

# Library Impact of Semester Conversion at CSULA and Bakersfield

Bakersfield and LA will be going to Semesters in 2016. I asked their Library Deans about the impact so far.

Answers below:

## **Bakersfield**

“1) Committee work-- As CSUB began the process of reinventing its General Education Curriculum, I asked one of the librarians to serve on the General Education Implementation Committee to ensure that any library instruction and library needs were considered as the initial plan was developed. I bought out her time and her reference and teaching hours were covered by a temp. Other librarians did committee work related to conversion, but there was no fiscal impact.

2) New library curriculum-- We converted existing for-credit library classes from quarter to semester. Developed a new research class for pre-law. I don't anticipate more work for librarians as they adjust their non-credit teaching to semester. In fact, it will probably be reduced, since we will only have to gear up twice for orientations and workshops we offer at the beginning of each new term, rather than the three times we have to do it now. The most interesting thing we have done curriculum-wise is partnered with history to develop new for-credit courses in public history that are taught by our archives librarian to students pursuing a concentration in public history.

3) Resources-- With the change in focus and a variety of newly reinvented classes we have been required to reexamine our collection to determine whether or not we are meeting student needs. We are in the midst of this process but the financial impact will be greater than I originally anticipated.

4) Major impetus for change-- It is a time when everything is being examined and opens doors for all kinds of rethinking of library services. We have made a lot of changes in the way work is distributed and are currently making physical changes to the library to modernize. It is really great timing for us because as we convert to semesters, we are converting to the ULMS.”

## LA

“Curt gives a good picture of the change from Quarter to Semester (aka Q2S). ... All course modifications come to the Library for review and AUL Marla Peppers and library faculty were involved with that. There were a lot, and to give each a thorough review took some time. In addition the library converted its courses (four I think) to semester, and even created a new course.

The library is looking forward to the conversion so that we need to handle course reserves less often, and so that we will be on the same schedule as most other campuses.”