



THE PULLING POWER OF MARQUEE COURSES: THE CHANGING CURRICULUM & QUALITY REFERENCE SERVICES

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CORE COURSES TO GENERAL EDUCATION

- Major redesign of the CORE curriculum to a General Education program by university's strategic plan
 - Global perspectives
 - Social issues
 - Interdisciplinary
 - In line with Student as Scholar paradigm
- Marquee Courses program represents a forward-thinking trend toward these changes

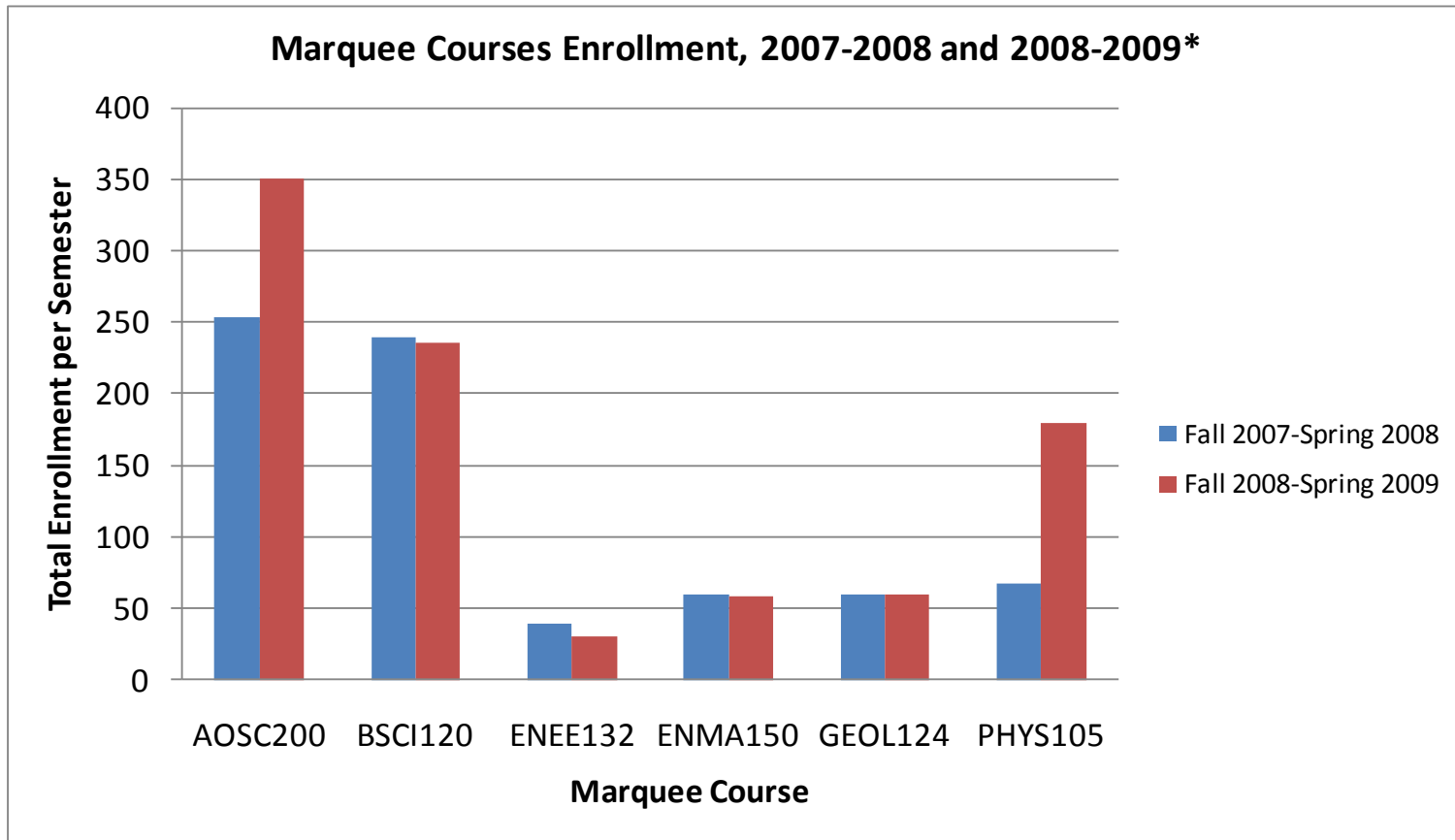


MARQUEE COURSES?

- Interdisciplinary core courses for non-sci/tech majors
- Cross-colleges undergraduate program
- Connects math, technology and the sciences with contemporary issues and social science approaches
- 6 departments currently participating
 - Atmospheric Sciences (AOSC)
 - Materials Engineering (ENMA)
 - Electrical Engineering (ENEE)
 - Physics (PHYS)
 - Biological Sciences (BSCI)
 - Geology (GEOL)



MARQUEE COURSES ENROLLMENT, 2007-2009



CURRICULUM CHANGE AND THE LIBRARIES

- Difficulties researchers face doing interdisciplinary work
- Changing how we approach bibliographic instruction
- Libraries will play a critical role as identified by the Strategic Plan
 - Bibliographic instruction
 - Obtaining new types of resources
 - Maintaining research collection



LIBRARIES AND MARQUEE COURSES

- Brought to attention of librarians at Engineering and Physical Sciences Library (EPSL) through an existing faculty relationship
- Important to remain aware of curriculum changes that would affect our bibliographic instruction (BI) sessions
- Significant change in undergraduate engineering curriculum altered number of BI sessions for EPSL



BIBLIOGRAPHIC INSTRUCTION FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY SCI/TECH COURSES

- Overview of services
- Emphasis on finding scholarly journal articles
 - Interdisciplinary databases
 - Subject-specific databases
- Engineering-based courses
- Physical sciences-based courses
- Team-teaching



MARQUEE COURSES AND EPSL

- Marquee Courses program offers glimpse of the shape the future General Education program could take
- Marketing efforts by librarians to inform professors of instruction sessions
- Met with program administrators
- Reaching a wide first- and second-year student population




SESSIONS TAUGHT BY EPSL LIBRARIANS

Marquee Course	Fall 2007	Spring 2008	Fall 2008
AOSC200	Not taught	Not taught	Not taught
BSCI120	Not taught	Not taught	Taught
ENEE132 (189W)	Not offered	Taught	Not offered
ENMA150	Taught	Not offered	Taught
GEOL124	Taught	Not offered	Taught
PHYS105	Not offered	Not taught	Taught

 = session(s) taught

 = course not offered

 = session(s) not taught



NEXT STEPS

- Changing curriculum will affect approach to bibliographic instruction
- (Re)assessment of bibliographic instruction sessions
- Central place of the Libraries in the Student as Scholar paradigm
- Continued need for the Libraries to remain visible



QUESTIONS?

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