

AVID Senior Seminar, California

FAQ

The new AVID Senior Seminar course curriculum has been approved by UC. Beginning with students graduating in 2007, the new AVID curriculum and regulations will be in effect. The note that UC will put on the AVID Senior Seminar course will read:

"Effective for 2007 graduates, course is approved for the academic component for one year of credit; the junior and senior years must be completed in order to receive the one year credit."

When should we begin using the new curriculum?

We expect the new curriculum to be taught beginning in fall 2005 for both juniors and seniors. Outlines submitted by schools offering Senior Seminar for the first time in 2005-2006 should reflect the new curriculum.

Will students who graduated in 2005 receive “g” credit for AVID Senior Seminar?

Yes. They will receive a year of elective credit. Requests for UC approval from schools that used the older curriculum for 2004-2005 will be honored for 2004-2005 seniors only.

What about students who will graduate in 2006?

Students who will graduate in 2006 should be taking the new curriculum in fall 2005, but will not be held to completing the two-year course with the new curriculum. These students will continue to receive one year of elective credit.

Will UC count the grade earned in the junior year of Senior Seminar for eligibility as long as four semesters are listed on the application under the “g” requirement?

Students will not have their junior-year grades or credits for the class included in their GPA or UC course count. Students should be advised when completing their admission applications to enter only the Senior Seminar course for the senior year, not the junior year. Campuses will receive a student's final transcript and can verify that the junior year Senior Seminar course was completed.

What about students who will graduate in 2007?

To receive one year of elective credit, students graduating in 2007 will need to take both the junior and senior year of the new AVID course curriculum.

Our course list already includes the AVID Senior Seminar. Do we need to revise the list?

No. Schools that already have the AVID Senior Seminar on their course list will not need to make revisions or changes.

What if we are submitting the AVID Senior Seminar for the first time?

If a school does not have the course on its course list, they can add it during the update cycle for 2005-2006. The update submission site will continue to be open until November 1, 2005.

There is a simple process to add the course to a school's list. Since this is a standard course which has been previously approved, a complete course outline is not required—schools just have to complete the course cover page.

In November, all schools will receive the annual update packet for the 2006 -2007 school year. The update packet will include the course submission update website address, IDs, and passwords to log on to the site. The update site will open for submissions on January 10, 2006.