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## **POLICY FOR ARTICULATION OF UPPER-DIVISION AND LOWER-DIVISION COURSES**

### **Academic Senate Policy S87-149**

At its meeting of April 28, 1987, the Academic Senate approved the following resolution on formal articulation agreements in order to provide guidance to departments that are being asked to articulate SFSU's upper-division courses with community colleges' lower-division courses.

**WHEREAS** The Academic Senate of San Francisco State University, on February 18, 1986, adopted a set of conditions for distinguishing upper-division from lower-division courses; and

**WHEREAS** Community colleges have been seeking to establish formal equivalencies between some of their lower-division courses and SFSU's upper-division courses, using signed, written agreements; therefore be it

**RESOLVED** That, for the purposes of formal articulation, a lower-division course offered at a community college should not be considered as equivalent to an upper-division course at SFSU; and be it further

**RESOLVED** That, if a community college seeks an equivalency and provides required evidence supporting this request, the SFSU department offering such an upper-division course should evaluate the evidence and, consistent with the conditions for upper-division courses adopted by the Senate, should either

a) deny the equivalency and provide justification for continuation of its course as an upper division course;  
or

b) grant the equivalency and renumber its course as a lower-division course.

**\*\* APPROVED BY PRESIDENT WOO ON MAY 7, 1987 \*\***

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