



# Montana University System Transferability

## MUS Transferability Initiative:

The 2007 Legislature appropriated \$1.5 million to help the MUS improve the transferability of courses and further develop its centralized data system.

As a result, the MUS initiated a “*common course numbering*” process for all undergraduate courses. This process requires that all courses deemed to be equivalent must possess the same course prefix, number, and title; all courses with the same name and number will directly transfer on a one-to-one basis with equivalent courses at the receiving institution.

### Progress:

As of December 2011, more than 9,000 courses in 60 disciplines have gone through the Common Course Numbering process. This represents over 90% of the undergraduate courses in the MUS.

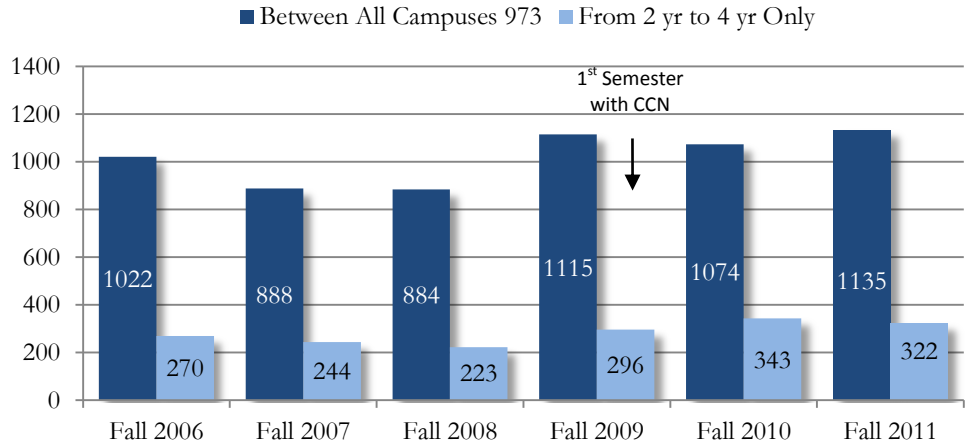
The timeline for completing common course numbering for all undergraduate disciplines within the MUS is July 2012.

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## MEASURE

Number of students transferring between MUS institutions each Fall semester (not including transfers into community colleges)

### New Transfer Student Enrollment Between MUS Institutions



Source: MUS Data Warehouse, includes transfers into MCC & DCC in Fall 2011

- On average, 3,000 students will transfer into MUS institutions each fall semester. Close to two-thirds of those transfer students come from outside the MUS.

### Common Course Numbering Example

Common course numbering is the process of applying identical names and numbers to courses that are significantly similar. Courses that carry the same name and number transfer across the system on a one-to-one basis and are transparent to students and parents. Below is a snapshot from the MUS Computerized Transfer Guide of some of the alignments that occurred as a result of common course numbering in the Mathematics discipline.

Mathematics Courses (sample)	Four Year Colleges						Colleges of Technology					Comm. Colleges		
	TECH	UMW	UM	MSU	MSUB	MSUN	GFCOT	HCOT	BLCOT	TECHCOT	UMCOT	DCC	FVCC	MCC
Course# and Name														
M 90 Introductory Algebra					X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
M 95 Intermediate Algebra		X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
M 96 Survey of Algebra							X							
M 108 Business Mathematics							X	X	X		X	X		
M 110 Mathematical Computing					X									
M 111 Technical Mathematics						X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
M 116 Mathematics for Health Careers							X							
M 119 Introduction to Number Theory		X												
M 121 College Algebra	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X