The new eAdvising function of Datatel is being implemented giving students the ability to plan courses which will drive their counselor-approved electronic education plans. eAdvising builds on our existing Degree Audit/Program Evaluation system.

In Degree Audit, requirements are attached to programs, and an evaluation is done to match a student’s Cabrillo courses to those requirements (general education – multicultural studies – math competency – major requirements).

In the case of our AS/CTE programs, there is no problem building the major requirements in degree audit given the specific prescribed core and approved elective requirements for the major. This is true also for STEM majors.

In the case of our AA/AS transfer majors, building specific requirements for each major becomes problematic:

- Transfer students need to meet the lower division major requirements of their intended transfer university, and there are many variations between campuses even for the same major.
- Title 5 established that 18 units are required for the major – and our AR 3010 for Cabrillo states this as well.
- Our catalog presents ‘model’ programs which are one possible path to meet the major requirements for our AA/AS transfer programs.

In practice, in working with transfer students, we use the major prep required by their desired transfer universities, in conjunction with the ‘model’ programs suggested in the catalog, to determine the best courses to be used to meet the 18 unit major requirement.

Discussions at Academic Council and Faculty Senate in 2006 clarified the continued practice of ‘suggested model programs’ and the word “suggested” was removed from the catalog.

The eAdvising implementation team suggests NOT building the major requirements for Transfer degrees based on the model programs – confusing to students, implies a rigid set of requirements, often they require more than 18 units (see attached list), most importantly it directs them to courses that may not be the right ones, given their goals.

Recommended language for use in building Degree Audit requirements for Transfer Degrees (following consultation and the recommendation of Deans at I.A.C.):

An AA degree requires at least 18 units in the major. Courses selected should meet lower-division requirements at the intended transfer university. Specific lower division major preparation at four-year public institutions in California can be found at www.assist.org. Please see a counselor for advisement to ensure you are taking the best possible courses given your goals. In starting to plan for this major, (Anthroplogy) consider the following core courses which are commonly required by transfer institutions for this major: ANTH-1, ANTH-2, ANTH-3.
Associate Degree model programs unit requirements:

- ANTHR (22)
- AH (36)
- AP (27)
- ART (34)
- ASIAN STD (20)
- BBS (23+)
- BUS (20)
- COMM (20)
- DANCE (20)
- ENGL (30)
- HIST (27+)
- INTL STD (23)
- JOURN (20)
- KIN (21)
- MUS (35)
- PHILO (24)
- PS (18)
- PSYCH (33)
- SOC (20)
- SPAN (20)
- TA (26)
- WS (30)