

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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MEMORANDUM

To: Deans, Directors, and Chairpersons

From: Linda O. Stanford, Associate Provost for Academic Services

Subject: Restricting students from enrolling in online or hybrid/blended courses.

The Office of the Registrar has received inquiries from students who were informed by departments that they are restricted from enrolling in an online or hybrid/blended course because they intend to enroll in another course on-campus for the same semester (fall, spring, summer).

No unit is authorized to deny a student access to enroll in an online course or hybrid/blended course regardless of the student's enrollment in other courses. This rule is the same for fall, spring, and summer. Unless there is an approved enrollment restriction listed in the Course Descriptions (as approved by academic governance) for a particular course, students have a right to have access to a course regardless of its delivery method.



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The budget model used as an incentive to offer online or hybrid/blended courses was instituted to encourage exploration of expanded course delivery methods. A department cannot exclude a student from enrollment in order to remain eligible to receive the revenue from the off-campus credit instruction pass-through process.

Ensure that your departments and faculty are informed of the distinction between access to courses and the budget model used to fund them. Here is the link to the memorandum from the Office of Planning and Budgets, which explains the budget model, <http://dev.opb.msu.edu/budget/documents/OffCampusSCH.pdf>

Immediately, please remove hallway posters and update any other communications that were used to provide inaccurate information to students.

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