

**GENERAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**  
**March 13, 2015**  
**204 Whitehurst**

**Present: Kristen Baum, Rebecca Bensen Cain, Jon Comer, Karen Flaherty, Carol Jones, James Knecht, Amy Martindale, Nick Materer, Bill Ryan, Joe Schatzer, and Pamela Fry.**

**1. New General Education Designation Requests:**

**AGCM 3203** – Oral Communication in Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, requests the “S” designation, effective Summer 2015.

2/2/15 - Members denied the “S” designation. The course doesn’t appear to meet the criteria for the “S” designation and it wasn’t clear, from the information provided, that the course met the writing requirements. Members suggest clarifying the writing assignments and clarifying the association with the social and behavioral sciences.

3/13/15 - Members approved the “S” designation, effective Summer 2015. Members suggest placing a clearer emphasis on the social and behavioral sciences.

**EDUC 3080** – International Experiences, Interdisciplinary Global Sustainability - India, requests the “I” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2015.

Members approved the “I” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2015.

**ENGR 4060** – Technology and Culture of China, requests the “S and I” designations, one-time only, effective Summer 2015.

Members approved the “S and I” designations, one-time only, effective Summer 2015.

Members suggest including a grading scale or point system to better determine if the proposed grading values reflect student contributions.

**ENGR 4060** – Technology and Culture of Ireland, requests the “S and I” designations, one-time only, effective Summer 2015.

Members approved the “S and I” designations, one-time only, effective Summer 2015.

Members suggest including a grading scale or point system to better determine if the proposed grading values reflect student contributions.

**ENGR 4073** – Technology and Culture of Italy, requests the “S” designation, effective Summer 2015.

Course presently carries the “I” designation.

Members approved the “S” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2015.

Members suggest including a grading scale or point system to better determine if the proposed grading values reflect student contributions.

**ENGR 4083** – Technology and Culture of Brazil, requests the “S” designation, effective Summer 2015.

Course presently carries the “I” designation.

Members approved the “S” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2015.

Members suggest including a grading scale or point system to better determine if the proposed grading values reflect student contributions.

**GEOG 3123** – Urban Geography, requests continuation of the “D” designation, effective Summer 2015.

2/2/15 - Discontinuation of the “D” designation, effective Spring 2016.

Members approved continuation of the “S” designation, effective Summer 2015.

2/25/15 – Department head wanted to pursue continuation of the “D” designation.

3/13/15 - Members denied "D" designation pending clarification that the course meets the criteria and goals for the "D" designation in that at least one-half of the course materials must relate to socially constructed groups in the United States. Members suggest a resubmission to include a revised syllabus clarifying this requirement.

DIVERSITY - (D)

1. Criteria:

- a. Courses designated "D" emphasize one or more socially constructed groups (e.g. racial, ethnic, religious, gender, age, disability, sexual orientation) in the United States.
- b. At least one-half of the course materials must relate to these groups.

2. Goals:

- a. Students will critically analyze historical and contemporary examples of socially constructed groups in American society or culture.
- b. Students will critically analyze the distribution of political, economic, and/or cultural benefits and opportunities afforded to these groups.
- c. Students will understand how these groups relate to the student's academic discipline and American culture.
- d. Students will demonstrate their understanding through written work that provides them the opportunity to enhance their writing skills; upper division "D" courses will include extensive written work.

**HRAD 4090** – International Hospitality Studies, requests the "I" designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2015.

Members approved the "I" designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2015.

**PHIL 3920** – God and the Meaning of Life, requests the "H" designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2015.

Members tabled pending clarification from a revised syllabus that the course meets the writing requirements. Once a revised syllabus is received, a vote will be requested via email.

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.

**PHIL 3920** – Social Media Today, requests the "H" designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2015.

Members approved the "H" designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2015.

**PHIL 3920** – Philosophy of Dreams, requests the "H" designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2015.

Members approved the "H" designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2015.

This is the third, one-time only submission for this course under this title.

**PHIL 3920** – Philosophy of Nature, Simplicity and Self Reliance, requests the "H" designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2015.

Members approved the "H" designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2015.

Members wanted to share that the request was approved due to this being a one-time only offering. If it is decided to continue to offer the course and move the course to a permanent course number, a clearer class schedule and course specifics would be required.

**PHIL 3920** – Philosophy, Race, Gender and Film, requests the "H and D" designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2015.

Members approved the "H and D" designations, one-time only, effective Fall 2015.

**PSYC 3120** – Exploration in the History of Psychology, requests the "I" designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2015.

Members approved "I" designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2015.

## 2. General Education Five Year Review of the “S” Designations:

**ECON 3823** – Economic History of the U.S., requests continuation of the “S” designation, effective Summer 2015. Crosslisted with HIST 4513.

2/2/15 - Members tabled as it is not clear if the course meets the criteria for the “S” designation. Members asked that a syllabus be provided detailing course topics.

3/13/15 - Members approved continuation of the “S” designation, effective Summer 2015.

**GEOG 1113** – Introduction to Cultural Geography, requests continuation of the “S” designation, effective Summer 2015.

Members approved continuation of the “S” designation, effective Summer 2015. The course also carries the “I” designation and will be reviewed in the April meeting.

**GEOG 3053** – Introduction to Central Asia Studies, requests continuation of the “S and I” designations, effective Summer 2015. Course crosslisted with HIST 3053, POLS 3053, and RUSS 3053.

2/2/15 - Members tabled pending clarification that students have the opportunity to received feedback on writing assignments.

3/13/15 - Members approved continuation of the “S and I” designations, effective Summer 2015.

**GEOG 3133** – Political Geography, requests continuation of the “S and I” designations, effective Summer 2015.

2/2/15 - Members tabled pending clarification that students have the opportunity to received feedback on writing assignments.

3/13/15 - Members approved continuation of the “S and I” designations, effective Summer 2015.

**GEOG 3243**- Geography of Indian Country, requests continuation of the “S” designation, effective Summer 2015.

Members approved continuation of the “S” designation, effective Summer 2015. The course also carries the “D” designation and will be reviewed in the April meeting.

**GEOG 3723** – Geography of Europe, requests continuation of the “S” designation, effective Summer 2015.

Members approved continuation of the “S” designation, effective Summer 2015. The course also carries the “I” designation and will be reviewed in the April meeting.

**GEOG 3743** – Geography of Latin America, requests continuation of the “S” designation, effective Summer 2015.

Members approved continuation of the “S” designation, effective Summer 2015. The course also carries the “I” designation and will be reviewed in the April meeting.

**GEOG 3783** – Geography of the Middle East and Southwest Asia, requests continuation of the “S” designation, effective Summer 2015.

Members approved continuation of the “S” designation, effective Summer 2015. The course also carries the “I” designation and will be reviewed in the April meeting.

**HHP 2603** – Total Wellness, requests continuation of the “S” designation, effective Summer 2015.

Members approved continuation of the “S” designation, effective Summer 2015.

**HIST 3003** – The Soviet Union: History, Society and Culture, requests continuation of the “S and I” designations, effective Summer 2015. Crosslisted with POLS 3003 and RUSS 3003.

2/2/15 - Members tabled pending clarification that students have the opportunity to received feedback on writing assignments.

3/13/15 – Members tabled pending further clarification that students have an opportunity to receive feedback on writing assignments. Members suggest including in the syllabus a feedback mechanism and submission timeline or course schedule to determine the timeline for the writing assignments.

**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.

**HIST 3053** – Introduction to Central Asian Studies, requests continuation of the “S and I” designations, effective Summer 2015. Course crosslisted with GEOG 3053, POLS 3053, and RUSS 3053.

2/2/15 - Members tabled pending clarification that students have the opportunity to received feedback on writing assignments.

3/13/15 - Members approved continuation of the “S and I” designations, effective Summer 2015.

**HIST 4513** – Economic History of the U.S., requests continuation of the “S” designation, effective Summer 2015. Crosslisted with ECON 3823.

2/2/15 - Members tabled as it is not clear if the course meets the criteria for the “S” designation. Members asked that a syllabus be provided detailing specifics including topics covered in the course.

03/13/15 - Members approved continuation of the “S” designation, effective Summer 2015.

**HONR 2013** – Honors Law and Legal Institutions, requests continuation of the “S” designation, effective Summer 2015.

Members tabled pending clarification of the writing assignments. Members suggest providing specific page requirements and timeline for each assignment.

**Writing Requirements:**

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.

**MC 1143** – Media in a Diverse Society, requests continuation of the “S and D” designations, effective Summer 2015.

Members approved continuation of the “S and D” designations, effective Summer 2015.

**NSCI 3543** – Food and the Human Environment, requests continuation of the “S and I” designations, effective Summer 2015.

Members tabled as it is not clear from the writing assignments that the course meets the writing requirements. Members suggest providing specific page requirements and timeline for each assignment.

**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.

**POLS 2013** – Introduction to World Politics, requests continuation of the “S” designation, effective Summer 2015.

2/2/2015 - Members tabled as the course does not appear to meet the writing requirement.

3/13/15 - Members tabled pending clarification of writing assignments.

**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.

**POLS 3003** – The Soviet Union: History, Society and Culture, requests continuation of the “S and I” designations, effective Summer 2015. Crosslisted with HIST 3003 and RUSS 3003.

2/2/15 - Members tabled pending clarification that students have the opportunity to received feedback on writing assignments.

3/13/15 – Members tabled pending further clarification that students have an opportunity to receive feedback on writing assignments. Members suggest including in the syllabus a feedback mechanism and submission timeline or course schedule to determine if the students are receiving feedback on the writing assignments.

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.

**POLS 3053** – Introduction to Central Asia Studies, requests continuation of the “S and I” designations, effective Summer 2015. (Crosslisted with GEOG 3053, HIST 3053, and RUSS 3053)

2/2/15 - Members tabled pending clarification that students have the opportunity to received feedback on writing assignments.

3/13/15 - Members approved continuation of the “S and I” designations, effective Summer 2015.

**POLS 4623** – Oklahoma Politics, requests continuation of the “S” designation, effective Summer 2015.

Member approved continuation of the “S” designation, effective Summer 2015.

**RUSS 3003** – The Soviet Union History, Society and Culture, requests continuation of the “S and I” designations, effective Summer 2015. (Crosslisted with HIST 3003 and POLS 3003)

2/2/15 - Members tabled pending clarification that students have the opportunity to received feedback on writing assignments.

3/13/15 – Members tabled pending further clarification that students have an opportunity to receive feedback on writing assignments. Members suggest including in the syllabus a feedback mechanism and submission timeline or course schedule to determine timeline feedback on the writing assignments.

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.

**RUSS 3053** – Introduction to Central Asia Studies, requests continuation of the “S and I” designations, effective Summer 2015. (Crosslisted with GEOG 3053, HIST 3053, and RUSS 3053)

2/2/15 - Members tabled pending clarification that students have the opportunity to received feedback on writing assignments.

3/13/15 - Members approved continuation of the “S and I” designations, effective Summer 2015.

**SOC 1113** – Introduction to Sociology, requests continuation of the “S” designation, effective Summer 2015.

Members approved continuation of the “S” designation, effective Summer 2015.

**SOC 3133** – Racial and Ethnic Relations, requests continuation of the “S and D” designations, effective Summer 2015.

Members approved continuation of the “S and D” designation, effective Summer 2015.

**SOC 3213** – American Society and Culture, requests continuation of the “S and D” designations, effective Summer 2015.

Members approved continuation of the “S and D” designations, effective Summer 2015..

**SOC 3223** – Social Psychology, requests continuation of the “S” designation, effective Summer 2015.

Members tabled pending clarification of the writing assignments. Members suggest providing the specifics of the writing requirements and timelines on one syllabus.

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.

**SOC 3993** – Sociology of Aging, requests continuation of the “S” designation, effective Summer 2015.

Members approved continuation of the “S” designation, effective Summer 2015. The course also carries the “D” designation and will be reviewed in the April meeting.

**SOC 4033** – Comparative Perspective on Criminal Justice System, requests continuation of the “S and I” designations, effective Summer 2015.

Members approved continuation of the “S and I” designations, effective Summer 2015.

**SOC 4043** – Gender and Work, requests continuation of the “S and D” designations, effective Summer 2015.

Members approved continuation of the “S and D” designations, effective Summer 2015.

**SOC 4333** – Criminology, requests continuation of the “S” designation, effective Summer 2015.

Members tabled pending clarification of the number of pages required for the writing assignments. Syllabus notes 4-5 page requirement and it needs to be a minimum of 5 for a total of 10 pages.

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.

**SOC 4383** – Social Stratification, requests continuation of the “S” designation, effective Summer 2105.

Members approved continuation of the “S” designation, effective Summer 2015.

**SOC 4453** – Environmental Inequality, requests continuation of the “S” designation, effective Summer 2015.

Members approved members approved continuation of the “S” designation, effective Summer 2015.

**SOC 4643** – Sociology of Gender, requests continuation of the “S” designation, effective Summer 2015.

Members approved continuation of the “S” designation, effective Summer 2015.

**SPCH 2713** – Introduction to Speech Communication, requests continuation of the “S” designation, effective Summer 2015.

Members approved continuation of the “S” designation, effective Summer 2015.

**SPCH 3733** – Elements of Persuasion, requests continuation of the “S” designation, effective Summer 2015.

Members approved continuation of the “S” designation, effective Summer 2015.

**SPCH 4793** – Nonverbal Communication, requests continuation of the “S” designation, effective Summer 2015.

Members approved continuation of the “S” designation, effective Summer 2015.

### 3. **General Education Five Year Review of “S” Designation**

Discontinuation of the Following “S” Designations, effective Spring 2016:

**GEOG 3163**

**HDFS 2114**

**HDFS 3123**

**HDFS 3413**

**HDFS 3443**

**HDFS 4413**

**HDFS 4543**

Members approved discontinuation of the “S” designation for the above listed courses, effective Spring 2016.