

## SECTION 2 - ACCESS TO COURSES - GENERAL

The Title IX Regulation, 86.34, provides that an institution or agency may not:

"Provide any course or otherwise carry out any of its education program or activity separately on the basis of sex, or require or refuse participation therein by any of its students on such basis, including health, physical education, industrial, business, vocational, technical, home economics, music and adult education courses. Further, according to 86.36(c): where a recipient finds that a particular class contains a substantially disproportionate number of individuals of one sex, the recipient shall take such action as is necessary to assure itself that such disproportion is not the result of discrimination on the basis of sex in counseling, appraisal materials or by counselors."

The regulation permits only limited and specified exemptions to the requirement that all courses and activities be provided on a sex-integrated basis. The regulation provides that certain portions of physical education classes may be conducted in sex-segregated groups (this portion of the regulation will be discussed in a separate section of this evaluation).

In order to assess and evaluate present compliance with the requirements of the Title IX regulation for nondiscrimination in access to course offerings and to plan necessary modification, the following materials were reviewed:

Graduation requirements

Policies or guidelines regarding procedures for assignment of student to courses or classes

Course description and course catalogs

Curriculum guides that outline content, activities  
and instructional methodology of courses

Student handbooks

As a result of the review of the above listed materials the following evaluations have been made:

Graduation requirements are the same for males  
and females

Criteria and procedures for the assignment or  
selection of students to programs, courses or  
classes are developed and applied without regard  
to sex

The student handbook and catalogs make it clear  
that all courses are open to students of both  
sexes

Course titles and course descriptions are gender  
free

The use of sex-linked pronouns are avoided in  
favor of such terms as "students" or "he-she"  
in student handbooks, course descriptions and  
curriculum guides, the term most frequently  
found is student

Courses are free from prerequisites which have  
a sexually discriminatory effect on enrollment

Programs, courses or classes are conducted  
without sex differentiation in assignments,  
materials, services or other treatment, with  
the exception of physical education courses any  
program that has an enrollment of one sex at or  
above 80% is not as a result of sex discrimination.