The university curriculum committees (UCC and GC) will evaluate new course proposals in the context of overlap between a proposed course and existing courses in other schools or colleges on campus. This review is to ensure that university resources are not duplicated in offering the same material in multiple courses. This review is not intended to protect the "academic turf" of individual faculty members or departments. The practice of overlap review is not intended to obstruct, limit, or discourage (rather, to support) interdisciplinary teaching, inclusiveness, or diversity. Thus, review will take into consideration and allow instances of healthy and desirable overlap, e.g.:

1) intended overlap existing in multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary courses,
2) natural common theoretical core of courses in related disciplines,
3) overlapping content that is taught in a different language and/or from another cultural standpoint, methodological standpoint, or disciplinary perspective.

It is the responsibility of the proposing department to properly evaluate all possible instances of overlap between the proposed course and existing courses on campus. Overlap within the same department is an easy one for the Department curriculum committees to resolve as curricula proposals are developed. Instances of potential overlap between courses offered within the same school or college must be resolved by that school or college's own curriculum committee prior to review by a university curriculum committee. In cases where such potential overlap is identified by a university curriculum committee and is deemed to be insufficiently addressed, the proposal will be returned to the relevant college curriculum committee without further review. Cases of potential overlap between colleges and schools should be resolved between the college/school curriculum committees and if necessary, deans should get involved. In cases where a new course is proposed that duplicates an existing course (e.g. when a faculty member moves from one department to another and wishes to teach a course that they have developed in their new department) the new course will only be approved if:

1) the proposal is accompanied by a drop course proposal for the old course; OR
2) a formal agreement between the two departments/schools/colleges is in place that will either formally cross-list the two courses or sunset the old course.