

GENERAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES
November 13, 2017
040 Student Union

Present: James Cain, Kristen Baum, Shelia Kennison, Griffin Pivateau, Bridget Miller, Carol Jones, Bill Ryan, Mindy McCann, Precious Elmore-Sanders, Ryan Chung, Amy Martindale, and Pamela Fry.

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

ANSI 2233 – The Meat We Eat, requests the “N” designation, effective Fall 2018.
(crosslisted with FDSC 2233)

Members denied the “N” designation. Based on the information provided, the course did not appear to meet the criteria for the “N” designation. Dr. Carol Jones can assist with any questions and resubmission.

N Criteria:

- a. Courses designated “N” feature the systematic study of natural processes and the mechanisms and consequences of human intervention in those processes.
- b. Courses designated “N” place primary emphasis on the subject matter of one or more basic physical or biological sciences in a broadly integrative fashion.

ANTH 1353 – Introduction to Anthropology, requests the “S” designation, effective Fall 2018.
Members approved the “S” designation, effective Fall 2018.

ART 1603 – Introduction to Art, requests the “I” designation, effective Fall 2018.

Members denied the “I” designation as it did not appear, on the syllabus, that the course met the writing requirement. Members also commented that the course did not appear to meet the contemporary criteria for the international credit. Dr. Kristen Baum can assist with any questions and resubmission.

The writing requirement for H, S, D and I courses:

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.

I Criteria:

- a. 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.
- b. At least one-half of the course materials must relate to contemporary, not historical, cultures.

CDIS 4980 – Speech Language and Culture of Portugal and Spain, requests the “I” designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2018.

Members tabled the “I” designation pending receipt of a detailed in-country schedule, on the syllabus, to determine if the course meets the criteria for the “I” designation.

12/7/17 – Received revised syllabus for the “I” designation.

12/12/17 - Members approved the “I” designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2018. (email vote)

CS 1103 – Computing Programming, requests the “A” designation, effective Spring 2018.

Members approved the “A” designation, effective Spring 2018.

ENGR 4060 – Technology and Society of Mexico, requests the “S and I” designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2018.

Members table the “I” designation pending receipt of a detailed in-country schedule, on the syllabus, to determine if the course meets the criteria for an “I” designation.

Members denied the “S” designation as the course did not appear to meet the “S” criteria.

It was also noted in the motion that there was some concern about the course meeting the writing requirements.

After consultation with Dr. Miller (made motion for the Council) and review of the syllabus, it was determined that the syllabus contained a sufficient amount of writing.

Members noted that revisions of the "I" submission is requested and resubmission of the "S" designation is welcome provided the information on the syllabus meets the "S" criteria and goals.

Dr. Carol Jones can assist with any questions and resubmission.

12/7/17 - Received revised syllabus for the "I" designation.

12/12/17 – Members approved the "I" designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2018. (email vote)

ENGR 4060 – Technology and Society CEAT Scholars International, requests the "S and I" designations, one-time only, effective Summer 2018.

Members table the "I" designation pending a detailed in-country schedule, on the syllabus, to determine if the course meets the criteria for an "I" designation.

Members denied the "S" designation as the course did not appear to meet the "S" criteria.

Members also requested specifics on the writing requirements regarding the opportunity for students to receive feedback on writing assignments.

Revisions of the "I" submission is requested and resubmission of the "S" is welcome provided the information on the syllabus meets the "S" criteria and goals.

Dr. Carol Jones can assist with any questions and resubmission.

After consultation with Dr. Miller (made motion for the Council) and review of the syllabus, it was determined that the syllabus contained a sufficient amount of writing.

I Criteria:

a. 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.

b. At least one-half of the course materials must relate to contemporary, not historical, cultures.

S Criteria:

a. Courses designated "S" propose theoretical constructs to explain human behavior and society in social and/or physical environments.

b. Courses designated "S" are normally based on empirical observation of human behavior rather than the study of aesthetics, ideas, or cultural values.

ENGR 4060 – Technology and Culture of France, requests the "S and I" designations, one-time only, effective Summer 2018.

Members tabled the "I" designation pending a detailed in-country schedule, on the syllabus, to determine if the course meets the criteria for an "I" designation.

Members denied the "S" designation as the course did not appear to meet the "S" criteria.

It was also noted in the motion that there was some concern about the course meeting the writing requirements.

Revisions of the "I" submission is requested and resubmission of the "S" designation is welcome provided the information on the syllabus meets the "S" criteria and goals.

Dr. Carol Jones can assist with any questions and resubmission.

After consultation with Dr. Miller (made motion for the Council) and review of the syllabus, it was determined that the syllabus contained a sufficient amount of writing.

I Criteria:

a. 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.

b. At least one-half of the course materials must relate to contemporary, not historical, cultures.

S Criteria:

a. Courses designated "S" propose theoretical constructs to explain human behavior and society in social and/or physical environments.

b. Courses designated "S" are normally based on empirical observation of human behavior rather than the study of aesthetics, ideas, or cultural values.

ENGR 4060 – Technology and Culture of Japan, requests the "S and I" designations, one-time only, effective Summer 2018.

Members table the "I" designation pending receiving a detailed in-country schedule, on the syllabus, to determine if the course meets the criteria for an "I" designation.

Members denied the "S" designation as the course did not appear to meet the "S" criteria.

Revisions of the "I" submission is requested and resubmission of the "S" designation is welcome provided the information on the syllabus meets the "S" criteria and goals.

It was also noted in the motion that there was some concern about the course meeting the writing requirements. Dr. Carol Jones can assist with any questions.

After consultation with Dr. Miller (made motion for the Council) and review of the syllabus, it was determined that the syllabus contained a sufficient amount of writing.

I Criteria:

a. 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.

b. At least one-half of the course materials must relate to contemporary, not historical, cultures.

S Criteria:

a. Courses designated "S" propose theoretical constructs to explain human behavior and society in social and/or physical environments.

b. Courses designated "S" are normally based on empirical observation of human behavior rather than the study of aesthetics, ideas, or cultural values.

FDSC 2233 – The Meat We Eat, requests the "N" designation, effective Fall 2018.

(crosslisted with ANSI 2233)

Members denied the "N" designation. The course did not appear to meet the criteria for the "N" designation. Dr. Carol Jones can assist with any questions.

N Criteria:

a. Courses designated "N" feature the systematic study of natural processes and the mechanisms and consequences of human intervention in those processes.

b. Courses designated "N" place primary emphasis on the subject matter of one or more basic physical or biological sciences in a broadly integrative fashion.

GEOL 1013 – Exploring Earth: An Introduction to Geology, requests the "N and L" designations, effective Fall 2018.

Members approved the "N and L" designations, effective Fall 2018.

GEOL 4503 – Introduction to Oceanography, requests the "N" designation, effective Fall 2018.

Members approved the "N" designation, effective Fall 2018.

GWST 4333 – History of Sexuality in the United States, requests the "D" designation, effective Fall 2018.

(crosslisted with HIST 4333)

Members approved the "D" designation, effective Fall 2018.

HDFS 4750 – Topics in Human Development and Family Sciences: World Perspectives on Child Development, requests the "I" designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2018.

Members tabled the "I" designation pending receipt of a syllabus with clarification of the writing assignments and the opportunity for students to received feedback on writing assignments. The information on the syllabus refers to two Cultural Comparison papers, one for a total of 4 pages and the other 6 pages with photos. It needs to be clear that the 6 page writing requirement excludes the photos. Members also requested a detailed schedule describing the in-country topics to determine if the course meets the "I" criteria.

12/11/17 – Received revised syllabus. (Course will be reviewed in the February 19th GEAC meeting)

HIST 3853 – History of the North American Borderlands, requests the "H and D" designations, effective Fall 2018.

Members approved the "H and D" designations, effective Fall 2018.

HIST 4333 – History of Sexuality in the United States, requests the "D" designation, effective Fall 2018.

(crosslisted with GWST 4333)

Members approved the "D" designation, effective Fall 2018.

HONR 1000 – Tales of Criminals in the Early Atlantic World, requests the "H" designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2018.

Members approved the "H" designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2018.

PBIO 1052 – How Plants Shaped Our World, requests the "L and N" designations, effective Fall 2018.

Members approved the "L and N" designations, effective Fall 2018.

PHIL 3553 – Philosophy of Dreams, requests the "H" designation, effective Fall 2017.

Members approved the "H" designation, effective Fall 2017.

PHIL 3773 - Social Media Today, requests the "H" designation, effective Fall 2018.

Members approved the "H" designation, effective Fall 2018 pending clarification, on the syllabus, that students have the opportunity to receive feedback on writing assignments.

11/29/17 – Received revised syllabus.

The "H" designation is approved, effective Fall 2018.

PHIL 3853 – Pragmatism, requests the "H" designation, effective Fall 2018.

Members approved the "H" designation, effective Fall 2018.

PHIL 3920 – Comparative Healthcare: Europe and the U.S., requests the "H and I" designations, one-time only, effective Summer 2018.

Members approved the "H" designation, effective Summer 2018. Members tabled the "I" designation as there doesn't appear to be an in-country itinerary or schedule to determine if the course meets the criteria for the "I" designation.

11/27/17 – Received revised syllabus. (Course will be reviewed in the February 19th GEAC meeting)

PHIL 4723 – Philosophy of Psychology, requests the "H" designation, effective Fall 2018.

Members approved the "H" designation, effective Fall 2018.

POLS 2113 – Introduction to Comparative Politics, requests the "I" designation, effective Spring 2018.

Members approved the "I" designation, effective Spring 2018.

2. Review of the "D and I" General Education Designations:

ANSI 3903 – Agricultural Animals of the World, requests continuation of the "I" designation, effective Spring 2018.

3/6/17 - Members tabled continuation of the "I" designation as it is not apparent from the syllabus that the course meets the criteria for the "I" designation. The syllabus does not provide a schedule or descriptors of the course content. It was noted that the online form contained information regarding the content but it wasn't apparent in the syllabus. It also doesn't appear that students have the opportunity to receive feedback on writing assignments.

10/30/17 – Received revised syllabus.

11/13/17 – Members tabled the request pending clarification in a detailed schedule, on the course syllabus, that the course meets the criteria of the contemporary requirement of the "I" designation. At least one-half of the course materials must relate to contemporary, not historical, cultures.

I Criteria:

a. 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.

b. At least one-half of the course materials must relate to contemporary, not historical, cultures.

SCFD 3223 – Role of the Teacher in American Schools, requests continuation of the "D" designation, effective Spring 2018.

Members tabled pending clarification that the writing assignments meets the 10 page writing requirement and clear evidence that the course content meets the criteria of the "D" designation in that 50% or more of the course content must relate to socially constructed groups in the United States.

D 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.