

Definition of CURRICULUM

- **1:** the courses offered by an educational institution
- **2:** a set of courses constituting an area of specialization

Examples of CURRICULUM

- The college has a liberal arts *curriculum*.

Origin of CURRICULUM

- New Latin, from Latin, running, course
- First Known Use: 1824

Source: <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/curriculum>

Curriculum Definition: OSU Extension P&T Guidelines

Formal Curriculum: defined as having scope and sequence, being offered over time, and being a prepared, peer reviewed document or package that is citable and retrievable as a complete package.

- Formal curriculum provides an educator with background, instructional, and assessment information along with the materials for the instructional activity itself. For this document, citable and retrievable is tied to publication, and should be affiliated with a publisher greater than self.

Curriculum description (components of program/materials created and used):

Lesson plans (objectives, target audiences, etc.), worksheets, overheads, exercise and discussion guides, **teaching outlines** and web-based materials such as audio and enhanced podcasts designed to provide an overview of a comprehensive retention and expansion program, resource reference sheets, **evaluation** tools, and basic marketing tools including appropriate branding

Source: Ohio State University Extension 2014-2015 Faculty Guide for Promotion and Tenure (page 17).

Typical Component of a Curriculum

- Outline/Table of Contents
- Introduction/Overview
- Literature Review/Background Material
- General Instructions for Presenters/Qualifications Needed
- Lessons/Modules
- Supplemental Teaching Aids
- Marketing Materials
- Evaluation

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