

Creating a Group
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## Introduction

The Group Library Form (SMAGLIB) is used to add a group to the group library for use in CAPP. A group must be added to the library before its requirements can be defined on the Group Requirement Form (SMAGROP) and it can be attached to areas on the Area Requirements Form (SMAAREA).

A group is a subset of requirements within an area. Groups are not a required component of an area. Whether or not you use them depends on the requirements of each area. You can attach either groups or individual courses/attribute detail requirements to an area. Use groups when there is a clearly definable subset of course/attribute requirements within an area, see the example below.

Note: Groups are most often used when setting up the general education or core requirements for an institution. For most major requirements, only areas will be needed.

Example: The general education requirements for an institution may include:

- Foreign language requirements
- Science requirements
- Mathematics requirements
- History requirements
- Philosophy requirements
- Natural science requirements
- Social science requirements

In this example, each of these major divisions would be a group. You would create an area called "General Ed" or "Core" and attach these groups to the area.


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Group Library Form (SMAGLIB)

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| Group | Description | Student Level | Course <br> Level | $\begin{gathered} \text { Print } \\ \text { Indicator } \end{gathered}$ |  |  |
| CORE-ARTS | Fine/Performing Arts Component | U6 | UG | Print Evernthing - |  |  |
| Core-Comp | Comp/Literature Component | 46 | 46 | Print Eversthing - |  |  |
| CORE-GHUM | $G$ General Humanities Component | 46 | U6 | Print Eversthing |  |  |
| CORE-MATH | Math/Stat Component | 46 | U6 | Print Eversthing |  |  |
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## Procedure

Follow these steps to add a group to the group library for use in CAPP.

| Step | Action |
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| 1 | Access the Group Library Form (SMAGLIB). |
| 2 | Perform an Insert Record function, if needed. |
| 3 | Enter a name of the group in the Group field. |



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| Step | Action |
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| 4 | Enter a description of the group in the Description field. <br> Note: The description appears on the compliance report so the group names should be <br> consistent and easily understood by advisors and students at your institution. <br> Example: The following group names and descriptions are part of the core/general <br> education requirements: <br> CORE-ARTS: Fine/Performing Arts Component <br> CORE-COMP: Comp/Literature Component <br> CORE-MATH: Math/Stat Component <br> CORE-SSCI: Social Science Component |
| 5 | Double-click in the Student Level field to select a student level code or enter $U G$ for <br> undergraduate. |
| 6 | Double-click in the Course Level field to select a student level code or enter $U G$ for <br> undergraduate. |
| 7 | Select what you would like printed on the compliance in the Print Indicator field. |
| 8 | Click the Save icon. |



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Group Requirement Form (SMAGROP)


## Procedure

Follow these steps to define group requirements.

| Step | Action |
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| 1 | Select Group Requirements (SMAGROP) for the Options menu. |
| 2 | Enter 000000 (the beginning of time) in the Term field. <br> Note: If the group you are defining is a new requirement and will only be available <br> starting with a current or future term, enter that term in the Term field. |
| 3 | Perform a Next Block function. |
| 4 | Click the Active radio button to make this group active. <br> $\underline{\text { Note: If in the future, the group is no longer used, you would return to this form and }}$select the Inactive radio button. |



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| 5 | Enter the total required courses needed to satisfy this requirement in the Courses field. <br> Note: You will use a similar form to set the requirements on the area and program <br> levels. The courses entered here apply to just this group. |
| 6 | Select the course reuse indicator that applies to courses in this group in the Default <br> Course Reuse field. |
| 7 | Click the Save icon. |
| 8 | Enter a letter grade in the Minimum Course Grade field. <br> Note: Use the Search icon to open the Grade Code Maintenance Form (SHAGRDE) to <br> see details for each grade. |
| 9 | Click the Save icon. <br> 10 |
| Select the option you need to define group requirements from the Options menu. <br> Qptions Block Item Record Query Iools windov |  |
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Note: At a minimum, you should select Group Text to enter comments which display on the compliance and Group Course/Attribute Attachments to list the courses or attributes needed to fulfill the group requirements.


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## Options - Group Text

Select Group Text to enter comments which display on the compliance report.


## Procedure

Follow these steps to add group text.

| Step | Action |
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| 1 | Select Group Text from the Options menu. |
| 2 | Enter a description that describes the requirement in the Text field. |
| 3 | Double-click in the Print field to select where you would like the text to print. |
| 4 | Repeat steps 2 and 3 to enter additional text if needed. |
| 5 | Click the Save icon. |



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## Options - Group Additional Levels

Select Group Additional Levels to indicate additional course levels you would like to either include or exclude from fulfilling your group requirements.

Example: You would use this option if your undergraduate degree program will accept 6 credits of graduate level courses as electives provided the student received a minimum grade of D .

Caution: You should only use this option if absolutely necessary and the restrictions are needed because it is too cumbersome to list all the courses in the Group Course/Attribute Attachment option.


## Procedure

Follow these steps to indicate additional course levels you would like to either include or exclude from fulfilling your group requirements.

| Step | Action |
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| 1 | Select Group Additional Levels from the Options menu. |
| 2 | Select the Include or Exclude radio button. |
| 3 | Enter the level code in the Level field. |
| 4 | Enter a letter grade in the Minimum Grade field. |
| 5 | Enter a number in the Maximum Credits field. |
| 6 | Click the Save icon. |



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## Options - Group Restricted Subjects/ Attributes

Select Group Restricted Subjects/Attributes to limit subjects and/or attributes that will satisfy the requirements for the group.

Example: If you were setting up group requirements for a very restrictive Engineering program that only allowed electives from courses in the Engineering department, you would use this option to restrict the courses to just those in the Engineering department.

Caution: You should only set restrictions if absolutely necessary and the restrictions are needed because it is too cumbersome to list all the courses in the Group Course/Attribute Attachment option.


## Procedure

Follow these steps to limit subjects.

| Step | Action |
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| 1 | Select Group Restricted Subjects/Attributes from the Options menu. |
| 2 | Enter a department code in the Department field to restrict courses that will fulfill the <br> requirement to just those courses in the selected department. <br> Note: The Department field is being used as an example. You could restrict courses <br> by Campus, College, Department, Subject, Course range, or Attribute. |
| 3 | Click the Save icon. <br> Note: Click the Text icon if you would like to enter an explanation of this restriction. |



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## Options - Group Restricted Grades

Select Group Restricted Grades to restrict which grades will be accepted to fulfill the requirements of the group.

Example: You would use this option if you would like to further restrict the number of D grades that will be accepted to fulfill the requirements of the group. On the Group Requirements page, you set the Minimum Course Grade field to D. On this page, you could enter $D$ in the Grade field and enter 6 in the Maximum Credits field to limit the number of $D$ grades that will be accepted to meet this requirement.


## Procedure

Follow these steps to restrict grades.

| Step | Action |
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| 1 | Select Group Restricted Grades from the Options menu. |
| 2 | Enter a letter grade in the Grade field. |
| 3 | Enter a number in the Maximum Credits field. |
| 4 | Click the Save icon. <br> Note: Click the Text icon if you would like to enter an explanation of this restriction. |



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## Options - Group Course/ Attribute Attachments

Select Group Course/Attribute Attachments to enter the details regarding the courses and/or attributes that will fulfill the group requirements.

Example: You are setting up the Core-language component. Students must take 6 credits in any Foreign Language to fulfill the group requirements. You can use Set/Subset Logic combined with Course Low and High range to define the requirement.

Note: See Setting Up CAPP: Common Concepts starting on page C-4 for more detailed information on using Set/Subsets and Rules.



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Follow these steps to enter the details regarding the courses and/or attributes that will fulfill the group requirements.

| Step | Action |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 1 | Select Group Course/Attribute Attachments from the Options menu. <br> Note: Use the following table to complete this exercise. |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Set | Subset | Subject | Course Low | Course High | Required Credits |
|  | A10 | 100 | ARAB | 100 | 399 | 6 |
|  | A10 | 110 | FREN | 100 | 399 | 6 |
|  | A10 | 115 | SPAN | 100 | 399 | 6 |
|  | A10 | 120 | ITAL | 100 | 399 | 6 |
| 2 | Note: This is a user defined field. The Set must start with a letter. You can use any code that makes sense to you. For simplicity, we chose A10 for the Set name and counting by fives in the Subset field. When the Set code is the same, there is an implied or condition. Select Arab, or French, or Spanish, or Italian. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | Enter a three-digit number in the Subset field. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | Enter a subject code in the Subject field. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | Enter the lowest course number that will be accepted to fulfill this requirement in the Course Low field. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | Enter the highest course number that will be accepted to fulfill this requirement in the Course High field. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | Use the scroll bar to scroll to the left and enter the number of credits needed in the Required Credits field. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 | Repeat steps 2-7 to enter all requirements. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9 | Click the Save icon. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | Click the Exit icon. |  |  |  |  |  |

## Next steps

Groups, if used, must be attached to an area. After you have created all your groups, the next step is to create an area and attach the groups to an area.

