

**GENERAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 26, 2008**

**Present: Pam Bowers, Jon Comer, Theo Drab, Deb Jordan, Bob Miller, Jeretta Nord, Michael Rabens, Chuck Tauer, Ed Walkiewicz, Arthur Webb and Gail Gates.**

**1. New General Education Designation Requests**

**ENGL 3410** – Popular Fiction, request “H” designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2009.

**Approved “H” designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2009.**

**ENSC 2113** – Statics, request “A” designation, effective Spring 2009

**Denied “A” designation. Members approved a motion to allow ENSC 2113 to be approved as an “A” for the Architecture degree sheet.**

**3.4 (d) General Education Requirements** – University Catalog

Substitution of general education courses is allowed when background for the major demands greater depth in an area in which a general education requirement is stated. Only in the Analytical and Quantitative Thought “A” and Natural Sciences “N” areas is substitution of more advanced lower-division course permitted. Such a substitution requires the recommendation of the student’s academic adviser and dean and the approval of the Office of the Provost and Senior Vice President.

**PHIL 3920** – Ethics and Globalization in Foreign Film, requests “H, I” designations, one-time only, effective Spring 2009.

**Approved “H, I”, one-time only, effective Spring 2009.**

**PHIL 3920** – Applied Ethics in Contemporary American Film, request “H” designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2009.

**Approved “H” designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2009 pending revision of the on-line form and syllabus to include a minimum of 10 pages of writing requirements.**

**PHIL 3920** – Inductive Logic and Philosophical Applications, request “A” designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2009.

**Approved “A” designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2009.**

**TCOM 3153** – International Aspects of Telecommunications, request “I” designation, effective Spring 2009.

**Approved “I” designation, effective Spring 2009.**

**2. General Education Five Year Review of “H and H, I” Designations  
Tabled from April 21, 2008 Meeting**

**RUSS 3123** – Russian Culture and Civilization, request continuation of “H, I” designations, effective Spring 2008.

**Denied “H” designation, effective Spring 2009, course does not indicate if students have the opportunity to receive feedback on writing assignments.**

### 3. **Past General Education Requests**

For record keeping purposes, the requested revisions were made to the following courses and approval is final:

**ENGR 4133** – Environmental Regulation for Technical Professionals, request “S” designation, effective Fall 2007.

**Approved “S” designation, effective Summer 2008** ~~pending clarification of the writing requirements (the form and syllabus do not match).~~

**HIST 3673** – US History 1919 to 1945, request “D” designation, effective Fall 2007. Course presently carries an “H” designation.

**Approved “D” designation, effective Summer 2008** ~~pending revisions to the form or syllabus (writing assignments should be consistent).~~

**HIST 3763** – History of the American Southwest, request “D” designation, effective Fall 2007. Course presently carries an “H” designation.

**Approved “D” designation, effective Summer 2008** ~~pending clarification of the writing (the form and syllabus are inconsistent in regards to the writing requirements).~~

### 4. **Review of OSRHE General Education Core**

Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE) policy 3.14 Undergraduate Degree Requirements includes:

#### **6 Hours English Composition**

[English Composition Requirements from OSU Academic Regulations:  
The university requires a minimum of six semester credit hours in English composition for a baccalaureate degree. The required sequence of courses is ENGL 1113 and ENGL 1213. For those who qualify, ENGL 1123 or 1313 may be substituted for ENGL 1113. Students who earn an "A" or "B" in ENGL 1113 (or ENGL 1123 or 1313) or who earn three semester credit hours in English composition through credit by exam, and who have the consent of their college, may substitute ENGL 3323 for ENGL 1213. Students who qualify may substitute ENGL 1223 or 1413 for ENGL 1213. A third course may be required by the student's college to satisfy either an additional composition or oral communication requirement.]

#### **6 Hours U.S. History and U.S. Government**

U.S. History [from OSRHE policy]

U.S. history is defined as that discipline or field of study which presents a chronological record of significant events in the life of the United States of America. This discipline normally includes all of those political, demographic, geographic, social, economic, cultural, and related factors necessary to explain past events and to anticipate future ones. To meet the intent of the U.S. history requirement, a course of study 1) should be general in nature, covering a significant span of natural time, 2) should be taught by a faculty member in the discipline or department of history, and 3) should be listed in the institutional catalog under the title of U.S. history. Specialized courses in economic, social, cultural, or political history will thus not satisfy the intent of this policy.

## U.S. Government [from OSRHE policy]

U. S. government is that academic discipline which treats the origins, organization, and operation of the United State of America with regard to its political and governmental functions. To satisfy the U.S. government requirement, a course of study 1) should be general in nature, rather than narrowly specific and 2) should be taught under the auspices of the department of government or political science. In some instances, it may be desirable to satisfy this requirement by integrating U.S. history and U.S. government into one comprehensive, sequential course of study.

### **ENGL 1113** - Composition I

The fundamentals of expository writing with emphasis on structure, development and style.

### **ENGL 1123** - International Freshman Composition I

Restricted to students whose native language is not English. Expository writing with emphasis on structure and development. Special attention to problems of English as a second language. *This course may be substituted for 1113.*

### **ENGL 1213** - Composition II

Prerequisite(s): 1113 or 1123 or 1313. Expository composition with emphasis on technique and style through intensive and extensive readings.

### **ENGL 1223** - International Freshman Composition II

Prerequisite(s): 1113 or 1123. Restricted to students whose native language is not English. Expository composition with emphasis on technique and style in writing research papers. *May be substituted for 1213.*

### **ENGL 1313** - Critical Analysis and Writing I

Expository writing forms, including summary, critique, and synthesis. Writing assignments based on readings from across the curriculum. *May be substituted for 1113 for gifted writers who seek a more challenging course.*

### **ENGL 1413** - Critical Analysis and Writing II

Critical thinking, research, and writing skills necessary for success in courses across the curriculum. Some sections available for honors credit. *May be substituted for 1213 for gifted writers who seek a more challenging course.*

### **ENGL 3323** - Technical Writing

Prerequisite(s): 1113/1123 or 1213/1223 or 1313 and junior standing. Applied writing in areas of specialization. Intensive practice in professional writing modes, styles, research techniques and editing for specialized audiences and/or publications. *This course may be substituted for 1213/1223 with an "A" or "B" in 1113/1123 and consent of the student's college.*

### **HIST 1103** - Survey of American History

Meaning, vitality, and uniqueness of United States history since 1492 through a thematic examination of the nation's past. Satisfies, with POLS 1113, the State Regents requirement of six credit hours of American history and American government before graduation. *No credit for students with prior credit in HIST 1483 or 1493.*

### **HIST 1483** - American History to 1865

From European background through the Civil War. Satisfies, with POLS 1113, State Regents requirement of six credit hours of American history and American government before graduation. *No credit for students with credit in HIST 1103.*

### **HIST 1493** - American History Since 1865

May be taken independently of HIST 1483. Development of the United States including the growth of industry and its impact on society and foreign affairs. Satisfies, with POLS 1113, State Regents requirement of six credit hours of American history and American government before graduation. *No credit for students with credit in HIST 1103.*

**POLS 1113 - American Government**

Organization, processes and functions of the national government of the United States. Satisfies, with HIST 1103 or 1483 or 1493, the State Regents requirement of six credit hours of American history and American government before graduation.

Members wanted to know about the policy that requires multiple course sections to have the same requirements.

**Textbook Policy 2.04**

(<https://stillwater.sharepoint.okstate.edu/Policies/Shared%20Documents/Ordering%20Textbooks.pdf>) that addresses multiple section courses:

2.04. The department head will ensure that the same textbooks are used for multiple sections of a course. (This is to ensure that students enrolled in different sections of the same course receive essentially the same textbook information. Exceptions may be made upon approval of the department head and dean for class sections where students differ significantly from normal sections (i.e. special sections for majors or international students), or where an instructor's teaching style or approach differs from the normal approach, (i.e. case study, modular, or thematic designs).

Members asked that faculty representatives for ENGL, HIST, and POLS be present at future GEAC meetings for discussions.

In a future meeting GEAC will discuss the policy of requiring zero-ending courses to be submitted each semester.

**Adjourn:** 2:45 p.m.