC, but I want to ensure that we have an issue first.

Kirk



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Jane and Kirk

This it is not an issue falling under the regular curricular process. If it would, then math would have send a proposal to the curriculum process.

The issue is the this was changed without the math department doing anything at all. The registrar has no business to change anything from the official course catalog.

The catalog has it correctly, see below. It is that the registrar changed this on their own – nobody approved this!

This has happened to other courses in our curriculum, math 137 calc II, math 237 multi variable calc. etc.

Thus I want the SEC to act on this with urgency.

Claus

From the catalog page 318

MATH 136. CALCULUS I

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Prerequisites: Four years of high school

mathematics, including Algebra II, geometry, and trigonometry, and satisfactory score on Math Placement Exam and Math Placement Trig Exam; or MATH 117 or MATH 118, with grade of C or better.

A course in one

variable calculus including

topics from analytic geometry. Limits, derivatives, integration, and applications of polynomial, rational, trigonometric, and transcendental functions. Includes lecture and recitation.

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Hi Claus - I would think this would be a UCC issue and a proposal should be submitted through the process to change or clarify the prerequisites listed in the catalog IF it was never approved as you would like.

That being said, it sounds like the pre-reqs have already been approved the way the Math department wants them but the catalog listing is not consistent with what was originally approved. Do you know how long ago the pre-reqs were changed to the currently worded pre-reqs? Also - I am unclear as to which one is the preferred by the Math department as you said they are both in the catalog.

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Kirk

I have an item I want to have discussed on the SEC agenda. As an advisory member I am not sure about the protocol. This may be an issue to refer to the UCC

It is an issue about prerequisites, the registrar and topnet.

The issue is one of principal and not specific to math. However I will explain below it using a math class, the critical words are in bold.

This could potentially effect many departments and courses.

On topnet you will find under Catalog Description Display for Math 136 Calculus I

Prerequisite(s): ( ACT Math [ Test Score: 27 ] or SAT Mathematics Score [ Test Score: 610 ] ) or ( ACT Math [ Test Score: 22 ] and MPE - Algebra [ Test Score: 20 ] and MPTE - Trigonometry [ Test Score: 10 ] ) or ( MATH 117 (may be taken concurrently) [ Min Grade: C ] or **MA 117C (may be taken concurrently)** [ Min Grade: C ] or MATH 118 (may be taken concurrently) [ Min Grade: C ] )

However in the catalog and on every syllabus in the math department it says:

**Prerequisite:**

A score off at least 20 on Math Placement Exam and at least 10 on Math Placement Trig Exam;

or a Math ACT of at least 27;

**or MATH 117** or MATH 119, with grade of C or better;

The registrar claims that it has to be listed as **taken concurrently** on topnet because then someone who currently takes 117 can register for 136 in the next semester before 117 is concluded.

Putting this out as shown invalidates the departmental approved prerequisite. My guess is with this in writing a student – who wants to take both courses at the same time - could win on an appeal.

We – the math department – told them to change this but they tell us it cannot be changed.

Thus I like for the us – the senate – to step in and settle this. The question is a general one about: How to deal with a prerequisite of a course for another?

Thanks

Claus