The CSU Inquiry Core Curriculum

March 6, 2025

What is your academic coaching superpower!



Agenda

- 1. Welcome back!
- 2. Communication Plan Updates
- 3. Questions/Concerns
- 4. OT36 and TAG Course Compliance
- 5. Degree Plans
- 6. Updates from Unified Advising



Inquiry Core Curriculum Communications Plan

Current as of Wednesday, March 5, 2025



Updated Communications Plan

Audience	Tactic(s)	Timing	Messaging	
Current Freshmen and Sophomores	Email/text/social	Week of March 10-17	Schedule classes for Fall 2025. CSU has made updates to the core curriculum — explore it here and contact your advisor if you are interested about how the new inquiry core may or may not affect your degree map.	
Current Juniors and Seniors (not graduating)	Email/text	Week of March 10-17	Schedules are now open for Fall 2025! You might have heard about this new inquiry core curriculum. (link) We want to reassure you, that if you have completed your core curriculum, this does not affect your degree map and you do not have to opt-in. If you have not completed, contact your advisor.	
External and Internal	Media Advisory - News Story	After students are informed of the changes.	CSU is always innovating. (Mention Integrated Degrees and list benefits.)	
All CSU Faculty, Staff and Students	CSU Matters and Connect U	March/April dependent upon editorial calendar.	Very similar to the above external media advisory. Link to news story.	



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After reminder, pull registration numbers 5 to 7 business days after the communication and discuss with Unified Advising Team if another communication to current students is needed.						
All current students (not incoming)	Email/text/social	Late May/Early June	Degree Audit email about the updates to degree audit in CampusNet. These may be to your benefit.			

Additional Considerations for Inquiry Core Curriculum:

- Create artwork for the digital screens across campus
- Consider poster/flyer



Incoming Freshmen — Transfer Students Communications Plan

Main communication for incoming freshmen and transfer students will happen during the orientations.

Orientation Schedule as of Wednesday, March 5, 2025:

Tuesday, April 22: Transfer Orientation 1
Tuesday, May 13: Freshmen Express

(Summer 1)

Thursday, May 22: Freshman Orientation

Thursday, May 29: Freshman Orientation

Saturday, June 7: Freshman Orientation

Thursday, June 12: Freshman Orientation

Tuesday, June 17: Freshman Orientation

Tuesday, July 1: Freshman Orientation

Thursday, July 10: Freshman Orientation

Thursday, July 17: Transfer Orientation 2

Tuesday, July 22: Freshman Orientation

Thursday, August 7: Freshman Orientation

Monday, August 18 – Friday, August 22: Express Orientation

(every day during this time)



Questions and Concerns RE: Inquiry Core Curriculum



OT36 and Transfer Assurance Guides

What do we know?

https://forms.office.com/r/nD5LiNXdxQ





ODHE Transfer Guarantee

- Ensures statewide transfer of general education courses between Ohio public institutions.
- Guarantees transfer of specific courses (ODHE TAG courses) with full credit.
- Supports student mobility across Ohio's public universities and community colleges.
- Aims to reduce time to degree completion by preventing the loss of credits when transferring.



OT36 Overview

- Part of the Transfer Assurance Guide (TAG) initiative designed to ease credit transfer between Ohio institutions.
- Focuses on **Ohio Transfer 36 (OT36)**, a set of courses guaranteed to transfer among Ohio public institutions.
- Covers general education requirements in areas such as English Composition,
 Mathematics, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, and Humanities.
- Each course in the OT36 module is guaranteed to be accepted by all public institutions in Ohio, ensuring smooth credit transfer for students.



ODHE Transfer Assurance Guides (TAG courses)

- A set of statewide guaranteed transfer courses in Ohio.
- Designed to streamline credit transfer between Ohio colleges and universities.
- Covers general education courses in areas like English, Mathematics, Social Science, Natural Science, and Arts.
- Provides a clear pathway for students transferring within the state system.



Transfer Credit Considerations

- Transfer credits from regionally accredited institutions are generally accepted.
- Military and experiential learning credits may be eligible for transfer (e.g., CLEP, AP, IB).
- CSU may apply transfer credits toward general education, major, or elective requirements based on program specifics.
- Student consultation with academic coaches is strongly encouraged for transfer credit evaluations and degree planning.



Types of TAG Courses/Credit

https://transfercredit.ohio.gov/students/student-programs/tags/transfer-assurance-guides-tags-students

- <u>Career-Technical Assurance Guides (CTAGs)</u> Provides guaranteed transfer of credit for approved career-technical coursework taken through an Ohio high school, career-technical center, or Ohio Technical Center
- <u>Military Transfer Assurance Guides (MTAGs)</u> Provides guaranteed transfer of credit for approved career-technical coursework taken through an Ohio high school, career-technical center, or Ohio Technical Center
- <u>Industry-Recognized Credential Transfer Assurance Guides (ITAGs)</u> Provides guaranteed transfer credit for the attainment of approved industry-recognized credentials



CSU Responsibilities

- Acceptance of Transfer Credits
- Advising and Degree Planning
- Notification of Transfer Credit Policies
- Maintaining Transfer Pathways



Degree Plans

https://www.csuohio.edu/advising/undergraduate-degree-maps

- Degree plans are being created by program faculty, department chairs, and associate and assistant deans
- Look at the degree plans that are available for your college
 - Questions
 - Concerns
 - o Etc.

• The focus of the March 27 meeting will be to talk with college representatives about the four-year degree plans!



Academic Coaching Professional Development

Session 3 - Transfer Assurance Guides & Academic Coaching Updates

Attendee Experience Survey







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