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**Curriculum and syllabus in methods of language teaching**

When it comes to education, the two concepts which pop up in our mind which are commonly misconstrued are syllabus and curriculum. Syllabus connotes the subjects as well as the topics covered in the course of study. On the other hand, curriculum implies the chapters and academic content taught in school or college. It alludes to the knowledge, skills and competencies students should learn during study.

The syllabus is described as the summary of the topics covered or units to be taught in the particular subject. Curriculum refers to the overall content, taught in an educational system or a course. Syllabus is descriptive in nature, but the curriculum is prescriptive. Syllabus is set for a particular subject.

Syllabus is the document that contains all the portion of the .1 concepts covered in a subject. **Curriculum:**

The curriculum refers to the overall framework and plan for • teaching and learning in a particular educational program or institution.

It encompasses all aspects of the educational experience, • including goals and objectives, content, instructional methods, assessment practices, and learning activities.

The curriculum outlines the overarching aims and scope of • the educational program, providing a roadmap for what students should learn and how that learning will be organized and assessed.

Curriculum development involves decisions about what to • teach, how to teach it, and how to assess student learning, taking into account factors such as educational goals, societal needs, student demographics, and available resources.

**Syllabus:** .2

A syllabus is a specific document or plan that outlines the content, sequence, and schedule of a particular course or subject within the broader curriculum.

It provides detailed information about the topics to be covered, learning objectives, required readings or materials, assessment criteria, and expectations for student participation and performance.

A syllabus serves as a contract between the instructor and the students, outlining the responsibilities and expectations of both parties for the duration of the course.

Syllabi can vary widely depending on factors such as the level of the course (e.g., introductory vs. advanced), the instructional approach (e.g., lecture-based vs. hands-on), and the preferences and expertise of the instructor.

In summary, while the curriculum provides the overall framework and direction for an educational program, the syllabus is a more specific document that outlines the details of an individual course or subject within that program. The curriculum sets the broader goals and parameters, while the syllabus translates those goals into actionable plans and expectations for a particular course.

Curriculum is the overall content, taught in an educational system or a course.

### Key differences between Syllabus and Curriculum

The basic differences between syllabus and curriculum are explained in the point given below:

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Syllabus varies from teacher to teacher while the curriculum is same for all teachers.

The term syllabus is a Greek origin, whereas the term curriculum is a Latin origin.

.The curriculum has a wider scope than the syllabus

The syllabus is provided to the students by the teachers so that they can take an interest in the subject. On the other hand, normally the curriculum is not made available to the students unless specifically asked .for

.Syllabus is descriptive in nature, but the curriculum is prescriptive

Syllabus is set for a particular subject. Unlike curriculum, which covers a particular course of study or a program.

Syllabus is prepared by teachers. Conversely, a curriculum is decided by the government or the school or college administration

The duration of a syllabus is for a year only, but curriculum lasts till the completion of the course.

Conclusion

Curriculum and Syllabus are the terms of education, imparted to the students by teachers. It means the knowledge, skills or qualifications that are passed on from one generation to another. A subject syllabus is a unit of the curriculum. The two terms differ in a sense that curriculum is a combination of some factors which helps in the planning of an educational program, whereas a syllabus covers the portion of what topics should be taught in a particular subject.

