

**GENERAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES
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204 Whitehurst**

Present: Rebecca Bensen Cain, Jon Comer, Carol Jones, Nick Materer, Bob Miller, Bridget Miller, Joe Schatzer, Sheila Scott-Halsell, Sarah Gordon, Keely James, and Brenda Masters.

1. New General Education Designation Requests Tabled from March 7, 2014 Meeting:

PHIL 3920- Love, Sex, and Gender, requests the “H” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2014. 3/7/14 - Members tabled pending clarification of writing assignments. The course doesn’t appear to have any “out of class” writing assignments.

Upper division courses - outside of class writing assignments that give students the opportunity to incorporate feedback in subsequent writing assignments (by revising and resubmitting one assignment or submitting more than one assignment). Minimum of 10 pages of writing assignments during semester.

Members approved the “H” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2014.

2. New General Education Designation Requests:

HDFS 4793 – The Family: A World Perspective, requests the “I” designation, effective Fall 2014. Members approved the “I” designation, effective Fall 2014.

HIST 1103 – Survey of American History, requests the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014. Members tabled pending clarification that the course meets the criteria and goals of the “H” designation. The course information needs to explain who this helps and why.

HIST 3980 - HIV/Aids in Transnational and U.S. Perspectives, requests the “H” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2014.

Members approved the “H” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2014.

HONR 3000 - HIV/Aids in Transnational and U.S. Perspectives, requests the “H” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2014.

Members approved the “H” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2014.

PHIL 3920 – Philosophy of Dreams, requests the “H” designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2014. Members approved the “H” designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2014.

UNIV 3110 – International Perspectives in Ethics and Leadership, requests the “I” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2014.

Members approved the “I” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2014.

3. General Education Five Year Review of “H” Designations Tabled from March 7, 2014:

AMST 2103 – Introduction to American Studies, requests continuation of the “H and D” designations, effective Fall 2014.

3/7/14 - Members tabled pending submission of the “D” designation.

4/21/14 – Members approved continuation of the “H and D” designations, effective Fall 2014.

AMST 3653 – The Body in American Culture, requests the continuation of the “H and D” designations, effective Fall 2014.

3/7/14 - Members tabled pending submission of the “D” designation.

4/21/14 – Members approved continuation of the “H and D” designations, effective Fall 2014.

ENGL 2243 – Language, Text and Culture, requests the continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Summer 2014.

3/7/14 - Members tabled pending clarification, from the course schedule, that the course meets the criteria for the international credit. It is not clear that over 50% of the course materials relate to contemporary cultures.

Courses designated “I” emphasize contemporary – the current time in the context of the discipline - cultures outside the United States. Courses concerning ethnic and cultural minorities within the U.S. do not qualify. At least one-half of the course materials must relate to contemporary, not historical, cultures.

Members approved continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Summer 2014.

HIST 3113, Germany, Since 1815, requests the continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Fall 2014.

3/7/14 - Members tabled pending clarification of the writing requirements and submission of the “I” designation information.

4/21/14 - Members approved continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Fall 2014.

HIST 3163 – Russia Since 1861, requests the continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Fall 2014.

3/7/14 – Members tabled pending submission of the “I” designation information.

4/21/14 - Members approved continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Fall 2014.

HIST 3273 – Modern Europe, Since 1914, requests the continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Fall 2014.

3/7/14 - Members tabled pending submission of the “I” designation information.

4/21/14 - Members approved continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Fall 2014.

HIST 3333 – History of the Second World War, requests the continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Fall 2014.

3/7/14 - Members tabled pending submission of the “I” designation information.

4/21/14 - Members approved continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Fall 2014.

HIST 3343 – World War One in Modern European Culture, requests the continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Fall 2014.

3/7/14 - Members tabled pending submission of the “I” designation information.

4/21/14 - Members approved continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Fall 2014.

HIST 3413 – East Asia since 1800, requests the continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Fall 2014.

3/7/14 - Members tabled pending submission of the “I” designation information.

4/21/14 - Members approved continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Fall 2014.

HIST 3433 – Modern China, requests the continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Fall 2014.

3/7/14 - Members tabled pending submission of the “I” designation information.

4/21/14 - Members approved continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Fall 2014.

HIST 3463 – Modern Latin America, requests the continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Fall 2014.

3/7/14 - Members tabled pending submission of the “I” designation information.

4/21/14 - Members approved continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Fall 2014.

HIST 3493 – Scandinavia Since 1500, requests the continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Fall 2014.

3/7/14 - Members tabled pending submission of the “I” designation information.

4/21/14 - Members approved continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Fall 2014.

HIST 3683 – United States History Since 1945, requests the continuation of the “H and D” designations, effective Fall 2014.

3/7/14 - Members tabled pending submission of the “D” designation information.

4/21/14 - Members approved continuation of the “H and D” designations, effective Fall 2014.

HIST 3763 – American Southwest, requests the continuation of the “H and D” designations, effective Fall 2014.

3/7/14 - Members tabled pending submission of the “D” designation information.

4/21/14 - Members approved continuation of the “H and D” designations, effective Fall 2014.

HIST 3793 – Indians in America, requests the continuation of the “H and D” designations, effective Fall 2014.

3/7/14 - Members tabled pending clarification of writing requirement, specifically length of assignments, and there appears to be no information on the “D” designation.

4/21/14 - Members discontinued the “H and D” designations, effective Fall 2015. It was not apparent that the course met the writing requirements.

Upper division courses - outside of class writing assignments that give students the opportunity to incorporate feedback in subsequent writing assignments (by revising and resubmitting one assignment or submitting more than one assignment). Minimum of 10 pages of writing assignments during semester.

4. General Education Five Year Review of “H” Designations:

AMST 3813 – Readings in the American Experience, requests continuation of the “H and D” designations, effective Fall 2014.

Members approved continuation of the “H and D” designations, effective Fall 2014.

ARCH 2003 – Architecture and Society, requests continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Summer 2014.

Members approved continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Summer 2014.

ARCH 3083 – History and Theory of Baroque Architecture, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Summer 2014.

Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Summer 2014.

ARCH 4293 – The Ethics of the Built Environment, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Summer 2014.

Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Summer 2014.

ART 3683 – History of 20th Century Art, requests continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Fall 2014.

Members approved continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Fall 2014.

ART 3693 – Survey of Asian Art, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

ART 4663 – History of Chinese Art, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

FLL 3103 – Hispanic Literature in Translation, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

GREK 4113 – Greek Literature in Translation, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

HIST 1613 – Western Civilization to 1500, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

HIST 1623 – Western Civilization After 1500, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

HIST 1713 – Survey of Eastern Civilization, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

HIST 2333 – American Thought and Culture: Survey, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

HIST 2343 – Religion in America, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

HIST 3673 – United States History, 1919 – 45, requests continuation of the “H and D” designations, effective Fall 2014.

Members approved continuation of the “H and D” designations, effective Fall 2014.

HIST 4483 – American Cultural History Since 1865, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

HIST 4493 – Frontier in American Memory, requests continuation of the “H and D” designations, effective Fall 2014.

Members approved continuation of the “H and D” designations, effective Fall 2014.

HIST 4503 – American Urban History, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.
Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

HIST 4523 – American Environmental History, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.
Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

HIST 4543 – Vietnam War, requests continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Fall 2014.
Members approved continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Fall 2014.

HIST 4563 – Cold War, requests continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Fall 2014.
Members approved continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Fall 2014.

HIST 4593 - America in International Perspective, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.
Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

LA 3673 – History and Theory of Landscape Architecture, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.
Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

LATIN 4113 – Latin Literature in Translation, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.
Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

MUSI 2573 – Introduction to Music, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.
Members tabled pending clarification of writing assignment. The writing assignments do not appear to meet the 5 page writing requirement.
Lower division courses - outside of class writing assignments appropriate to the discipline that are graded with feedback on writing. Minimum of 5 pages of writing assignments during semester.

MUSI 3543 – Music and Culture of Northern Italy, requests continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Fall 2014.
Members approved continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Fall 2014.

MUSI 3573 – America’s Ethnic Music, requests continuation of the “H and D” designations, effective Fall 2014.
Members tabled pending clarification of writing assignment. The writing assignments do not appear to meet the 10 page writing requirement.
Upper division courses - outside of class writing assignments that give students the opportunity to incorporate feedback in subsequent writing assignments (by revising and resubmitting one assignment or submitting more than one assignment). Minimum of 10 pages of writing assignments during semester.

MUSI 3753 – History of Music to 1600, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.
Members tabled pending clarification of writing assignment. The writing assignments do not appear to meet the 10 page writing requirement.
Upper division courses - outside of class writing assignments that give students the opportunity to incorporate feedback in subsequent writing assignments (by revising and resubmitting one assignment or submitting more than one assignment). Minimum of 10 pages of writing assignments during semester.

PHIL 1013 – Philosophical Classics, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.
Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

PHIL 1113 – Introduction to Philosophy, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.
Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

PHIL 1213 – Philosophies of Life, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.
Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

PHIL 3213 – 17th and 18th Century Philosophy, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.
Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

PHIL 3313 – 19th and 20th Century Philosophy, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.
Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

PHIL 3513 – Social Philosophy, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.
Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

PHIL 3613 – Philosophy of Religion, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.
Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

PHIL 3803 – Business Ethics, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.
Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

PHIL 3813 – Recent American Philosophy, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.
Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

PHIL 3833 – Biomedical Ethics, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.
Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

PHIL 3843 – Philosophy of Law, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.
Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

PHIL 3913 - Existentialism, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.
Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

PHIL 3933 – Creation and Evolution, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.
Tabled pending clarification of writing requirements, number of pages and specifics on required papers with feedback.

Upper division courses - outside of class writing assignments that give students the opportunity to incorporate feedback in subsequent writing assignments (by revising and resubmitting one assignment or submitting more than one assignment). Minimum of 10 pages of writing assignments during semester.

PHIL 3943 – Asian Philosophy, requests continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Fall 2014.
Members approved continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Fall 2014.

PHIL 4013 – Perspectives on Death and Dying, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

Tabled pending clarification of writing requirements, number of pages and specifics on required papers with feedback.

Upper division courses - outside of class writing assignments that give students the opportunity to incorporate feedback in subsequent writing assignments (by revising and resubmitting one assignment or submitting more than one assignment). Minimum of 10 pages of writing assignments during semester.

PHIL 4113 – Philosophy of Art and Literature, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

PHIL 4313 – Philosophy of Mind, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

PHIL 4453 – Philosophy in Literature, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

PHIL 4713 – Philosophy of Science, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

Tabled pending clarification of writing requirements, number of pages and specifics on required papers with feedback.

Upper division courses - outside of class writing assignments that give students the opportunity to incorporate feedback in subsequent writing assignments (by revising and resubmitting one assignment or submitting more than one assignment). Minimum of 10 pages of writing assignments during semester.

PHIL 4733 – Philosophy of Biology, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014

Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

REL 1103 – Introduction to World Religions, requests continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Fall 2014.

Members approved continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Fall 2014.

REL 2013 – Hebrew Scriptures, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

REL 2023 – The New Testament and Its Study, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

REL 3223 – The Teachings of Jesus in Historical Context, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

REL 3243 – Paul and the Early Church, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

REL 3573 – The Religions of Native Americans, requests continuation of the “H and D” designations, effective Fall 2014.

Members approved continuation of the “H and D” designations, effective Fall 2014.

REL 4113 – The World of Islam: Cultural Perspectives, requests continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Fall 2014.

Members approved continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Fall 2014.

TH 2413 – Introduction to the Theatre, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

TH 3923 – Theatre History I, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

TH 3933 – Theatre History II, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2014.

5. Departments Request an Extension for the Following General Education “H” Reviews:

HIST 3133 (H), 3423 (H-I), 3443 (H), 3503 (H), 3513 (H-I), 3543 (H-I), 3553 (H-I), 4153 (H-D), 4163 (H-D), and 4173 (H-D) – Hiring new faculty, plans to submit Fall 2014.

HIST 3663 (H), 3963 (H), and RUSS 3123 (H), 4113 (H) – Future faculty hire.

Members approved an extension of the above listed reviews until Spring 2015.

6. Departments Request Discontinuation of the Following General Education Designations:

AMST 3223 (H), 4633 (H), ARCH 4073 (H), ART 4633 (H), FLL 2103 (H), 2203 (H), GEOG 4253 (H,D), PHIL 3713 (H), 3823 (H), and POLS 4653 (H).

Members approved discontinuation of the “H and H, D” designations, effective Fall 2015, for the courses listed above.

7. Other

A discussion ensued about satisfying science remediation needs through the successful completion of an “N or L” course. Additionally, some ideas were voiced about how many semesters, with a specific GPA, would be necessary to reflect competency in reading to satisfy a need for reading remediation.

Dr. Masters noted that in the future general education reviews will be addressed by emailed excel files.

Also members suggest considering requiring a specified number of words rather than pages for the writing requirements for general education courses. Members suggested considering a writing requirement of 250 words per page, using the Times Roman 12 font and one inch margins.