

**GENERAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES
February 14, 2019**

Present: Kristen Baum, Laura Belmonte, Deni Blum, James Cain, Kelva Hunger, Amy Martindale, Marlys Mason, Tammy Mix, Bill Ryan, Joe Schatzer, and Bridget Miller (chair).

1. Review the Updated Language for the General Education “Purpose And Requirements” Document

Dr. Miller noted that there had been a considerable amount of work in discussing and making suggested revisions to the General Education “Criteria and Goals” to be revised to the titled General Education “Purpose and Requirements” document. Next steps is to take the document to Directors of Student Academic Services (DSAS) and Instruction Council (IC) and if there are comments bring back to the General Education Advisory Council in the next meeting. Dr. Miller noted that it was brought up in assessment meetings to ask if there could be a revision to the ten page writing requirement to request that if more than a one writing assignment at least one paper must be four pages in length in order to be properly used as an assessment tool. This information can be included in the “H”, “S”, “D”, and “I” general education designation sections. Members agreed that this would be the best approach to increasing the availability of assessment artifacts. It can be suggested to contact University Assessment and Testing for guidance and questions. Other suggested additions to the “Purpose and Requirements” document included below:

- Writing assignments must be weighted in the grading scheme such that students are discouraged from skipping the assignment (i.e. writing assignments are worth a minimum 10% of the overall grade).
- Writing assignments must be tied to the purpose/requirements of the general education designation
- At least one writing assignment must be at least 4 pages in length. (included in the requirements for upper division courses).
- A detailed class schedule should be included on the course syllabus to confirm content minimum has clearly been met.

Dr. Schatzer noted that there had been an NOC International Studies course that at one time carried both the “D and I” general education designations and suggested that we move the requirement for the “D and I” designations to upper division courses exclusively since students transferring with an Associate of Arts or an Associate of Science are admitted to the University as meeting all of the general education requirements including the “D and I” designations even though the student had never taken a course with the “D and I” designations. The “D and I” designations are OSU’s internal general education requirements and not included with the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education’s general education requirements. It was noted that statistics were run on concurrent enrollment and the University lost over 21,000 general education credit hours through the process.

2. New General Education Designation Requests:

AFAM 3753 – African American Arts and Culture, requests the “H and D” designations, effective Fall 2019.
(Same course as AMST 3753)

Members approved the “H and D” designations, effective Fall 2019.

AFAM 3950 – Black Popular Culture, requests the “H and D” designations, one-time only, effective Summer 2019.
Members approved the “H and D” designations, one-time only, effective Summer 2019.

AMST 3753 - African American Arts and Culture, requests the “H and D” designations, effective Fall 2019.
(Same course as AFAM 3753)

Members approved the “H and D” designations, effective Fall 2019.

ENGR 4060 – CEAT Technology and Culture of Japan, requests the “I” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2019.

Members approved the “I” designations, one-time only, effective Summer 2019.

FFP 2613 – Financial Perspectives throughout the United States, requests the “S and D” designations, effective Spring 2020.

Members approved the “S and D” designations, effective Spring 2020.

FLL 1113 – The World through Film, requests the “H and I” designations, effective Fall 2019.

Members approved the “H and I” designations, effective Fall 2019.

GWST 3553 – LGBTQ Lives in the U.S., requests the “D” designation, effective Fall 2019.

Members approved the “D” designation, effective Fall 2019.

HIST 4103 – Historical Geography of North America Since 1800, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.

(Same course as GEOG 4103 which currently carries the “H” designation)

Members approved the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.

HLTH 3201 – Health in Special Populations, requests the “D” designation, effective Fall 2019.

Members approved the “D” designation, effective Fall 2019.

HLTH 3211 – International Comparative Health, requests the “I” designation, effective Fall 2019.

Members approved the “I” designation, effective Fall 2019.

MC 4043 – Media Study Abroad, requests the “I” designation, effective Fall 2019.

Members approved the “I” designation pending clarification of the 10 page writing requirement.

MKTG 4553 – International Marketing, requests the “I” designation, effective Fall 2019.

Members tabled the request for the “I” designation pending receipt of a detailed schedule reflecting how the course meets the requirements that at least 50% of the course content is related to contemporary international cultures.

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

PHIL 3920 – Artificial Intelligence and Philosophy, requests the “H” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2019.

Members approved the “H” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2019.

SOC 4950 – International Environmental Sociology, requests the “S and I” designations, one-time only, effective Summer 2019.

Members approved the “S and I” designations, one-time only, effective Summer 2019.

3. **Review of the “H” General Education Designations:**

AMST 3823 – U.S. as Business Culture, requests continuation of the “H and D” designations, effective Spring 2019.

11/8/18 - Members tabled continuation of the “H and D” designations, pending receipt of a syllabus detailing specifics about how the course content addresses “socially constructed groups within the U.S.”

1/25/19 – Received revised syllabus.

Members approved continuation of the “H and D” designations, effective Spring 2019.

ART 3543 – Leonardo Art and Science, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.

11/8/19 - Members tabled continuation of the “H” designation pending receipt of a syllabus describing the required 10 page writing requirement with opportunity for students to receive feedback on writing assignments.

1/29/19 – Received revised syllabus.

Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.

ART 3583 – Introduction to Museum and Curatorial Studies, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.

(Same course as HIST 3593)

11/8/19 - Members tabled continuation of the “H” designation pending receipt of a syllabus describing the required 10 page writing requirement.

1/23/19 – Received revised syllabus.

Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.

ART 3603 – History of Classical Art, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.

11/8/19 - Members tabled continuation of the “H” designation pending receipt of a syllabus describing the required 10 page writing requirement.

1/23/19 – Received revised syllabus

Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.

ENGL 2413 – Conversations in Literature, requests continuation of the “H and D” designations, effective Spring 2019.

10/11/18 - Members tabled continuation of the “H and D” designations pending clarification of the writing requirements and evidence that the course meets the criteria of the “D” designation in that 50% or more of the course content focuses on socially constructed groups in the United States on all areas of the course.

1/30/19 - Received revised syllabus.

Members approved continuation of the “H and D” designations, effective Spring 2019.

ENGL 3123 – Mythology, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2018.

10/11/18 - Members tabled continuation of the “H” designation pending clarification of the writing assignment of 10 pages or more and that the student have the opportunity to received feedback on writing assignments. The information provided refers to feedback being optional and feedback is required.

1/31/19 - Received revised syllabus.

Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.

ENGL 3183 – Native American Literature, requests continuation of the “H and D” designations, effective Spring 2019.

10/11/18 - Members tabled continuation of the “H and D” designations pending clarification of the writing requirement of a minimum of 10 pages with opportunity for students to received feedback on writing assignments.

1/31/19 - Received revised syllabus.

Members approved continuation of the “H and D” designations, effective Spring 2019.

ENGL 3333 – Short Story, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.

10/11/18 - Members tabled continuation of the “H” designation pending clarification of the writing assignment of 10 pages and that the student have the opportunity to received feedback on writing assignments.

1/31/19 - Received revised syllabus.

Members tabled continuation of the “H” designation pending clarification of the 10 page writing requirement on the syllabus.

ENGL 4723 – Shakespeare, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.

10/11/18 - Members tabled continuation of the “H” designation pending clarification of the writing assignment of 10 pages and that the student have the opportunity to received feedback on writing assignments.

1/29/19 - Received revised syllabus.

Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.

FLL 3103 – Hispanic Literature in Translation, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.

Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.

GEOG 4103 – Historical Geography of North America Since 1800, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.

(Same course as HIST 4103)

Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.

GEOG 4223 – Geography of Music, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.

Members tabled continuation of the “H” designation pending clarification of a 10 page writing requirement in the syllabus.

GWST 2123 – Introduction to GWST, requests continuation of the “H and D” designations, effective Spring 2019.

Members approved continuation of the “H and D” designations, effective Spring 2019.

HIST 1623 – Western Civilization Since 1500, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.

Members tabled continuation of the “H” designation pending evidence of the 10 page writing requirement on the syllabus. The syllabus refers to worksheets as part of the writing requirement and Council members are not clear on what this involves and asks that this be detailed in the syllabus.

HIST 1713 – Eastern Civilization, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.

Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.

HIST 2333 – American Thought and Culture, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.

Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.

HIST 2343 – Religion in America, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.

Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.

(The “D” designation was also requested but is not part of the “H” review and requires college approval.)

HIST 3013 – Ancient Egypt and Israel, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.

Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.

HIST 3033 – Ancient Rome, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.

Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.

HIST 3043 – Ancient Mesopotamia, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.

Members tabled the “H” designation pending clarification of the 10 page writing requirements and evidence of giving student feedback on writing requirements on the syllabus.

HIST 3113 – Germany Since 1815, requests continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Spring 2019.

Members tabled the “H and I” designation pending clarification on the syllabus of the 10 page writing requirement and evidence of giving student feedback on writing requirements.

HIST 3123 – History of Modern Africa, requests continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Spring 2019.

Members approved continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Spring 2019.

HIST 3133 – African Diaspora History, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.

Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.

(The “D” designation was also requested but is not part of the “H” review and requires college approval.)

HIST 3153 – Russia to 1861, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.

Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.

HIST 3163 – Russia Since 1861, requests continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Spring 2019.

Members tabled continuation of the “H and I” designations pending clarification on the syllabus of requiring feedback on the writing requirements and the opportunity to incorporate that feedback into subsequent writing.

HIST 3233 – Later Medieval World, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.
Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.

HIST 3243 – Renaissance Europe 1350 to 1517, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.
Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.

HIST 3263 – Modern Europe 1815 to 1914, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.
Members tabled continuation of the “H” designation pending receipt of a syllabus clarifying the writing assignment and if the out-of-class essay is part of the exam and counts towards the student’s grade.

HIST 3273 – Modern Europe Since 1914, requests continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Spring 2019.
Members tabled continuation of the “H and I” designations pending clarification on the syllabus of requiring feedback on the writing requirements and the opportunity to incorporate that feedback into subsequent writing assignments.

HIST 3323 - Modern France 1789 to Present, requests continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Spring 2019.
Members approved continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Spring 2019.

HIST 3333 – History of the Second World War, requests continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Spring 2019.
Members tabled continuation of the request pending clarification that the course content meets the criteria of the “H” designation.

- Courses designated "H" concentrate on the expression, analysis, and interpretation of ideas and the aesthetics or values that have formed and informed individuals and societies.
- Courses designated "H" emphasize the diversity in the expression of human ideas and aesthetic or cultural values.

HIST 3343 – World War I – Euro-culture, requests continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Spring 2019.
Members approved continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Spring 2019.

HIST 3363 – Popular Religion in the West 1300 to 1700, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.
Members tabled continuation of the “H” designation pending receipt of a course description on the syllabus describing the course content in order to determine if the course meets the criteria of the “H” designation.

- Courses designated "H" concentrate on the expression, analysis, and interpretation of ideas and the aesthetics or values that have formed and informed individuals and societies.
- Courses designated "H" emphasize the diversity in the expression of human ideas and aesthetic or cultural values.

HIST 3393 – History of Modern Britain, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.
Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.

HIST 3403 – East Asia to 1800, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.
Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.

HIST 3413 – East Asia Since 1800, requests continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Spring 2019.
Members approved continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Spring 2019.

HIST 3423 – Modern Japan, requests continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Spring 2019.
Members approved continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Spring 2019.

HIST 3433 – Modern China, requests continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Spring 2019.
Members approved continuation of the “H and I” designations, effective Spring 2019.

HIST 3593 – Introduction to Museum and Curatorial Studies, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2019.

(Same course as ART 3583)

11/8/19 - Members tabled continuation of the “H” designation pending receipt of a syllabus describing the required 10 page writing requirement.

1/23/19 – Received revised syllabus.

Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2019.

HIST 3633 – Early National Period, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.

Members tabled continuation of the “H” designation pending receipt of a syllabus clarifying the 10 page writing requirements

HIST 4413 – Medieval Gender, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.

Members approved continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.

LA 3673 – History and Theory of Landscape Architecture, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.

Members approved continuation of the “H” designation pending receipt of a syllabus with evidence that the 10 pages of writing requirement consists of unique work.

MC 3173 – History of Mass Communications, requests continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2019.

Members tabled continuation of the “H” designation pending receipt of a syllabus clarifying that the course content meets the “H” criteria.

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- Courses designated "H" emphasize the diversity in the expression of human ideas and aesthetic or cultural values.