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

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(The current catalog descriptions have been added)

Members suggested highlighting any revisions made to resubmitted syllabi and asked that any resubmissions be received in Academic Affairs by February 1st to be considered for the February 18th General Education Advisory Council meeting.

**1. General Education Designations – New Courses
(All members Vote)**

GEOG 3113 - Global Water Resources: Sustainability & Justice, requests the S and I designations, effective Fall 2022.

(Cross-listing GLST 3113.)

10/22/21 - Members tabled pending receipt of evidence on the syllabus of the S and I requirements.

Members asks that the syllabus be inclusive of detailed information on what students will learn regarding the S and I designations and that 50% of the course is focused on social and behavioral sciences (S). It was also unclear if the writing assignment addressed present day international culture.

11/9/21 – Revised syllabus received.

Members approved the S and I designations, effective Fall 2022.

HIST 3063 – The Roman Empire, requests the H designation, effective Fall 2022.

Members approved the H designation, effective Fall 2022.

HIST 3073 – History of Science, requests the H designation, effective Fall 2022.

Members approved H pending clarification on the syllabus that students will have the opportunity to incorporate instructor feedback on writing requirements. Chair will make final decision.

HIST 4723 – Jerusalem: City & Symbol Across Millennia, requests the H designation, effective Fall 2022.

Members approved the H designation, effective Fall 2022. Writing feedback needs to be incorporated in the assignments for any future requests.

HIST 4753 – Muslim-Christian Relations, requests the H designation, effective Fall 2022.

Members approved the H designation, effective Fall 2022. Writing feedback needs to be incorporated in the assignments for any future requests.

PHIL 2413 – Global Ethics, requests the H and I designations, effective Fall 2022.

Members approved the H and I designations, effective Fall 2022. Members noted that the student learning outcomes were not very specific.

PHIL 3913 – Watchmen & Philosophy, requests the H designation, effective Fall 2022.

Members tabled the H designation as it is unclear from the information provided on the syllabus that the course meets the writing requirement of a minimum of 10 pages in length with the opportunity for

students to received feedback on writing assignments to be incorporated in subsequent writing assignments. Goes back to Council.

REL 4613 – Women in the Bible, requests the H designation, effective Fall 2022.
(Cross-listing GWST 4613)
Members approved the H designation, effective Fall 2022.

STAT 1013 – Statistical Literacy, requests the A designation, effective Fall 2022.
Members approved the A designation, effective Fall 2022.

RUSS 3333 – The Russian Spy in Fact & Fiction, requests the H and I designations, effective Fall 2022.
10/22/21 - Members approved the H designation pending clarification of the feedback on the writing assignments to be used in subsequent writing assignments.
10/22/21 - Members tabled the I designation pending clarification on the syllabus of the international content in that 50% or more of the course content must focus on present day international culture. The writing topics were not clear.
11/7/21 –Revised Syllabus received.
11/19/21 - Members approved the H and I designations, effective Fall 2022.

2. **General Education Designations – Existing Courses** **(All members Vote)**

HONR 1000 – Science Fun for Everyone, requests the N designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2022.
Members denied the N designation, one-time only, effective the end of Fall 2022.
Members did not feel that the course met the following requirements to the extent necessary for an N designation:

- b. Students will use the methodologies and models of science to define, evaluate, and solve problems in biological and physical sciences.
- c. Students will evaluate evidence, interpretations, results, and solutions related to the physical and biological sciences.
- d. Students will understand the consequences of human intervention in physical and biological processes and mechanisms.

PHIL 3920 – Feminist Philosophy, requests the H designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2022.
Members approved the H designation, one-time-only, effective Spring 2022.

REL 3113 - Asian Religions, requests the I designation, effective Fall 2022.
Description: This course will examine the diverse histories, beliefs, and practices of major Asian religious traditions: Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Daoism, Shintoism, Shamanism, and modern-day religions. (Course presently carries the H designation)
Members approved the I designation, effective Fall 2022.

REL 3313 - Islam: History, Culture & Beliefs, requests the I designation, effective Fall 2022.
Description: This course will examine the history, culture, and beliefs of Islam, from its seventh century origins to modern times. (Course presently carries the H designation)
Members approved the I designation, effective Fall 2022.

REL 3423 – Classic Christian Writings, requests the H designation, effective Fall 2022.

Description: A study of the primary source material from representative Christian authors scattered throughout two thousand years of church history, focusing on understanding the backgrounds from which the writings emerged, and grasping the writers' key ideas. Course previously offered as REL 4413. Members approved the H designation, effective Fall 2022.

3. General Education Designations - Five-Year Review of the S, SD, SI, and I

ENGR 4061 - CEAT Scholars Study Abroad, requests continuation of the I designation, effective Fall 2021.

Prerequisites: Permission of instructor.

Description: Comparison of technologies, history, culture and economic systems between the U.S. and another country or countries. Includes both classroom and travel for on-site study.

9/24/21 – Members tabled continuation of the I designation pending receipt of a syllabus inclusive of a detailed class schedule detailing how the course meet the requirements of the I designation as well as evidence that students will receive instructor feedback on the writing assignments. Final approval will be made by the Council.

10/28/21 – Revised syllabus received.

11/19/21 - Members denied continuation of the designation, effective the end of Fall 2022

The syllabus indicated that students were required to be third year CEAT scholars, which violates the restrictions on prerequisites for general education courses. The unit may resubmit if the prerequisite described on the syllabus is incorrect. Members also could not determine if the writing assignments addressed present day international culture.

GEOG 1713 - Regions & Nations in Global Context, requests continuation of the S and I designations, effective Fall 2021.

(Cross-listing GLST 1713)

Description: A regional approach to the study of human societies and the makeup of nations around the world, with an emphasis on contemporary issues such as climate change, sustainability, and other environmental impacts; population and immigration; cultural, religion and language; and economic characteristics such as wealth disparities, poverty, and education. This course covers many distinct world regions in each region such as Europe, Latin America, the Middle East and Southeast Asia. Previously offered as GEOG 2253. Same course as [GLST 1713](#).

9/24/21 - Members tabled continuation of the S and I designation pending receipt of a syllabus that details what the student will learn about empirical analysis through their assignments and clarification that the course content focuses 50% or more on present day international culture. Council will make a final decision.

10/22/21 - Revised syllabus received.

11/19/21 - Members approved continuation of the S and I designations.

GEOG 3133 - Political Geography, requests continuation of the S and I designations, effective Fall 2021.

Description: Political structures, relationships and geopolitical implications of location, boundaries, culture and the natural environment of nations and states. Global patterns of political behavior, political history, international law and geostrategy.

9/24/21 – Members tabled continuation of the S and I designations pending clarification on the course syllabus that the course content focuses 50% or more on present day international culture and clarification on how the essay relates the I designation.

10/29/21 - Revised syllabus received.

11/19/21 - Members approved pending continuation of the S and I designations pending clarification on the syllabus of feedback to all students on writing requirements to be incorporated in subsequent writing assignments. Chair will make final decision.

GEOG 3173 - Cultural Geography, requests continuation of the S designation, effective Fall 2021

Description: Geographic impact of human cultures. Emphasis on the concepts of social space, density, crowding, territoriality, diffusion, migration, environmental perception, and cultural landscape.

9/24/21 – Members tabled continuation of the S designation pending receipt of a syllabus with clarification of how the course meets the S requirements and how the content of the course covers empirical observation as well as evidence that students will receive instructor feedback on writing assignments. The council will make the final decision.

11/19/21 - Members approved the S designation, effective Fall 2021.

GEOG 3733 - Russia and Its Neighbors, requests continuation of the S and I designations, effective Fall 2021

(Cross-listing GLST 3733)

Description: A regional survey course of Eurasia extending from Central Europe to Western Siberia. Central and Southwest Asia will not be considered in this course. Thematic contemporary issues in the region will be covered, including topics on culture, politics, social issues, economic development, and others. May not be used for degree credit with [GLST 3733](#).

Members tabled continuation of the S and I designations pending receipt of a syllabus inclusive of evidence that students will receive feedback on writing assignments to be incorporated in subsequent writing assignments. Also detailed information on how the course content reflects on present time international culture and clarification of the explicit timeframe. Goes back to Council.

GEOG 3743 - Latin America, requests continuation of the S and I designations, effective Fall 2021.

(Cross-listing GLST 3743)

Description: A regional analysis of physical, cultural, and economic features of historic and contemporary Latin America. Key themes include people and environment, development and change, government and conflict, and globalization and social change. Same course as [GLST 3743](#).

Members approved continuation of the S and I designations pending receipt of a syllabus highlighting present time international culture content in the course syllabus. Chair will make final approval.

GEOG 3753 – Asia, requests continuation of the S and I designations, effective Fall 2021.

(Cross-listing GLST 3753)

Description: A regional survey course of Asia from Pakistan in the west to the Asian littoral in the east, including Japan, Taiwan, and the Philippines. Central and Southwest Asia will not be considered in this course. Regionally, Asia will be approached through examination of two great cultural focal points: India and China. Thematic contemporary issues in Asia will be covered, including topics on culture, politics, social issues, economic development, and others. Same course as [GLST 3753](#).

Members tabled continuation of the S and I designations pending evidence on the syllabus and class schedule that 50% or more of the course is focused on present time international content for the I designation and that students receive feedback on writing requirements to be incorporated in subsequent writing assignments. Goes back to Council.

GEOG 3763 – Africa, requests continuation of the S and I designations, effective Fall 2021.

(Cross-listing GLST 3763)

Description: An exploration of the patterns and impact of population, cultural heritage, and natural resources to build an understanding and experience with Africa. Historic and contemporary relationships between Africa and Western civilization. Key themes include traditions and lifeways, development and change, government and conflict, and people and environment. Same course as [GLST 3763](#).

Members tabled continuation of the S and I designation pending receipt of a syllabus inclusive of more descriptive information on content regarding the 50% or more international present times for the I designation and descriptive of how the course content includes the empirical observation. Class schedule should include a detailed descriptive of the breakdown for both designations and to reflect how the course content meets the requirements. Goes back to Council.

GEOG 3783 - The Middle East, requests continuation of the S and I designations, effective Fall 2021.

(Cross-listing GLST 3783)

Description: A regional analysis of the Arab, Persian and Turkic lands that builds an understanding and experience with the Middle East. Historic and contemporary patterns highlight both tradition and modernity. Key themes include lifeways and social change, development and globalization, international relations and conflict, and natural resources and environment. Same course as [GLST 3783](#).

Members approved continuation of S and I designations pending receipt of a syllabus inclusive of more explanation and descriptive in syllabus and in course schedule on how the course meets the requirement that at least 50% of the course needs to focus on present time content for the international designation and how the course meets the requirements of the S and I need to be explicit and explained in the course syllabus and class schedule. Chair will make final decision.

GEOG 3793 - Australia and the Pacific Realm, requests continuation of the S and I designations, effective Fall 2021.

(cross-listing GLST 3793)

Description: Study of Australia, New Zealand, and the island regions of Micronesia, Melanesia, and Polynesia. Course examines the cultural and natural diversity of these regions in relation to globalization, climate change, and popular culture. Course covers enduring cultural traditions, legacies of external involvement, changing livelihoods and landscapes, and the region's role in global affairs. Same course as [GLST 3793](#).

Members tabled the S and I designation pending receipt of a syllabus inclusive of more descriptive information on content regarding the 50% or more international present times for the I designation and descriptive of how the course meets the empirical aspect. The class schedule should include descriptive of the breakdown for both designations. It is also not clear if students receive feedback on writing assignments to be incorporated into subsequent writing assignments. Goes back to Council.

GEOG 4213 – Sport, Place, and Society, requests continuation of the S designation, effective Fall 2021.

Description - Spatial analysis of sport; its origin and diffusion, geographical organization, and regional variation. Geographical movements and interaction associated with sport. Application of geographical solutions for reorganization and reform. Focus on both U.S. and international scene.

Members tabled as they could not determine from the information provided on the syllabus if the course content met the requirements for the S designation. The syllabus does not include enough detailed information in order for the Council to make a determination, particularly on requirement 2b.

2b - Students will understand the role of empirical observation using quantitative or qualitative methods in the social and behavioral sciences.

Goes back to Council.

HLTH 2603 - Total Wellness, requests continuation of the S designation, effective Fall 2021.

Description: Overview of individual, interpersonal, and sociocultural issues that have an impact on health. Behavioral decision-making, social relations, cultural diversity, and environmental sensitivity. Previously offered as HHP 2603.

Members approved the S designation, effective Fall 2021.

HLTH 4233 - Health and Sexuality, requests continuation of the S and D designations, effective Fall 2021.

Prerequisites: Full admission to HEP and junior standing or consent of instructor.

Description: The study of human sexuality as it relates to the health and well-being of individuals in the community, college, school, or worksite settings. Previously offered as HHP 4233.

Members tabled the S and D designation noting that the syllabus did not include information regarding student feedback on the writing assignments to be incorporated in subsequent writing assignments. The course carries a prerequisite of "Full admission to HHP, junior standing" which violates the restrictions on prerequisites for general education courses. There was also some question about the lack of information regarding the D designation criteria.

11/29/21 – college noted that a course action was being processed to remove the prerequisite of "Full admission to HHP, junior standing".

4. **General Education Designations – New Courses – Approved Pending
(Information Items Only)**

ENGL 3143 - Readings in Postcolonial Literature, requests the H and I designations, effective Fall 2022.

10/22/21 - Members approved H designation, effective Fall 2022.

10/22/21 - Members approved pending the I designation pending evidence, in the course syllabus, that 50% or more of the course goals and writing assignment details are related to present day international culture.

11/8/21 – Revised syllabus received.

11/19/21 – Chair approved the H and I designations, effective Fall 2022.

5. **General Education Designations – Existing Courses – Approved Pending
(Information Items Only)**

EDHS 2080 – Developing Intercultural Competence through International Travel, requests the I designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2022.

Prerequisites: Consent of Associate Dean.

Description: Introduction to international cultures through an educational experience outside the USA. Previously offered as HS 2080. Offered for variable credit, 1-9 credit hours, maximum of 15 credit hours.

10/22/21 – Approved the I designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2022 pending clarification of the international present day content presence on the syllabus. More explanation of what student will be learning from the readings and expected student outcomes. Perhaps provide an itinerary in the syllabus detailing where the students will be going and what they will be learning regarding the international designation. Final approval will be made by the Chair.

11/18/21 – Revised syllabus received.

11/18/21- Chair approved the one-time only I designation for Spring 2022.

6. **General Education Designations – Five-Year Review of the S, SD, SI, and I – Approved Pending
(Information Items Only)**

ECON 3613 - International Economic Relations, requests the I designation, effective Fall 2021.

(Course presently carries the S designation)

Prerequisites: [ECON 2003](#) or [ECON 2203](#).

Description: International trade and finance; international economic organizations; the foreign economic policy of the U.S.

10/22/21 - Members tabled the I designation pending receipt of a syllabus inclusive of details of the content of the course and what students will be learning regarding the I designation. Additional information needed in order to tell if the course meets the requirements of the I designation to include a detailed course description and details about the countries being studied and the timelines.

10/28/21 – Revised syllabus received.

10/29/21 – Chair approved continuation of the I designation, effective Fall 2021.

GEOG 1113 - Introduction to Cultural Geography, requests continuation of the S and I designations, effective Fall 2021.

Description: Surveys the principles of human geography by exploring the world's diverse patterns of culture and associated cultural landscapes. Examination of global patterns of population; language; religion; ethnic, national,

and sexual identities; the development of regions, cities, and industry; food production and environmental change, especially as they are affected by globalization.

9/24/21 – Members approved continuation of the S and I designations pending receipt of a revised syllabus inclusive of an explanation on how the courses content addresses theoretical constructs based on empirical observation to explain human behavior and society in social and/or physical environments. The final decision will be decided by the chair.

11/15/21 – Revised syllabus received.

11/18/21 – Chair approved continuation of the S and I designations.

GEOG 3153 - Conservation of Natural Resources, requests continuation of the S designation, effective Fall 2021.

Description: A focus on the stewardship and sustainable management of our natural resources. Problems and corrective methods in the conservation of land, water, forests, wildlife, and mineral resources. Key themes include the relationships between human and environmental systems, degraded landscape restoration, environmental policy and compliance, and economic implications of natural resource management.

9/24/21 – Members approved pending the continuation of the S designation pending receipt of a syllabus with evidence that the students will receive instructor feedback on writing assignments. The chair will make the final decision.

11/19/21 – Revised syllabus received.

11/19/21 – Chair approved continuation of the S designation.

GEOG 3243 - Geography of Indian Country, requests continuation of the S and D designations, effective Fall 2021.

Description: Systematic analysis of geographic patterns, processes, and issues peculiar to the lands of the indigenous peoples of the United States including American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians. Spatial interaction of federal policy and indigenous sovereignties.

9/24/21 - Members approved pending receipt of a syllabus with clarification of how the course meets the S requirements and how the content of the course covers empirical observation. The chair will make the final decision.

11/10/21 – Chair approved the continuation of the S and D designations.

GEOG 3703 - Geography of Oklahoma, requests continuation of the S designation, effective Fall 2021.

Description: Introduction to geography's regional approach through an examination of the cultural and environmental patterns of the State of Oklahoma. Systematic examination of physical regions, natural vegetation, wildlife, and resource bases. Exploration of diverse Native American communities as well as European ethnic and African American settlement. Focus on evolving agricultural regions and the mineral industries and population dynamics in both rural and urban areas. Emphasis on cultural landscapes and representation of Oklahoma in popular culture.

9/24/21 – Members approved pending receipt of a syllabus clarifying that instructor feedback on writing assignments is provided. Chair will make the final decision.

11/10/21 – Chair approved the continuation of the S and D designations.

GEOG 3713 - Exploring North America and Diversity, requests continuation of the S and D designations, effective Fall 2021.

Description: This course presents a regional analysis of the United States and Canada, including physical and cultural landscapes, population and migration trends, regional development, natural resources, and U.S.-Canada relations as well as global relations. In addition, it emphasizes diversity in both countries, with special attention to those geographies of under-represented and minority groups in the U.S. May not be used for degree credit with [GLST 3713 \(cross-listing\)](#).

9/24/21 – Members approved the continuation of the D designations, effective Fall 2021.

9/24/21 - Members approved pending the S designation contingent upon clarification of how the students will understand the role of empirical observation to explain human behavior and society in social and/or physical environments.

11/8/21 – Revised syllabus received.

11/9/21 – Chair approved continuation of the S designation, effective Fall 2021.

GEOG 3723 – Europe, requests continuation of the S and I designations, effective Fall 2021.

Description: This course examines the cultural, economic, and natural diversity of Europe in relation to globalization, climate change, and popular culture. Basic geographic concepts such as migration, region, and culture will be linked to European current events. Students will learn to properly utilize online sources to understand current European issues and their relationship to other countries and regions around the world. May not be used for degree credit with [GLST 3723 \(cross-listing\)](#).

9/24/21 – Members approved the S and I designations pending receipt of a syllabus clarifying that students have an opportunity to receive instructor feedback on writing assignments and evidence that the course content covers empirical observation. Chair will make the final decision.

10/22/21 - Revised syllabus received.

11/19/21 - Chair approved continuation of the S and I designations, effective Fall 2021..