**GENERAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING (GEAC)**

**MINUTES**

**November 18, 2024**

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**General Education Designations – New (Review based on 2024 General Education Criteria)**

[**A&S 2000**](http://catalog.okstate.edu/search/?P=A%26S%202000)**- Special Topics**

Description:Selected interdisciplinary topics presented in lecture or seminar format. Offered for variable credit, 1-7 credit hours, maximum of 10 credit hours.

* The Earth’s Spectacular Phenomenon of New Zealand Geysers: Exploring the Scientific and Cultural D Dimensions requests the I designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2025. 3 cr. hrs.

10/14/24 - Members tabled pending receipt of a syllabus with a detailed travel itinerary and schedule. Members were also not clear as to why there was reference to graduate credit since this is a 2000-level general education course request. More clarity should be provided as to what graduate course graduate students would be taking and how the work would be substantially different.

10/28/24 – Revised syllabus received.

11/18/23 – Council noted that the syllabus tended to focus more on natural sciences rather than present day international culture. It was asked that the syllabus be revised to emphasize what students would learn regarding present-day international cultural aspects of the course.

Members approved the I designation pending receipt of a syllabus reflecting more present-day international emphasis.

[**EDHS 3080**](http://catalog.okstate.edu/search/?P=EDHS%203080)**International Experience**

Prerequisites: Consent of associate dean.

Description: Participation in a formal or informal educational experience outside of the USA. Previously offered as EDUC 3080, HES 3080 and HS 3080. Offered for variable credit, 1-18 credit hours, maximum of 36 credit hours.

* **Service-Learning in Africa**, requests the I designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2025. 3 cr. hrs.

Members tabled the I designation as the syllabus reflects a requirement of only 4-5 pages of formal writing. It was noted that journaling does not count towards the writing requirement. It was also asked if more information regarding the specifics of the location of the trip could be provided and how the assignments relate to student learning outcomes regarding present-day international culture.

[**EPSY 4743**](http://catalog.okstate.edu/search/?P=EPSY%204743)**- Learning, Motivation, and Social Justice**, requests the I designation, effective Spring 2025.

Description: Foundational principles of learning, motivation, and global identity; critical analysis of contemporary cultures; and application of learning in addressing global issues of social justice.

Members approved the I designation, effective Spring 2025.

[**HONR 1010**](http://catalog.okstate.edu/search/?P=HONR%201010)**Introductory Honors Seminar in Social Sciences**

Prerequisites: Honors College participation.

Description: Introduction to topics in social science disciplines by faculty from the undergraduate colleges for freshman and sophomore students in the University Honors College. Offered for variable credit, 1-3 credit hours, maximum of 12 credit hours.

* **Seminar in Social Science: Cults in American Society**, requests the S designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2025. 3 cr. hrs.

Members approved the S designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2025.

[**HONR 1030**](http://catalog.okstate.edu/search/?P=HONR%201030) **- Introductory Honors Seminar in Arts and Humanities**

Prerequisites: Honors College participation.

Description: Introduction to topics in arts and humanities disciplines. Offered for variable credit, 1-3 credit hours, maximum of 12 credit hours.

* **Seminar in Arts and Humanities: Tattoos as Text**, requests the H designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2025. 3 cr. hrs.

Members approved the H designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2025.

1. **General Education Designations – Existing**

**(Review based on 2025 General Education Criteria)**

[**ASL 1713**](http://catalog.okstate.edu/search/?P=ASL%201713) - **American Sign Language I**, requests the F designation and oral competency, effective Fall 2025.

Description: Introduction to American Sign Language: development of receptive and expressive skills in authentic situations and an introduction to Deaf Culture; fingerspelling, numbers, classifiers, and facial expressions. Not for native speakers per University Academic Regulations 4.9. Previously offered as ASL 1115.

Members approved the F designation with the oral competency, effective Fall 2025.

[**ASL 1813**](http://catalog.okstate.edu/search/?P=ASL%201813)**-** **American Sign Language II**, requests the F designation and oral competency, effective Fall 2025.

**Prerequisites:**[ASL 1713](http://catalog.okstate.edu/search/?P=ASL%201713) or equivalent proficiency.

**Description:**Continuation of [ASL 1713](http://catalog.okstate.edu/search/?P=ASL%201713), further development of receptive and expressive skills in authentic situations and study of Deaf Culture. Learners are required to attend functions within the Deaf Community and focus on the different accents within sign language. Not for native speakers per University Academic Regulation 4.9. Previously offered as ASL 1225.

Members approved the F designation with the oral competency, effective Fall 2025.

[**ASL 2713**](http://catalog.okstate.edu/search/?P=ASL%202713) **- American Sign Language III**, requests the F designation and oral competency, effective Fall 2025.

Prerequisites: [ASL 1813](http://catalog.okstate.edu/search/?P=ASL%201813) or equivalent proficiency.

Description: This course is designed to provide a development of skills in non-verbal communications and increased understanding of the types and uses of classifiers in ASL. Emphasizes the use and understanding of facial expression, gestures, pantomime, and body language. Students will develop further abilities to utilize this component of ASL in their expressive and receptive signing abilities. Not for native speakers per University Academic Regulation 4.9.

Members approved the F designation with the oral competency, effective Fall 2025.

[**CDIS 2013**](http://catalog.okstate.edu/search/?P=CDIS%202013)**- Facts and Fiction About Communication Disorders**, requests the D designation and written competency, effective Fall 2025.

Description: Overview and examination of communication disorders as portrayed in media (movies, books, etc.), dispelling myths and misconceptions. Discussion and practice with ways to be a respectful, successful communicator with people of different backgrounds, life experiences, and communication challenges.

Members approved the D designation pending receipt of a syllabus reflecting the writing requirements and evidence of student receiving writing feedback to be incorporated in subsequent writing. Also, the information in the narrative and the tables in the syllabus need to match.

[**GRMN 1713**](http://catalog.okstate.edu/search/?P=GRMN%201713) **- Elementary German I**, requests the F designation and oral competency, effective Fall 2025.

Description:Main elements of grammar and pronunciation, with work on the four basic skills of listening comprehension, speaking, reading and writing. Not for native speakers per University Academic Regulation 4.9. Previously offered as GRMN 1115.

 Members approved the F designation with the oral competency, effective Fall 2025.

[**GRMN 1813**](http://catalog.okstate.edu/search/?P=GRMN%201813) **- Elementary German II**, requests the F designation and oral competency, effective Fall 2025.

Prerequisites: [GRMN 1713](http://catalog.okstate.edu/search/?P=GRMN%201713) or equivalent proficiency.

Description: Continuation of [GRMN 1713](http://catalog.okstate.edu/search/?P=GRMN%201713). Not for native speakers per University Academic Regulation 4.9.

Members approved the F designation with the oral competency, effective Fall 2025.

[**GRMN 2713**](http://catalog.okstate.edu/search/?P=GRMN%202713) **- Intermediate German I**, requests the F designation and oral competency, effective Fall 2025.

Prerequisites: [GRMN 1813](http://catalog.okstate.edu/search/?P=GRMN%201813) or equivalent proficiency.

Description: Continuation of [GRMN 1813](http://catalog.okstate.edu/search/?P=GRMN%201813). Not for native speakers per University Academic Regulation 4.9.

Members approved the F designation with the oral competency, effective Fall 2025.

[**HIST 3610**](http://catalog.okstate.edu/search/?P=HIST%203610)**- Topics in United States History**, requests the H designation and written competency, one-time only, effective Fall 2025. 3 cr. hrs.

Description: Special topics in United States history. Offered for variable credit, 1-3 credit hours, maximum of 9 credit hours.

Members denied the H designation. It is unclear to the Council what the difference between these topics courses and courses intended for History majors would be, and the Council did not feel there was sufficient information to guarantee that the different iterations of the course would always meet the H designation learning outcomes. The Council suggests applying for one-time designations instead of a permanent designation.

[**HIST 3710**](http://catalog.okstate.edu/search/?P=HIST%203710) **- Topics in European History,** requests the H designation and written competency, one-time only, effective Fall 2025.

Description: Special topics in European history. Offered for variable credit, 1-3 credit hours, maximum of 9 credit hours. 3 cr. hrs.

Members denied the H designation. It is unclear to the Council what the difference between these topics courses and courses intended for History majors would be, and the Council did not feel there was sufficient information to guarantee that the different iterations of the course would always meet the H designation learning outcomes. The Council suggests applying for one-time designations instead of a permanent designation.

[**HIST 3810**](http://catalog.okstate.edu/search/?P=HIST%203810) **- Topics in World History,** requests the H designation and written competency, one time only, effective Fall 2025.

Description: Special topics in world history. Offered for variable credit, 1-3 credit hours, maximum of 9 credit hours. 3 cr. hrs.

Members denied the H designation. It is unclear to the Council what the difference between these topics courses and courses intended for History majors would be, and the Council did not feel there was sufficient information to guarantee that the different iterations of the course would always meet the H designation learning outcomes. The Council suggests applying for one-time designations instead of a permanent designation.

[**LL 1123**](http://catalog.okstate.edu/search/?P=LL%201123) **- The Origins of Modern Ukraine: Culture and State (H)**, requests the G designation and written competency, effective Fall 2025.

**Description:**This course traces the multicultural origins of the modern Ukrainian state from the beginnings of Kyiv to the present day. Topics include Vikings, Cossacks, the Ukrainian nationalist idea, Soviet domination, and the post-1991 rise of independent Ukraine. It examines the struggles of the Ukrainian people to create a modern nation with challenges, including Russian political and economic interference, invasion, and war. Readings are selected from contemporary Ukrainian authors. Taught in English.

The course presently carries the H designation.

Members approved the G designation and written competency, pending receipt of a syllabus clarifying how the course meets the requirements and learning outcomes of the G designation and written competency requirements.

**PHIL 2593 – Mystics & Skeptics**, requests the H designation, effective Fall 2025.

This course will explore the complex relationship between mysticism, skepticism, and philosophy. Our exploration of these themes will take us into some classic epistemological problems regarding the limits of reason, and the implications of these limitations for religious faith. Other topics include: theological predication, the problem of divine hiddenness, and religious diversity. Same course as REL 2593.

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Members approved the H designation, effective Fall 2025.

**Additional notes on language courses applying for the F designation:**

The Council did not have time to have a full discussion of the other language courses thoroughly but had an initial conversation in order to provide some information for potential revisions. Members suggested the feedback mechanism be clearer in the syllabi for the CHIN courses. For the KRN courses, members noted that group oral presentations do not count toward the oral competency requirement. The SPAN syllabi need some revision to meet the oral competency criteria. Prepared presentations are supposed to be at least 20% of the grade. It is unclear to the Council whether the oral exams involve prepared presentations or if they are unscripted, and the length of the presentations that count for 10% of the grade is not specified in the syllabus. Some additional information about the cultural component of the SPAN courses would also be helpful (particularly for the first course).

1. **Information Only:**

[**GS 4200**](http://catalog.okstate.edu/search/?P=GS%204200)**Study Abroad**

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor and consent of SGSP Director of Academic Programs.

Description: Academic work abroad on either a group or individual basis. Offered for variable credit, 1-6 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours. Previously offered as INTL 4200. May not be offered for degree credit with [GS 5200](http://catalog.okstate.edu/search/?P=GS%205200).

Credit hours: 1-6

* OSU Global Study Abroad in Eastern Europe, requests the I designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2025. 3 cr. hrs.

10/14/24 - Members approved the I designation pending clarification on the agenda of instructor feedback to be incorporated into subsequent writing assignments. Members also questioned if 50% or more of the writing assignments would have a contemporary international focus from the students’ experiences during the trip as required.

10/31/24 – Revised syllabus received.

Dr. Francisco approved the I designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2025.

[**MKTG 4550**](http://catalog.okstate.edu/search/?P=MKTG%204550) - Problems In Marketing

Prerequisites: [MKTG 3213](http://catalog.okstate.edu/search/?P=MKTG%203213).

Description: Problems in marketing. Specific topics vary from semester to semester. Previously offered as MKTG 4433. Offered for variable credit, 1-9 credit hours, maximum of 9 credit hours.

* Doing Business in Iceland, requests the I designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2025.

 3 cr. hrs.

Members table the I designation pending receipt of a syllabus inclusive of details on the final report and instructor feedback on writing assignments. Description of the paper subject matter and evidence that students received instructor feedback on writing assignments is not clear from the information on the syllabus.

10/23/24 – Members approved the I designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2025 via email vote.

* Doing Business in Italy, requests the I designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2025.

3 cr. hrs.

Members table the I designation pending receipt of a syllabus inclusive of details on the final report and instructor feedback on writing assignments. Description of the paper content and evidence that students received instructor feedback on writing assignments is not clear from the information on the syllabus.

10/23/24 – Members approved the I designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2025 via email vote.

* Doing Business in n Malaysia and Singapore, requests the I designation, one-time only, effective Winter Intersession 2025. 3 cr. hrs.

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10/23/24 – Members approved the I designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2025 via email vote.