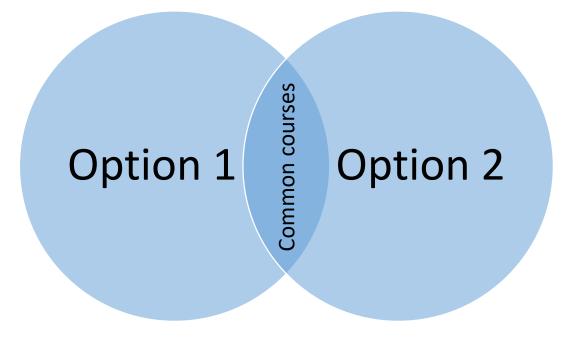
Course Overlaps and EO 1071 Compliance

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Problem: Revised EO 1071 disallows options with too little overlap

- Consider a program with two options that share less than 50% of their units in common.
- This department is only doing 1 set of reporting and review exercises for 2 options that might be very different.
- EO 1071R disallows this situation!



Why the new rule?

 The Chancellor's Office needs to put the right CIP codes in federal reports.

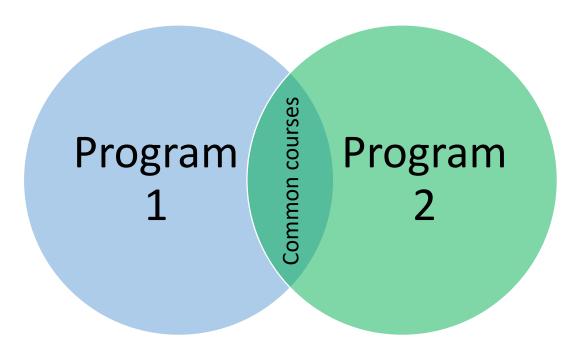
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reporting. Accurately aligning degree title, required courses, degree code, CIP code and the related CIP definition critical to providing valid data to IPEDS. Inaccurate reporting of data

• Currently, students who took substantially different sets of courses might be listed under the same CIP codes.

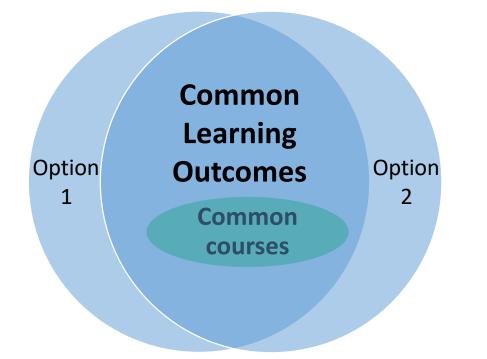
Solution 1: Relabel as separate Programs

- Department separates them into two <u>Programs</u> that just happen to have some courses in common.
- This requires submitting paperwork to the Chancellor's Office.
- Also requires two sets of reporting and review exercises (one per program).



Solution 2: Flexible* implementation focused on Learning Outcomes rather than courses

- Two options have <50% of course units in common
- <u>But</u> >50% of units are in courses w/ same learning outcomes



*Like Captain Kirk in the Kobayashi Maru simulation



Example: Geek Studies, a major w/ 2 options

<u>Common Learning Outcome</u>: Students shall be able to nitpick deviations from canon in movies based on geek classics.

Fantasy Option:

- Students take GKS 3300: Tolkien
- Write papers explaining that Faramir never tried to take the Ring.

Sci-Fi Option:

- Students take GKS 3400: Asimov
- Write papers explaining that there was no mass robot uprising in *I, Robot*.

Students in both options achieve the same insufferable learning outcome ③

Senate Referral

- AP-001-189 is written to implement Solution 2, and focus campus policy on Learning Outcomes rather than course names and numbers.
- If a program/major has multiple options, students need to get a majority of their units from courses with common learning outcomes, <u>but not necessarily the same courses!</u>