GENERAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (GEAC) MINUTES
9/8/2026
9:00 – 10:30

GEOL 1111 Physical Geology Lab, requests the L designation, effective Spring 2027.
Prerequisites: (Co-requisite) GEOL 1113.
Description: Laboratory section to be taken concurrently with GEOL 1113. This course will primarily serve to reinforce the scientific method, introduce students to geological material classification, introduce quantitative methods in earth materials analysis, and teach students map analysis methods commonly undertaken by geoscientists to help serve societal needs. Concurrent enrollment in GEOL 1113 is required.
Credit hours: 1
9/10/26 – revised syllabus received and the chair approved the L designation, effective Spring 2027.

Members approved the L designation pending receipt of a syllabus distinguishing the expected learning outcomes for the L designation from those of its co-requisite course. The committee suggests adding a statement about lab safety to the syllabus. The chair will review the revised syllabus for final approval.

GEOL 1113 Physical Geology, requests the N designation, effective Spring 2027.
Prerequisites: GEOL 1111 (corequisite).
Description: Composition and structure of the earth and the modification of its surface by internal and external processes. Mineral resources, sources of energy, and environmental aspects of geology. Recommended introductory course for science majors. Field trip required. Concurrent enrollment in GEOL 1111 is required. May not be used for degree credit with GEOL 1114.
Credit hours: 3
Members approved pending the N designation pending receipt of a syllabus describing specifics regarding the expected learning outcomes for the N designation from those of its co-requisite lab. The chair will review the revised syllabus for final approval.
9/10/26 – Revised syllabus received and the chair approved the N designation, effective Spring 2027.

HONR 1010 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.

Credit hours: 1-3

- **Cults in American Society**, requests the S designation with written competency, effective Spring 2027.

  Members recommended that the instructor restructure the weighting of the writing assignments or add a policy statement requiring submission of all writing assignments. The writing assignments should be structured to ensure that students are very likely to complete all of them to fulfill the W designation (as it is, students could not submit all the writing assignments and still be able to pass the course). The chair will make the final decision.

- **Mapping Mental Illness**, requests the S and D designations with written competency, effective Spring 2027.

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HONR 1030 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.

- **Coming in from the Cold: Espionage in fiction and film,** requests the H designation with written competency, effective Spring 2027.

  Members approved the H designation with written competency pending receipt of a syllabus inclusive of how students will receive feedback on writing assignments to meet criterion D of the W requirement. The chair will make the final decision.

- **Let's Get Creative: Odyssey of the mind** requests the F designation with written competency, effective Spring 2027.

Members asked for more information on this proposal, specifically on how the course meets the F requirement. Without more information about Odyssey of the Mind and the types of "solutions" to problems that students devise, it wasn't clear that all students would complete a sufficient amount of analysis or creation of performance or creative activity to fulfill the F requirement. Which assignments align with the F requirements?

- **Tattoo as Text:** requests the H, D designations with written competency, effective Spring 2027.

Members approved the H and D designations with written competency, effective Spring 2027.