

GENERAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
October 14, 2016  
204 Whitehurst

Present: Deni Blum, James Knecht, Bill Ryan, Karen Flaherty, James Cain, Stephen Clarke, and Pamela Fry.

1. **Clarification of How Reflection Papers and Essay Exams Meet or Do Not Meet Writing Requirements (see attached policy) – Pamela Fry**

The writing requirement for H, S, D and I courses are defined as follows:

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.

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 the semester.

Faculty who teach "N" and "L" courses will describe writing assignments that are appropriate to the discipline.

James noted that there should be a better process for collecting general education assessment. Dr. Fry noted that this should be a discussion for Instruction Council.

**Members agreed that reflection papers could count if they are at least 2 pages in length. Members noted that a discussion about the out-of-class writing requirements should also take place. James will review the Policy and Procedures in relation to what would be appropriate in regards to writing requirements from the assessment viewpoint.**

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

**AFAM 1113 – Introduction to Africana Studies, requests the "H and D" designations, effective Spring 2017. Members approved the "H and D" designations, effective Spring 2017.**

**AMST 4103 – The Death Penalty in America, requests the "S" designation, effective Fall 2017. (Crosslisted with SOC 4103)**

**Members approved the "S" designation, effective Fall 2017.**

**CHIN 3713 - Chinese Culture, requests the "I" designation, effective Fall 2017.**

**Members approved the "I" designation, effective Fall 2017; pending clarification of the out-of-class writing assignments.**

**FLL 2503 – Bon Appetit French Culinary Staples, requests the "I" designation, effective Fall 2017.**

**Members denied the "I" designation. Members encouraged resubmission pending clarification that the course meets the criteria for the "I" designation.**

**GEOG 2002 – Global Sustainability, requests the "N" designation, effective Fall 2017.**

**Members approved the "N" designation, effective Fall 2017.**

**GEOG 3093** – Historical Geography of North America To 1800, requests the “H” designation, effective Fall 2017. **Members denied the “H” designation. Members encouraged resubmission pending clarification that the course meets the criteria for the “H” designation.**

**GEOL 3513** – Natural Disasters, requests the “N” designation, effective Spring 2017. **Members approved the “N” designation, effective Spring 2017.**

**HIST 3093** – Historical Geography of North America to 1800, requests the “H” designation, effective Fall 2017. **Members denied the “H” designation and encouraged resubmission pending clarification that the course meets the criteria for the “H” designation.**

**HIST 4363** – U.S. History Through the Lenses of Popular and Unpopular Music, requests the “H and D” designations, effective Fall 2017. **Members approved the “H” and “D” designations, effective Fall 2017.**

**MGMT 3013** – Fundamentals of Management, request the “S” designation, effective Fall 2017. **Members approved the “S” designation, effective Fall 2017.**

**MKTG 3213** – Principles of Marketing, requests the “S” designation, effective Fall 2017. **Members approved the “S” designation, effective Fall 2017.**

**PHIL 3633** - MLK, Malcolm X, and Philosophy of Race, requests the “H and D” designations, effective Fall 2017. **Members approved the “H and D” designations, effective Fall 2017.**

**PHIL 3703** – Animal Ethics, requests the “H” designation, effective Fall 2017. **Members approved the “H” designation, effective Fall 2017.**

**POLS 2000** – Topics in American Politics, requests the “S” designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2017. **Members approved the “S” designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2017.**

**POLS 2010** – Topics in International Relations, requests the “I” designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2017. **Members approved the “I” designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2017, pending clarification of the writing assignments.**

**POLS 2020** – Topics in Public Law, requests the “S” designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2017. **Members approved the “S” designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2017.**

**POLS 2030** – Topics in Public Policy and Administration, requests the “S” designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2017. **Members denied the “S” designation as it is unclear if the offering meets the writing requirement (5 pages) and the “S” criteria.**

**POLS 2110** – Topics in Comparative Politics, requests the “I” designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2017. **Members approved the “I” designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2017, pending clarification of the writing requirement.**

**SCFD 2331** – Cineculture: International Issues, requests the “S and I” designations, effective Fall 2017. **Members approved the “S and I” designations, effective Fall 2017.**

**SMED 4813** – Yellowstone Science for Educators, requests the “N and L” designations, effective Summer 2017. **Members approve the N and denied the L designation as it is not clear that the “L” criteria were met.**

**SOC 2123** – Social Problems, requests the “S and D” designations, effective Fall 2017.  
**Members approved the “S and D” designations, effective Fall 2017.**

**SOC 4103** – The Death Penalty in America, requests the “S” designation, effective Fall 2017.  
(Crosslisted with AMST 4103)  
**Members approved the “S” designation, effective Fall 2017.**

**SPAN 2723** – Hispanic Culture and Media, requests the “I” designation, effective Fall 2017.  
**Members denied the “I” designation. Members encourage resubmission including a detailed syllabus that clearly shows how this course meets the “I” criteria. However evident on the online form; it is also not evident from the syllabus that the course meets the writing requirement of at least five pages.**