



DARS/u.select News

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Lost & Found – from Users Conference

A stainless steel travel mug was left on a table at the Users Conference. It's a stainless steel mug with Minnesota State University Mankato lettering in purple. Contact the DARS/u.select Team if it belongs to you.

Re-introducing #99 - Catalog year/term limit processing for active majors

Originally created to prevent audits from working for student with catalogs earlier than the start of semesters, we are re-introducing #99. At this year's User Conference, there was mention of preventing students from getting audits if they have exceeded some limit on the number of years allowed to complete a degree. #99 can do that. Read all about it – the revised documentation is posted at:

http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/documents/pdf/Pound_99.pdf

u.select

Enhance the Transfer page on your institution's website

Enlist your webmaster to add u.select (www.transfer.org) and the links to your institution's Transfer page. If your website already features u.select, update the URL (see 'u.select has Moved' article in this newsletter). Adding a link to u.select allows students and advisors easy access to current and accurate information about your transfer course equivalencies.

Consider adding additional links:

- "How to Use u.select" is a captivate presentation available at: <http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/CAP/uselect1.swf>
- "Finding Course Equivalencies in u.select", "How to Create a Plan in u.select", and "Finding Equivalencies by Course in u.select" are 3 printable handouts posted in Word and PDF formats and can be found at: <http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/about/resources.html>

Samples of a few MnSCU websites where u.select is featured:

Course Transfer Resources:

u.select - Gives transfer students direct access to course acceptability, equivalency and applicability among participating institutions across the United States, enabling students to immediately see how their courses fulfill degree requirements at the desired college or university.

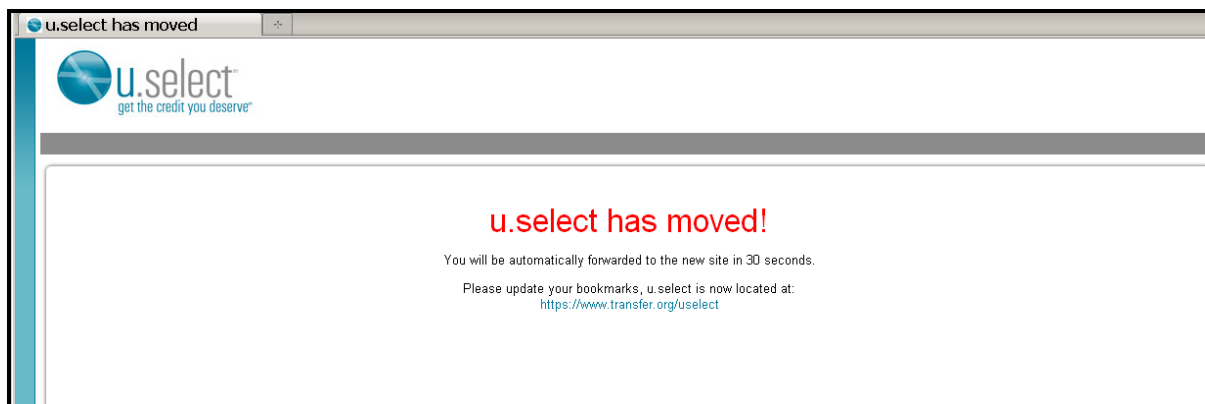
- Students may also use [U.Select](#) to determine transferability of coursework. [Minnesota Transfer](#) has many tools and resources to assist transfer students.

How Courses Transfer:

Questions concerning transfer equivalencies from your existing college? Visit [u.select](#) to find the classes that fall within the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum and possibly into your major.

u.select has Moved

With the migration of the u.select website to the redLantern hosted model, the u.select URL has changed. The old link www.uselectmn.org or <http://mn.transfer.org/cas> redirects you to <https://www.transfer.org/uselect>. Update your browser bookmarks and your school's existing web links to the new address.



At this point we have no budgeted money to reprint any of the promotional items for u.select, but the www.uselectmn.org web address makes an immediate redirect to the new URL.

CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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. Celebrate accomplishments towards new initiatives by sharing your victories with your colleagues...small or large.

DOCUMENTATION:

Reports Update

Have you ever wondered which students have been articulated from a specific school?

The **Report of students in Joe Cool by FICE code**

(http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/documents/pdf/FS_Report.pdf) produces a list of students, along with the number of articulated courses, from a specific school. The report is requested from DA0001CP. The report is not new, but was renamed from “@ (AT Reports)”.

The **Transfer Articulation Rule Report** is a comprehensive report identifying your transfer rules. The report includes the source ID, institution name, TSEG, course alpha/numeric, title, memo, target course, alternates and flags. The report is requested via DA0001CP. Documentation for the Transfer Articulation Rule Report is at:

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

Reports are listed on our website under **Printing, Running Audits and Reports**.

TRAINING & CONFERENCES:

Training dates for Fall 2010 are posted below. 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.

- **Transfer Articulation Training** – Fall training has been held. Spring training schedule will be announced at a later date.
- **Basic Encoding Training** – Fall training has been held. Spring training schedule will be announced at a later date.
- **u.select Advisor Training** – Fall training has been held. Spring training schedule 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).

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 – November 17 & 18 at Wells Fargo Place, Room 2204 or 3354. *REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 1 week prior to training or open lab dates.*

DARS "**Out West**" **Open Lab** – has been held this Fall. Spring dates will be announced at a later date.

DARS "**North Shore**" **Open Lab** – has been held this Fall. Spring dates will be announced at a later date.

DARS "**Up North**" **Open Lab** – is scheduled for November 10, 2010 at Bemidji State University, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in Ozawindib Room, Hobson Memorial Union. **NOTE: New Room Location**

DARS "**Down South**" **Open Lab** – is scheduled for December 7, 2010 at South Central College, Faribault or North Mankato (depending on who attends), 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

DARS "**Central**" **Open Lab** – is scheduled for December 9, 2010 at the Quarry Center, Waite Park, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Registration can be found online at:

http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/training/training_reqform_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.