

3.6 Provisional Courses

- 1) Courses offered by departments as provisional courses must fit into one of the following categories:
 - a. Trial or experimental courses.
 - b. Courses of immediate relevance or of current, rather than lasting, issues.
 - c. Special opportunities courses (for example, a visiting professor could offer a course in his/her particular area of expertise, which could not be taught by a regular faculty member and, therefore, could not become a permanent catalog offering).
- 2) No course may be offered as a provisional course for more than two years. **No course may be offered as a provisional course more than twice and must be done within a single two-year timespan. Changing a provisional number is not permitted to reset the timeline.**
- 3) Provisional courses are proposed by departments. Each must be approved by the dean of the college in which the offering department is located. If a proposed provisional course may have a material effect on course offerings or enrollments in another college.
- 4) Interdisciplinary provisional courses for which a departmental designation is inappropriate may be offered, subject to the approvals of the programs involved and the dean(s) of the college(s) in which the offering is located. If a proposed interdisciplinary provisional course may have a material effect on course offerings or enrollments in another college, it must be designed in consultation with the affected department(s). Interdisciplinary provisional courses will bear a course designation of the relevant college or program.
- 5) Provisional courses are given course numbers ending with 95, 96, 97, or 98.
- 6) The titles of provisional courses shall appear on students' transcripts.

Rationale for revision:

The repeat time limit is introduced to reduce proliferation of provisional courses. The added wording helps clear ambiguity regarding practice of renumbering a provisional course for the purpose of extending its time limit.