

Definitions Related to Curriculum

Curriculum, Academic Curriculum, Cocurricular, and Extracurricular

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Core definitions of each term are bold-faced followed by elaborations. See page 2 for examples of each type of curriculum

Curriculum

Programming and activities provided to NWIC students that contribute to student development. The curriculum includes the academic curriculum, cocurricular programming and activities, and extracurricular programming and activities. Note that the curriculum, academic curriculum, cocurricular and extracurricular activities and programs are primarily intended to benefit students at NWIC although they may in some cases also benefit non-students.

Academic Curriculum

Credit courses and academic programs offered by NWIC.

Cocurricular Programming and Activities

Programming and activities offered to students by NWIC that are not credit courses or academic programs but are designed to complement and coordinate with the academic curriculum in order to support student development.

Extracurricular Programming and Activities

Programming and activities, whether provided by NWIC or external organizations, that are not part of the academic curriculum and are not designed to directly complement or coordinate with the academic curriculum. Extracurricular programming and activities may contribute to student development but they are different from cocurricular programs and activities in that they are not specifically designed to coordinate with the academic curriculum.

Examples of each type – see notes below

Academic Curriculum	Cocurricular Programming and Activities	Extracurricular Programming and Activities
<p>Programs of study, i.e., bachelor’s and associate’s programs, certificates, and awards of completion.</p> <p>Credit courses, whether at the developmental, Adult Basic Education (ABE) or General Education Development (GED), Workforce Education, or college-level.</p>	<p>Indigenous Service Learning</p> <p>Organized student leadership and development activities and academically-oriented student clubs and organizations, which include: -Student Executive Board -American Indian Sciences and Engineering Society (AISES) -American Indian Business Leaders (AIBL)</p> <p>Continuing Education Units (CEUs)</p> <p>Cooperative Extension non-credit training and workshops</p> <p>Internships (non-credit)</p>	<p>Athletics (see note below)</p> <p>Community involvement activities, such as Get Out the Vote (see note below)</p>

Note that there may be cases in which programming or activities of one type of curriculum may also connect to or result in programming or activities of another type. For example, the athletic program is extracurricular but a basketball credit course is part of the academic curriculum. A Get Out the Vote activity offered by an organization outside of NWIC is extracurricular but if participants earn CEUs from NWIC for their participation in the activity the CEUs awarded are cocurricular. Internships are cocurricular when they are used to support the academic curriculum without having credit attached (typically offered by organizations outside of NWIC) and are part of the academic curriculum when credit is attached to the internship.