

GENERAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING (GEAC)
MINUTES
April 16, 2021

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1. New General Education Designation Requests

BADM 2233 – Business Analytics Fundamentals, requests the A designation, effective Fall 2021.
3/26/21 - Tabled pending discussions with the College of Arts and Sciences and Spears School of Business.
4/16/21 – Members approved the A designation, effective Fall 2021.

ENGL 3190 – African Literature, request the H and I designations, one-time only, effective Fall 2021.
Members approved the H designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2021.
Members tabled the I designation pending receipt of a revised syllabus inclusive of statement in the class schedule that reflect specifics on what students will learn in regard to the I requirements in order to assess that at least 50% of the course content is focused on the I designation.
4/2/21 – Received revised syllabus.
4/16/21 – Members approved pending the one-time only I designation pending receipt of a revised syllabus inclusive of statements in the class reading schedule that reflect specifics on what students will learn in regard to the I requirements in order to assess that at least 50% of the course content is focused on the I designation. The Council asked that any revisions be highlighted.
Council Members Dr. Cristina Gonzalez, Dr. Marianna Patrauchan, or Dr. Tammy Mix can assist with any questions.

HESA 3113 – Civic Leadership, requests S and D designations, effective Summer 2021.
Members denied the S and D designations due to the required prerequisites having additional prerequisites on HESA 2513 and 3013. Council noted that in order for the course to be considered in the future, the course description would have to be inclusive of some reference to the diversity component and there cannot be more than two total prerequisites associated with the course. It was also noted that the syllabus was for a graduate course HESA 5113 and there is reference to a graduate component in the course narrative, which does not meet the requirements to be considered general education.

HONR 1000 – Sex in College Culture, requests the S and D designations, one-time only, effective Fall 2021.
3/26/21 - Members tabled the S and D designations pending clarification on the syllabus of the S and D requirements, as it is not clear that 50% or more of the course is focused on present diversity issues within the United States. It would be helpful if detailed statements for the S and D could be incorporated in the class schedule in order for this to be assessed.
4/7/21 – Received revised syllabus.
4/16/21 – Members approved the S designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2021.
4/16/21 - Members denied the D designation as it does not appear to meet the requirements for the D designation.

1. Purpose:

Courses designated “D” prepare students for engaged citizenship in the diverse, multicultural

society of the United States.

2. Requirements:

- a. Students will reflect on identity through the examination of one or more underrepresented groups (e.g. racial, ethnic, religious, social class, gender, age, disability, sexual orientation) in present day United States.
- b. Students will examine the ways underrepresented groups define and express themselves and the context in which these definitions are constructed.
- c. Students will critically analyze theories and systems of cultural, societal, political, or economic power.
- d. Students will demonstrate their understanding through written work that provides them the opportunity to enhance their writing skills; upper division "D" courses will include extensive written work.

Council members Dr. Cristina Gonzalez, Dr. Marianna Patrauchan, or Dr. Tammy Mix can assist with questions.

2. General Education Designation Request Approved Pending – (Council Review)

SOIL 3033 – Soils and Societies, requests the S designation, effective, Fall 2021.

3/26/21 - Members approved pending clarification that the writing assignments are weighted in the grading scheme and that there is feedback on the term paper.

Council member Dr. Michael Holmes can assist with questions.

4/9/21 - Received revised syllabus.

4/16/21 - Members approved the S designation, effective Fall 2021.

3. Review of the H General Education Designation Request Approved Pending – Approved Continuation (Dr. Mendez)

HIST 4353 – American Military History, requests continuation of the H designation, effective Summer 2021.

3/14/19 Members tabled pending clarification of the 10 page writing assignment on the syllabus.

10/1/20 Received revised syllabus.

10/19/20 Members approved continuation of the H designation pending receipt of a syllabus that includes the specific details of the essay assignments in order to assess if the writing meets the requirements.

4/2/21 – Received revised syllabus.

4/2/21 - Dr. Mendez approved continuation of the H designation, effective Summer 2021.

4. General Education Designation Requests Approved Pending – Approved (Dr. Mendez)

DANC 2603 – Context & Culture: Mapping the Dancing Society, requests the H designation, effective Fall 2021.

2/19/21 - Members approved the H designation pending receipt of a revised syllabus to include evidence of a minimum five-page writing requirement.

4/9/21 - Received revised syllabus.

4/12/21 - Dr. Mendez approved the H designation, effective Fall 2021.

HIST 3980 – Pandemics: Then and Now, requests the H designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2021.

3/26/21 - Members approved pending the H designation. Members asked that a revised syllabus be submitted to include details of the ten-page writing requirement with instructor feedback inclusive of one four-page paper in relation to the H designation.

Council members Dr. Cristina Gonzalez, Dr. Marianna Patrauchan, or Dr. Tammy Mix can assist with questions.

4/9/21 – Received revised syllabus.

4/12/21 – Dr. Mendez approved the H designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2021.

HONR 1000 – The Secret Life & Turbulent Future of Water, requests the S and I designations, one-time only, effective Fall 2021.

3/26/21 - Members approved pending receipt of a revised syllabus with a more explicit breakdown of how the course meets the requirements for the S and I designations through class content and the class schedule to determine if 50% or more of the course content addresses current international culture outside the United States.

Council members Dr. Cristina Gonzalez, Dr. Marianna Patrauchan, or Dr. Tammy Mix can assist with questions.

4/9/21 – Received revised syllabus.

4/14/21 - Dr. Mendez approved the S and I designations, one-time only, effective Fall 2021.

PHIL 3920 – Philosophy, Drugs, and Society, requests the H designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2021.

10/19/20 - Members tabled the H designation pending explanation of how the course meets the H requirements in the course syllabus. It was also asked if the required student feedback process in the writing assignments could be evident on the course syllabus.

3/26/21 – Members approved pending clarification of the total number of pages required for the short paper and book review writing assignments to confirm the ten-page requirement.

Council members Dr. Cristina Gonzalez, Dr. Marianna Patrauchan, or Dr. Tammy Mix can assist with questions.

4/2/21 – Received revised syllabus.

4/2/21- Dr. Mendez approved the H designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2021.

5. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Discussions continued.

6. Members asked that the addition of the course descriptions be incorporated in the General Education Advisory Council (GEAC) agendas.