

Submitted by Senator Jones

Course variants

Be it resolved that all course variants (i.e., courses modified from their original or on-campus formats so that they may be listed or advertised as online, as distance, as blended, or as taught in shortened duration for Queen's-Blyth or other off-campus venues) be designated with a suffix to the original course-number, and that the suffix designate the mode of the variant, e.g., O=Online, BL=Blended, D=Distance, etc.

Rationale: The use of such suffixes was standard practice until very recently. For example, ENGL 250 is a lecture course in English. The correspondence version used to be designated ENGL 250S. A night-course version was designated ENGL 250X. These designations appeared on transcripts.

The suffixes served to preserve important information on the transcript, e.g., whether a student's credits were earned on campus, online, by correspondence, etc. And as noted in last month's Senate, "the Association of Registrars of Universities and Colleges of Canada's National Transcript Guide states that 'The transcript should contain a complete and accurate history of the academic path of a given student in a particular postsecondary institution.