



DARS/u.select News

May 2010

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NEW PHONE NUMBERS

The new VOIP (Voice Over Internet Phone) system has been implemented. The phone numbers for the DARS/u.select Team are be:

Laurie Tralle	651-201-1446 (no change)
Mary D'Andrea	651-201-1770 (new #)
Marla Delaney	651-201-1771 (new #)

OLA AND CREDIT TRANSFER

As you probably know, transfer within MnSCU is a very hot topic for the Board of Trustees, and therefore for all of us and all of you. In order to respond to the concerns reported by the Office of the Legislative Auditor (OLA), the Board of Trustees Audit Committee has assigned the Office of Internal Auditing the task of trying to provide statistical evidence of transfer credit issues. There is a current review going on of a statistical sample of about 1000 students who transferred in 2009. Internal Auditors are reviewing all relevant school transcripts and the DARS report of the receiving institution.

Based on expected Policy 3.21 amendments related to DARS, u.select and transfer, we want to be as pro-active as possible in outlining the elements that should be included in DARS to assist all of us and all of you in doing everything we can to manage the student's transfer experience as accurately and efficiently as possible.

A document outlining the key elements that must be in place in order to comply with new policies, procedures, legislation and best practices is at:

http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/documents/pdf/KeyElementsTransfer_.pdf

Feel free to share this with others at your school that may benefit from this information. If you have questions, please let us know.

u.select VERSION 4.3.0

This new version will be installed and available on May 6, 2010.

Look for the New QUICK EQUIVALENCIES page. QUICK EQUIVALENCIES provides easy access to Equivalencies by School, but only allows searching course equivalents from one school to another. The regular Equivalencies by School link allows searching up to 5 schools at once. See the following screenshots of these new pages:

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- Equivalencies by Course

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Welcome to u.select

u.select is an online tool that will help you:

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- See how your courses transfer.
- Explore thousands of programs from schools all over the U.S.

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Quick Equivalencies

View all equivalencies that are available for a specific school. To compare equivalencies up to five schools at a time, see the "Equivalencies by School" page.

To see how courses will apply toward a program, enter courses you have taken in "My Courses" and run a customized report in the "My Plans" area. To add courses to "My Courses" you will need to [log in](#) with your user account.

NOTE!! TRANSFER COURSE EQUIVALENCIES DO NOT NECESSARILY GO BOTH WAYS! ~ Check your 'TO' and 'FROM' schools carefully.

Transfer Equivalencies are provided for a **LIMITED NUMBER OF INSTITUTIONS**. More will be added in the future. Use the [Equivalencies by Course](#) link to search for matches to particular courses at the institution to which you are planning to transfer.

Step 1: I want to transfer my courses to:

State:

School:

Step 2: Select one of a State, Territory, or Standardized Exam, etc:

US States: AL AK AZ AR CA CO CT DE DC FL GA HI ID IL IN IA KS KY LA ME MD MA MI MN MS MO MT NE NV NH NJ NM NY NC ND OH OK OR PA SC SD TN TX UT VT VA WA WY WI WY

Standardized Examinations

DARS Enhancements and Fixes coming soon

Look for an email announcement on or about April 5, 2010. We expect the rollout into production of some bug fixes and enhancements. One of the major changes will affect double major processing. The new processing will mean that exceptions, minors and transfer records will process correctly on all majors.

CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Welcome to this new section of our Monthly News. We invite you to let us know about information you wish to share with other MnSCU schools. We particularly welcome news from you that will impact DARS encoding and transfer processing within MnSCU.

- Training and Open Lab information at end of newsletter -

New Grades at Southwest MSU

Pat Carmody of Southwest Minnesota State University reports that they are using two new grades to reflect Last Date of Attendance grades. You may soon see grades of FQ (failed quit) and NA (never attended). The FQ grade processes the same as a punitive Fail grade and the NA grade processes the same as a non-punitive NO CREDIT class. These grades should be added to your Grade Tables. Contact the DARS/u.select Team if you need assistance.

Promoting u.select

Lake Superior College's Associate Registrar, Shannan Ellis, has a great way of promoting u.select with her email signature!

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If you have creative ideas on ways to promote u.select, let us know and we'll share with others.

DOCUMENTATION:

Documentation has been posted for updating MnSCU Transfer Articulation tables when a Source course has added or removed a Goal area. Documentation is at: http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/documents/pdf/Updating_the_Transfe.pdf.

Documentation has been posted illustrating Exception processing to complete a MnTC Goal requirement based on transfer. Documentation is at: http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/exceptions/exceptiontypes/Req_12.pdf

Revised documentation for Reject Flags in Transfer has been posted. Using Reject Flags in transfer insures that equivalent courses with different MnTC Goals will only carry the MnTC Goal(s) of the Source institution. Documentation is at: <http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/documents/pdf/number28.pdf>.

DARS Catalogs

DARS catalogs are available for sending to your production DARS.

Request DARS Catalogs at:

http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/documents/pdf/DARS_Catalog_request_list.pdf

Curriculum Changes and New Course Inserts

2009-2010 Curriculum Changes

2009-2010 Curriculum changes for MnSCU institutions have been posted to our website at: http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/currchanges/2009_10/2009_10.html

The curriculum changes, listed by each institution, identify new courses, dropped courses, course title changes, credit changes, and MnTC changes.

2009-2010 New Course Inserts and 2009-2010 New MnTC Course Inserts

New courses for MnSCU institutions, for the academic year 2009-2010, are available for electronically inserting into your TA tables. The electronic insert includes the new course department, number, title, and MnTC notation. The new course is hidden from u.select at the rule level. The number of new courses for 2009-2010 is approximately 2268.

New MnTC courses for MnSCU institutions, for the academic year 2009-2010, are available for electronically inserting into your TA tables. The electronic insert includes the new course department, number, title, and MnTC notation. The new course is hidden from u.select at the rule level. The number of new MNTC courses for 2008-2009 is approximately 316.

The Target course for the new courses is ACYR0910.

Institutions requesting the inserts are sent a list of the new courses inserted into the Transfer Articulation Tables.

Request 2009-10 New Courses Insert at:

<http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/documents/pdf/DARSCourseUpdates.pdf>

or 2009-10 New MnTC Course Insert at:

<http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/documents/pdf/MnTCCourseUpdates.pdf>

The annual Curriculum Changes and New Course Inserts are intended to assist encoders and transfer specialists with identifying MnSCU course changes. Including new MnSCU courses in your Transfer Articulation tables, and displaying them in u.select, provides students and advisors the most current information about course transfer.

Please contact Mary D'Andrea at mary.dandrea@so.mnscu.edu if you have questions.

TRAINING & CONFERENCES:

Fall training dates will be announced at a later date. If you have new or existing staff that will be using DARS or u.select, please encourage them to attend the appropriate training session(s) as they are announced. Even if you or your staff already attended training, you are welcome to attend again. Many people find a return visit to training helpful.

- **Basic Encoding Training** – Fall training dates will be announced at a later date.
- **Transfer Articulation Training** – Fall training dates will be announced at a later date.
- **u.select Administrator Training** – training offered via WebEx upon request, (after registering, participants will be contacted to arrange date & time).
- **u.select Advisor Training** – Fall training dates will be announced at a later date. If immediate training is needed, contact the DARS/u.select Team to arrange date & time for WebEx session.

All training will be held at Wells Fargo Place in Saint Paul, unless otherwise indicated. Training will be in Room 2204 or 3354, depending on the number of registered participants.

Registration for all training, open labs, and conferences can be found at the following link: http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/training/training_index.html. The format will allow you to check the dates of the training, review agendas, and register from the same page. *REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 1 week prior to training or open lab dates.* Upon completion of all training and labs, please complete the Training Evaluation at: <http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/training/evaluation.html>.

THIRD Wednesday & Thursday/DARS OPEN LABS:

Third Wednesday & Thursday – May 19 & 20 at Wells Fargo Place, Room 2204 or 3354. *REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 1 week prior to training or open lab dates.*

DARS "**Out West**" **Open Lab** – Fall dates will be scheduled at a later time.

DARS "**Central**" **Open Lab** – Fall dates will be scheduled at a later time.

DARS "**Down South**" **Open Lab** – Fall dates will be scheduled at a later time.

DARS "**Up North**" **Open Lab** – Fall dates will be scheduled at a later time.

DARS "**North Shore**" **Open Lab** – Fall dates will be scheduled at a later time.

Registration can be found online at:

http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/training/training_regform_new.html

Driving directions and parking ramp information to Wells Fargo Place can be found online at: http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/registration/directions_WFP.html

For questions or comments about this newsletter, contact Marla Delaney at marla.delaney@csu.mnscu.edu. Thank you.