

GENERAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL ZOOM MEETING (GEAC)

MINUTES

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(Current catalog descriptions have been added)

1. General Education Designations – New (All members vote)

ENGR 4063 – Issues of Engineering, Architecture, Technology & Culture in an International Context, requests the I designation, effective Spring 2022.

Prerequisites: Sophomore standing and permission of the Associate Dean of Academics and the Study Abroad Office.

Description: Study abroad experience led by CEAT faculty with a goal of developing a deeper understanding of cultural values and perspectives outside of the United States related to engineering, architecture, technology. (A course action has been submitted to remove the prerequisite “permission of the Associate Dean of Academics”) 9/24/21 - Members approved pending receipt of a syllabus with a class schedule and clarification that students will have an opportunity to receive feedback on writing assignments. Final decision will be made by the chair.

RMRT 2403 - Recreation and Society, requests the S and I designations, effective Spring 2022.

Description: The recreation and leisure phenomenon, the recreation industry, and societal views of recreation around the world. Exploration of personal and social views of recreation and how those views impact individuals, families and society. Previously offered as RMTR 2403.

9/24/21 – Members approved the I designation, effective Spring 2022 and tabled the S designation pending clarification of the S content and specifics.

UNIV 3110 - Perspectives in International Leadership: McKnight Scholars, requests the I designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2021 (winter break).

Prerequisites: Written application approved by instructor, the department head, and the dean of the student's college.

Description: Independent study, research, field work or internship. Some sections will be graded on a pass-fail basis. Offered for variable credit, 1-18 credit hours, maximum of 18 credit hours.

9/24/21 – Members denied the I designation as Puerto Rico is not considered outside of the United States.

2. General Education Five-Year Review of the S, SD, SI, and I (Only members assigned to the course votes)

ANTH 1353 – Introduction to Anthropology, requests continuation of the S designation, effective Fall 2021.

Description: Explores the holistic dimensions of anthropology by introducing the four fields that comprise the discipline: cultural anthropology, linguistics, archaeology, and biological anthropology. Examines the content of each field and their collective contribution to the understanding of humanity.

9/24/21 – Members approved continuation of the S designation, effective Fall 2021.

ANTH 2883 – Introduction to Archaeology, requests continuation of the S designation, effective Fall 2021.

Description: A general introduction to the methods of study of archaeology. Understanding the development of prehistoric cultures as adaptive responses to changing natural and social environments from early Paleolithic to emergence of urban civilizations.

9/24/21 - Members approved continuation of the S designation, effective Fall 2021.

ANTH 3353 – Cultural Anthropology, requests continuation of the S and I designations, effective Fall 2021.

Description: Introduction to culture, various subdisciplines of cultural anthropology, anthropological concepts, and capsule ethnographies of assorted ethnic groups.

9/24/21 - Members approved continuation of the S designation, effective Fall 2021 and approved pending the I designations pending receipt of a syllabus clarifying how the course content meets the requirements for the I

designation, in that at least 50% or more of the course is focused on contemporary cultural perspectives outside of the U.S.

ANTH 3443 – Peoples of Mesoamerica, requests continuation of the S and I designations, effective Fall 2021.

Description: Modern indigenous peoples of Mexico and Central America. Examination of contemporary communities and modern social and cultural practices understood from a historical perspective, leading to an appreciation of regional similarities and diversity.

9/24/21 - Members approved continuation of the S and I designations, effective Fall 2021.

ANTH 4123 – Archaeology of North America, requests continuation of the S designation, effective Fall 2021.

Description: Factors influencing the initial peopling of North America, the spread and diversification of hunting and gathering economies, the rise of agricultural systems and emergence of extensive and complex political units.

9/24/21 - Members approved continuation of the S designations, effective Fall 2021.

ANTH 4443 – Prehistory of Oklahoma, requests continuation of the S designation, effective Fall 2021.

Description: Surveys social and cultural development of Native peoples of Oklahoma from Paleoindian hunting adaptations to villagers encountered by early Europeans. Using archaeological investigations examines diversity of social and cultural adaptations to various environments of Oklahoma, including development of complex societies.

9/24/21 - Members approved continuation of the S designations, effective Fall 2021.

ANTH 4883 – Comparative Cultures, requests continuation of the S and I designations.

Description: Compares environments, economies, social and political organizations and other aspects of culture among selected literate and preliterate societies.

9/24/21 – Members approved continuation of the S designation and tabled the I designation pending receipt of a syllabus inclusive of details regarding how the course meets the requirements in that the course must focus on today's global society through understanding of cultural perspectives external to the U.S. Final decision will be made by the council.

AVED 4653 – International Aerospace Issues, requests continuation of the I designation, effective Fall 2021.

Description: Fundamental knowledge, comprehension and abilities to apply, analyze, synthesize and evaluate international aerospace issues, including trends in security, safety, technology, and organizations.

9/24/21 – Members approved continuation of the I designation, effective Fall 2021.

ECON 1113 – The Economics of Social Issues, requests continuation of the S designation, effective Fall 2021.

Description: Issues-oriented approach. Basic economic principles introduced and developed through study of important social issues: for example, inflation, unemployment, poverty, discrimination, crime, population growth and environmental quality. Develops the economist's approach to social problems and evaluates the contribution of economics to their solution. May not be used for degree credit with [ECON 2003](#) or [ECON 2103](#). No general education credit for students also taking [AGEC 1113](#).

9/24/21 – Members approved continuation of the S designation pending receipt of a syllabus clarifying that the writing assignments are worth a minimum of 10% of the overall grade. The chair will make the final decision.

ECON 2103 - Introduction to Microeconomics, requests continuation of the S designation, effective Fall 2021.

Description: Goals, incentives and outcomes of economic behavior with applications and illustrations from current social issues: operation of markets for goods, services and factors of production; the behavior of firms and industries in different types of competition; income distribution; and international exchange. May not be used for degree credit with [ECON 1113](#) or [ECON 2003](#). No general education credit for students also taking [AGEC 1113](#). Previously offered as ECON 2023.

9/24/21 – Members approved continuation of the S designation, effective Fall 2021.

ECON 3613 – International Economic Relations, requests continuation of the S designation, effective Fall 2021 and requests a new I designation, effective Spring 2022.

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

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

9/24/21 – Members approved continuation of the S designation, effective Fall 2021.

(Members will address the new I designation on the next agenda in October)

ECON 4643 – International Economic Development, requests continuation of the S and I designations, effective Fall 2021.

Prerequisites: [ECON 2003](#).

Description: Problems of underdeveloped economics related to the world economy; obstacles to economic growth and policies for promoting growth.

9/24/21 – Members approved continuation of the S and I designations pending clarification, on the syllabus, of how the course meets the requirements for the S designation and that 50% or more of the course is focused on international cultures for the I designation.

9/30/21 – Received revised syllabus and the chair approved continuation of the S and I designations, effective Fall 2021.

ENGR 4043 - International Engineering Service Learning I, requests continuation of the I designation, effective Fall 2021.

Prerequisites: Approval of instructor.

Description: International engineering service-learning experience. Project design, construction, implementation and training to provide permanent answer to clients' needs. Emphasis on the development of culturally acceptable engineering designs. Includes classroom lectures, hands-on design, writing assignments and travel to foreign country. For both engineering and non-engineering majors.

9/24/21 – Members tabled the continuation of the I designation pending receipt of a syllabus inclusive of a detailed class schedule in order to determine if the course meets the requirements for the I designation. Council will make the final decision.

ENGR 4053 - International Engineering Service Learning II, requests continuation of the I designation, effective Fall 2021.

Prerequisites: [ENGR 4043](#) and approval of instructor.

Description: A continuation of [ENGR 4043](#). International engineering service-learning experience. Project design, construction, implementation and training to provide permanent answer to clients' needs. Emphasis on the development of culturally acceptable engineering designs. Includes classroom lectures, hands-on design, writing assignments and travel to foreign country. For both engineering and non-engineering majors.

9/24/21 – Members tabled the continuation of the I designation pending receipt of a syllabus inclusive of a detailed class schedule in order to determine if the course meets the requirements for the I designation. Council will make the final decision.

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.

FEMP 3103 - Introduction to Emergency Management, requests continuation of the S designation, effective Fall 2021.

Description: An overview of the history and philosophy of the current emergency management system. Concepts, issues and programs associated with the development of an emergency management program. Local, state and federal roles and responsibilities for responding to disasters and emergencies with emphasis on man-made natural and technological hazards. Same as [POLS 3813 \(cross-listing\)](#).

9/24/21 – Members approved continuation of the S 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.

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

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 \(cross-listing\)](#).

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.

GEOG 2103 - Global Perspectives, requests continuation of the S and I designations, effective Fall 2021.

Description: Introduces students to the cultural, economic, and political aspects of globalization and global issues. Emphasizes the relationship between tradition and change, the interconnectedness of people, places, and institutions, aspects of social and economic development, and the evolving role of technology in creating and sustaining a globalized world. Also introduces students to possible career options. Same course as [GLST 2103 \(cross-listing\)](#).

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

GEOG 3123 - Urban Geography, requests continuation of the S designation, effective Fall 2021.

Description: This course seeks to explain the evolving pattern of North American cities and their antecedents in terms of the distribution and movement of people and resources as well as the effects of changes in transportation and communication technology. In addition, a careful analysis of the development and internal spatial structure of North American cities will be carried out. Much class time will be spent on discussion of contemporary urban problems such as segregation, unequal investment, and control of urban public space as well as attempts at their solution.

9/24/21 – Members approved continuation of the S designation, effective Fall 2021.

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.

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.

GEOG 3163 - Economic Geography, requests continuation of the S designation, effective Fall 2021.

Description: Processes significant to the spatial structure of economic systems. Production, consumption and exchange activities examined in regard to location, distribution, aerial differentiation and spatial interaction patterns. Attention given to processes of change as well as to steady states.

9/24/21 – Members approved continuation of the S designation, effective Fall 2021.

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 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.

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.

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. The chair will make the final decision.

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.

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.

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 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. The chair will make the final decision.

**3. General Education Designation Five-Year Review Deletions
(Information Item Only)**

BADM 1103 – Social and Behavioral Foundations, requests deletion of the S and D designations effective the end of Fall 2022.

BADM 2093 – Study Abroad, Contemporary International Culture and Business, requests deletion of the I designation, effective the end of Fall 2022.

CTED 4333 – International Career and Technical Education, requests deletion of the I designation, effective the end of Fall 2022.

EDUC 3090 – Study Abroad, requests deletion of the permanent I designation, effective the end of Fall 2022.

ENGR 3090 – Study Abroad, requests deletion of the permanent I designation, effective the end of Fall 2022.

ENGR 4073 – Technology and Culture of Italy, requests deletion of the I designation, effective the end of Fall 2022.

ENGR 4083 – Technology and Culture of Brazil, requests deletion of the I designation, effective the end of Fall 2022.

ENGR 4093 – Technology and Culture of France, requests deletion of the I designation, effective the end of Fall 2022.

GEOG 3053 – Introduction to Central Asia Studies, requests deletion of the S and I designations, effective the end of Fall 2022.
Cross-listed with GLST 3053, HIST 3053, POLS 3053, and RUSS 3053.

HTM 3643 – Geotourism, requests deletion of the I designation, effective the end of Fall 2022.

MSIS 3153 – International Telecommunications Business Environment, requests deletion of the I designation, effective the end of Fall 2022.