TO: Academic Requirements Committee, Curriculum Committee

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RE: WR 135 prerequisite language

Our LACC writing course, WR 135, requires a minimum C- grade for the course to meet LACC requirements; this also applies to the equivalent transfer courses like WR 122.

It came to our attention during the 2013-14 school year, that students who receive D-/D/D+ grades in WR 135 are still able to enroll in courses that list “WR 135 or equivalent” as the pre-requisite. Rather than submit a pre-req change to every course in the catalog that lists this pre-req, we would like to request that a policy statement be issued, perhaps added to the LACC language on Writing (p. 33 in the 2013-14 catalog):

When “WR 135 or equivalent” is listed as a pre-requisite, this means that the LACC writing requirement (i.e., a grade of C- or better) must be fulfilled.

Alternatively, we would request a global replacement in catalog listings, wherever “WR 135 or equivalent” is given as a pre-req, replace with “completed LACC writing requirement”.

Once adopted, the requirement for a WR 135 C- grade as pre-req should then be coded into the registration system. We would like this to be retroactive in the sense that it should not matter when the WR 135/equivalent course was taken.