# 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.

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 Programs 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
- But $>50 \%$ 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

Common Learning Outcome: 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 ;)

## 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, but not necessarily the same courses!

