

One TMC Per FDRG Policy

Since the inception of the TMC development process the goal has been to achieve appropriate compromises during TMC development to ensure the widest applicability of a given TMC. When an FDRG is convened, unless otherwise specified, it is tasked with developing a single TMC. Disciplines that were desirous of more than one TMC due to an interest in specifying one or two unique courses were instructed to create just one TMC. In rare instances the ICW may approve the development of more than one TMC in a single discipline or related disciplines.

The ICW may permit an FDRG to create an additional TMC or TMCs, or may convene a new FDRG for TMC development purposes, in the event that a case can effectively be made for substantially divergent options within a given discipline or group of related disciplines.

The criteria to be considered when approving the development of an additional TMC or TMCs in a discipline, or for determining whether or not to accept a new TMC in a major or a related major, are:

1. Are the required courses a significant departure from the required courses in all other TMCs? Most commonly, a significant departure would require a difference of at least two courses (minimum of 6 units) in the required core.
2. Is the proposed TMC likely to create one or more new pathways into a highly enrolled (high transfer volume) major and more pathways into additional CSUs?
3. Does the proposed TMC substantially increase the number of students served by SB 1440?

When additional TMC development is permitted, there is no guarantee that an additional TMC will be finalized. As compromise is expected and simplifying pathways for students is a goal, TMCs that do not differ substantially from those that already exist will not be permitted.