Noncredit Curriculum

The MJC Curriculum Committee’s position on noncredit curriculum is that while it is not typical to have homework assigned in noncredit courses, it is allowable. While the Course Outline of Record (COR) cannot display outside-of-class hours for noncredit courses, there is no language in California Education Code or Title 5 that prohibits homework in noncredit curriculum. The Legislative Analyst’s Office March 2017 report titled, “California Community Colleges: Effects of Increases in Noncredit Course Funding Rates” includes discussion of the key differences between credit and noncredit courses. Attendance requirements are noted as the second of six key differences (Figure 1, page 6). In credit courses, students are expected to participate in the course during specific hours throughout the term and complete homework. In noncredit courses, depending on the course, students are permitted to join or leave a class at any time during the term and it typically does not require homework. The figure is included below for informational purposes.

![Figure 1 – Key Differences Between Credit and Noncredit Courses](image)

Source: California Community Colleges: Effects of Increases in Noncredit Course Funding Rates (LAO, March 2017)