



DARS/u.select News

September 2010

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

DARS/u.select Users Conference – Registration Deadline September 10th

REMINDER! The 8th Annual DARS/u.select Users Conference 2010 will be held on September 28 and 29, at the Crowne Plaza – Minneapolis North, 2200 Freeway Blvd, Brooklyn Center. The day and a half conference will focus primarily on transfer topics this year, as it relates to DARS, u.select, single registration, graduation planner, and other future projects. Sept. 6th is the cut-off date for blocked room rates for lodging (\$89.49 per night includes tax). You must make your own lodging reservations. Conference registration deadline is Friday, September 10th. Don't wait to register! Agenda and registration at: http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/training/training_index.html

u.select version 4.3.0.3

The latest version (4.3.0.3) of u.select was launched on August 16.

- With this version, guest users can now do almost everything in u.select that registered users can. Guests can add coursework via “add a course” and “search courses”. They can create plans using these courses. As a guest, if they add courses they will have account functionality, but will be notified “You will need to log in to create an account to save your courses.” As a guest, if they create a program, they will be notified “You will need to log in or create an account to save your plans.”
- In Equivalencies by Schools, the Step 2: ‘Regions’ area was reorganized. Users can now click on Military Credit, International Schools, Standardized Examinations, or Canadian Provinces instead of using the drop down menu.

Equivalencies by School

Browse all equivalencies that are available for a specific school. To see how courses will apply toward a program, view a customized report in the "My Plans" area.

Transfer Equivalencies are provided for a LIMITED NUMBER OF INSTITUTIONS. More will be available in the future. Please use the link to search by state for matches to particular courses at the institution to which you are planning to transfer. All course search are all the articulated sources for your course & may include AP, CLEP, etc. at MSU Moorhead. Use the back button to return to u.select.

Step 1: I want to transfer my courses to:

State:

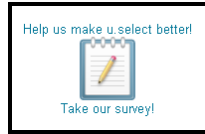
School:

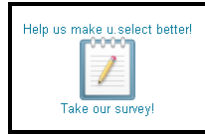

Step 2: Find the school where you've taken or plan to take courses:

Search By:

State:

International Schools Standardized Examinations



- The Home page has a new icon  with an invitation to "Help make u.select better" by taking a user survey
- A new icon  has been added to Home, Schools, Courses, Programs, and Profile. The microphone allows all users an opportunity to make suggestions.
- Course Delivery Type (On Campus, Online, Other, Multiple) currently defaults to On Campus. We will be exploring the process needed to get media code information from ISRS to populate the appropriate fields in the u.select Course Bank Load process.
- Additional features will be presented at the User Conference.

Students First Project Updates

<http://www.studentsfirst.project.mnscu.edu/>

- ✓ **Equivalent Course Search in Single Registration:** Nothing new here because of the Fall Readiness Freeze. This is still expected to roll into production no later than early October 2010.
- ✓ **Graduation Planner:** The contract with College Source (formerly redLantern, LLC) to license their u.direct software product is planned to be complete September 1. A letter from Scott Olson, Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs to Presidents, CAOs, CSAOs, etc. to solicit volunteer schools to pilot this project is planned to go out the week of August 30, 2010.

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.

DOCUMENTATION:

DARS Catalogs

Eighteen DARS Military catalogs are available for sending to your production DARS. Military **course** tables include course number, version number and associated date ranges. Military **occupation** tables include occupation number, skill/rank level and associated date ranges. Please use the form located at http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/documents/pdf/Request_MilitaryDARS.pdf to request military catalogs.

New Courses Inserts

Twenty-two schools have requested the 2009-2010 new courses inserts! This number is a record high for requests. It is not too late to request the 2009-2010 new courses inserts. Description for the 2009-2010 Curriculum Changes, New Courses, and New MnTC Courses can be found in the June Newsletter:

http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/news/2010_documents/June_News_2010.pdf

If your college or university would like the new course inserts, please make your request to mary.dandrea@so.mnscu.edu.

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.

- **Basic Encoding Training** – is scheduled for September 14-15, 2010, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., at Wells Fargo Place, Training Room 3354.
- **Transfer Articulation Training** – is scheduled for October 12-13, 2010, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., at Wells Fargo Place, Training Room 3354.
- **u.select Advisor Training** – training offered via WebEx, October 14, 2010 from 1:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- **u.select Administrator Training** – training offered via WebEx upon request, (after registering, participants will be contacted to arrange date & time).
- **DARS/u.select Users Conference** will be held September 28-29, 2010, at the Crowne Plaza in Brooklyn Center. Detailed information and registration will be available in August.

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 – September 15 & 16 at Wells Fargo Place, Room 2204 or 3354. REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 1 week prior to training or open lab dates.

DARS "**Out West**" **Open Lab** – is scheduled for October 6, 2010 at Minnesota State University Moorhead, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in Library 204.

DARS "**North Shore**" **Open Lab** – is scheduled for October 28, 2010 at Lake Superior College, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in Library, Room E1022.

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_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.