

**GENERAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (GEAC) MEETING
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General Education Designations – New

AFAM 3950 - Special Topics in Africana Studies

- History of Modern Africa, requests the H designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2022.

Description: Particular topics to illustrate the use of interdisciplinary methods in Africana Studies. Topics might include: social issues, art and culture, popular culture, class, transnational or comparative approaches, gender, economics. Offered for fixed credit, 3 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.

Credit hours: 3

Members approved pending clarification that the bibliography assignment is not counted as part of the total overall 10-page writing requirement.

EEE 4090 - Study Abroad in Entrepreneurship

- Doing Business in South Korea, requests the I designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2023.

Prerequisites: Consent of the School of Entrepreneurship Department Head.

Description: Participation in a School of Entrepreneurship Study Abroad program. May not be used for degree credit with EEE 5090. Previously offered as EEE 3090. Offered for variable credit, 1-6 credit hours, maximum of 18 credit hours.

Credit hours: 1-6

Members approved the I designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2023.

FIN 4550 - Selected Topics in Finance

- Finance and Economic Issues in Brazil, requests the I designation, one-time only, effective Winter intersession 2022-23.

Prerequisites: FIN 3113 or consent of instructor.

Description: Advanced topics in finance. Topics are updated each semester. Offered for variable credit, 1-6 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.

Credit hours: 1-6

Members approved the designation pending clarification that students receive feedback on the formal writing assignment (rather than just on the travel journal).

HTM 4090 - International Hospitality Studies

(Two separate requests with the same syllabus)

- Doing Business in Iceland, requests the I designation, one-time only, effective Spring Break 2023.
- Doing Business in Northern Italy, requests the I designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2023.

Prerequisites: Instructor Permission.

Description: Participation in a hospitality educational experience outside of the U.S. The international aspects of the hospitality industry especially in the country or countries included in the experience. Development of an understanding of local, regional, and national customs and cultures through experiential learning. Previously offered as HRAD 4090. May not be used for degree credit with HTM 5090. Offered for variable credit, 1-18 credit hours, maximum of 18 credit hours.

Credit hours: 1-18

Members approved the I designation, one-time only, effective Spring Break and Summer 2023.

MGMT 4750 - International Leadership Experience

(Five separate requests with the same syllabus)

- Doing Business in Thailand, requests the I designation, one-time only, effective Winter Intersession 2022-23.
- Doing Business in Dublin, requests the I designation, one-time only, effective Spring Break 2023.
- Doing Business in Prague, requests the I designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2023.
- Doing Business in Greece, requests the I designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2023.
- Doing Business in France, requests the I designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2023.

Description: This course focuses on developing leadership skills through international travel. Students will learn the skills and values used by leaders in other countries. The cultural and business environment faced by leaders in other countries will also be explored. Offered for fixed 3 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.

Credit hours: 3

Members approved the I designation, one-time only, effective Winter Intersession, Spring Break, Spring and Summer 2023.

MKTG 4550 - Problems In Marketing

(Five separate requests with the same syllabus)

- Doing Business in Iceland, requests the I designation, one-time only, effective Spring Break 2023.
- Doing Business in Barcelona, requests the I designation, one-time only, effective Spring Break 2023.
- Doing Business in Greece, requests the I designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2023.
- Doing Business in South Africa, requests the I designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2023.
- Doing Business in London, requests the I designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2023.

Prerequisites: MKTG 3213.

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.

Credit hours: 1-9

Members approved the I designation, one-time only, effective Spring Break and Summer 2023.

PHIL 3920 – Contemporary Philosophical Problems

- Gender, Race and Class in Healthcare, requests the D and H designations, one-time only, effective Spring 2023.

(2nd submission under this title and the department is creating a new permanent course.)

Description: Selected contemporary problems and discussions. Offered for fixed credit, 3 credit hours, maximum of 9 credit hours.

Members approved the D and H designations, one-time only, effective Spring 2023.

PHYS 2020 - Special Topics in Physics, requests the L designation, one-time only, effective, Spring 2023.

Description: Topics of current interest in physics appropriate for the lower-division level, such as the role of physics in modern society. Offered for variable credit, 1-3 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.

10/22/21 - Members denied the L designation as is not clear from the information on the syllabus that the course meets requirements for the L designation. The syllabus needs to include an explanation of how the course meets the following requirements:

Students will critically analyze and solve problems using quantitative, geometric, or logical models.

Students will form inferences using logical systems and mathematical information and communicate them effectively. Students will give appropriate multiple representations (symbolical, visual, graphical, numerical, or verbal) of logical or mathematical information.

8/8/22 – Received revised syllabus

9/30/22 - Members approved the permanent L designation, effective Spring 2023.

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

AGEC 4343 - International Agricultural Markets and Trade, requests continuation of the I designation, effective Fall 2022.

Prerequisites: ECON 3023 OR ECON 3113.

Description: Contemporary international agricultural trade theory and applications. Tools to identify, evaluate critically, and seek solutions to complex international trade and development problems, such as gains from trade, comparative advantage, impacts of trade barriers on social welfare, export promotion effectiveness, trade impacts on environment and land degradation, free trade areas and impacts of genetically modified crops on trade.

Credit hours: 3

Members approved continuation of the I designation, effective Fall 2022.

DHM 4323 - Heritage of Interior Design II, requests continuation of the I designation, effective Fall 2022.

Description: Exploration of the architecture, interiors, and furnishings of a variety of structures. Residential, commercial, governmental, institutional, and recreational buildings of different cultures of the 19th and 20th centuries. Previously offered as H IDC 3333 and H IDC 4323.

Credit hours: 3

Members tabled continuation of the designation as it is not apparent from the information on the syllabus that the course meets the requirements of the I designation in that the course focuses on “present day/time” international content. It is suggested that specific detail be added to the syllabus and course schedule to reflect what students will be learning in relation to “present day/time” international culture in order to assess the 50% international content. More specifics regarding the international content of the course in the writing assignments and in the course schedule would be beneficial in order for this to be assessed.

ENGR 4061 - CEAT Scholars Study Abroad, requests continuation of the I designation, effective Fall 2022.

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 met 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.

9/8/22 – Received revised syllabus for Spring 2023.

9/30/22 – Members tabled continuation of the designation pending clarification of the writing assignments and course content. Both the primary writing assignment and course content must reflect present-day content; since the course is one hour, the class must be “entirely devoted” to “international cultural perspectives on the present times.” Additionally, feedback appears to be given by teammates, and the requirement is that “students will receive instructor feedback on writing assignments to be incorporated into subsequent writing.”

General Education – Approved Pending (Information items only)

ECON 1113 - The Economics of Social Issues, requests continuation of the S designation, effective Fall 2022.

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.

8/10/22 – Received revised syllabus

8/10/22 – Chair approved continuation of the S designation, effective Fall 2022.

HDFS 3123 - Parenting, requests continuation of the S designation, effective Fall 2022.

Prerequisites: [HDFS 2113](#) or other life-span development course.

Prerequisite Change to: None – effective Fall 2022

Description: Examination of the fundamental issues and special topics in parent child relationships across the life span. Current theory and empirical research in multiple contexts of family, school and community. Previously offered as FRCD 3023.

3/25/22 - Members approved continuation of S designation pending evidence that the course meets the 10-page writing requirement with the opportunity for students to receive feedback on writing assignments to be incorporated in subsequent writing assignments. Members asked for more clarification and detail regarding how the course meets the requirements for the S designation by adding more detail in the daily course schedule.

Chair will make final decision.

8/2/22 – Received revised syllabus.

8/3/22 – Chair approved continuation of the S designation, effective Fall 2022.

HDFS 4413 - Successful Aging, requests continuation of the S designation, effective Fall 2022.

Prerequisites: [HDFS 2113](#).

Prerequisite Change to: None – effective Fall 2022

Description: Study of the unique characteristics of development during the middle and later years of development. Emphasis on the biopsychosocial process of aging and the effects on the individual and family. Previously offered as FRCD 4413.

3/25/22 - Members approved continuation of the S designation pending clarification on the syllabus that the course meets the minimum 10-page writing requirement with one four-page paper and that students have the opportunity to receive feedback on writing assignments to be incorporated in subsequent writing assignments.

Chair will make final decision.

7/28/22 - Received revised syllabus

8/3/22 – Chair approved continuation of the S designation, effective Fall 2022.

HIST 4513 - American Economic History, requests continuation of the S designation, effective Fall 2022.

(Crosslisted with ECON 3823 which is being deleted)

Description: Economic development and economic forces in American history; emphasis upon industrialization and its impact upon our economic society since the Civil War. Same course as ECON 3823.

2/18/22 - Members tabled pending the S designation. It is not clear from the information on the syllabus if the course meets the writing requirements, number of pages on writing assignments and the opportunity for students to receive feedback on writing assignments to be incorporated in subsequent writing assignments. (Typically, discussion board posts or other less formal writing assignments would not count toward the writing requirements.) The syllabus was not specific in explaining how the course met the requirements for the S designation.

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

Revisions will be reviewed by the Council.

4/29/22- Members approved the continuation of the S designation pending clarification of the content on the syllabus. Clarification of student engagement and learning outcomes in relation to social and behavioral science. Members also wanted evidence on the syllabus that students receive feedback on writing assignments to be incorporated in subsequent writing assignments. Chair will review revisions.

5/10/22 – Received revised syllabus

8/3/22 – Chair approved continuation of the S designation, effective Fall 2022.

HLTH 3603 - Understanding HIV, requests continuation of the S and D designations, effective Fall 2022.

Description: Examines the HIV global epidemic from historical, political, epidemiological, biological, medical, psychological, legal, and ethical perspectives. Previously offered as HHP 3603.

2/18/22 - Members approved pending continuation of the S and D designations pending clarification on the syllabus of the writing assignment detail in that minimum number of pages of writing must be 10 or more with the opportunity for students to receive feedback on writing assignments to be applied in subsequent writing materials.

Chair will make the final decision.

6/7/22 – Received revised syllabus.

6/7/22 – Chair approved continuation of the S and D designations, effective Fall 2022.

HTM 4093 - European Travel and Tourism, requests continuation of the I designation, effective Fall 2022.

Prerequisites: Instructor permission.

Description: In-depth examination of local/regional/national customs and cultures, and business practices related to travel and tourism in Europe. Previously offered as HRAD 4093. May not be used for degree credit with HTM 5093.

3/11/22 - Members approved the I designation pending clarification of the timeline and details of how the course meets the requirements for the I designation in a detailed course schedule on the syllabus.

Chair will make the final decision.

5/17/22 – Received revised syllabus.

5/17/22 – Chair approved continuation of the I designation, effective Fall 2022.

PHIL 3920 – Gender, Race, and Class in Healthcare, requests the H and D designations, one-time only, effective Summer 2022.

Description: Selected contemporary problems and discussions. Offered for fixed credit, 3 credit hours, maximum of 9 credit hours. Credit hours: 3 Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

4/29/22 - Members approved the H and D designations pending clarification on the syllabus that students *will* receive feedback on writing assignments to be incorporated in subsequent writing assignments.

Chair will make final decision.

5/17/22 – Received revised syllabus.

5/17/22 – Chair approved the H and D designations, one-time only, effective Summer 2022.

SOC 3133 - Racial and Ethnic Relations, requests continuation of the S and D designations, effective Spring 2022.

Description: The historical and sociological dimensions of race and ethnicity in global society and understanding of the controversies and conflicts that race and ethnicity have generated in the global experience. Previously offered as SOC 2133.

3/25/22 - Members approved continuation the S and D designations pending clarification of a 10-page writing requirement, not to include journal entries. Members also asked for clarification that the course content for the diversity designation focuses on diversity in the U.S., not globally as the course description suggests.

Chair will make final decision.

5/9/22 – Received revised syllabus.

5/9/22 – Chair approved continuation of the S and D designations, effective Fall 2022.

SOC 3993 - Sociology of Aging, requests continuation of the S and D designations, effective Spring 2022.

Description: Sociological problems of aging, including the analysis of the behavior of the aged within the framework of social institutions.

3/25/22 - Members approved continuation of the S and D designations pending receipt of a syllabus clarifying a minimum of 10-pages of writing. The syllabus indicates “nine-twelve” pages of writing.

Chair will make final decision.

5/9/22 – Received revised syllabus.

5/9/22 – Chair approved continuation of the S and D designations, effective Fall 2022.

SOC 4043 - Gender and Work, requests continuation of the S and D designations, effective Fall 2022.

Prerequisites: One upper division course.

Description: Consideration of unpaid, paid and volunteer work and gender differences. Linkages between economy, work, and family with examples from United States and less developed countries.

3/25/22 - Members approved continuation of the S and D designations pending receipt of a syllabus that strengthens the statement regarding student feedback in that students will receive feedback on writing assignments to be incorporated in subsequent writing assignments.

Chair will make final decision.

5/9/22 – Received revised syllabus.

5/9/22 – Chair approved continuation of the S and D designations, effective Fall 2022.

SOC 4213 - Sociology of Sexualities, requests continuation of the S designation, effective Spring 2022.

Prerequisites: Junior standing or consent of instructor.

Description: Sociological aspects of sexual behavior, attitudes and belief systems in society.

3/25/22 - Members approved continuation of the S designation pending receipt of a syllabus including clarification of a 10-page writing requirement.

Chair will make final decision.

5/9/22 – Received revised syllabus.

5/9/22 – Chair approved continuation of the S designation, effective Fall 2022.

SOC 4333 - Criminology, requests continuation of the S designation, effective Spring 2022.

Description: Summary of sociological and psychological research pertaining to crime causation and crime trends. Modern trends in control and treatment.

3/25/22 - Members approved continuation the S designation pending evidence on the syllabus that student will have the opportunity to received feedback on writing assignments to be incorporated in subsequent writing assignments.

Chair will make final decision.

5/9/22 – Received revised syllabus.

5/9/22 – Chair approved continuation of the S designation, effective Fall 2022.

SPCH 2713 - Introduction to Speech Communication, requests continuation of the S designation, effective Spring 2022.

Description: The practical and theoretical examination of the process of human communication involving a variety of contexts, including interpersonal relationships, small group discussions, and public speaking performances.

Credit hours: 3 Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

4/29/22 - Members approved pending continuation of the S designation pending clarification on the syllabus of writing assignment(s) of a minimum of five pages and explanation of how the course meets the requirement of the S designation. What are students expected to learn regarding social and behavioral sciences?

Courses designated "S" propose theoretical constructs based on empirical observation (including quantitative or qualitative methods) to explain human behavior and society in social and/or physical environments.

Chair will review revisions.

5/9/22 – Received revised syllabus.

5/9/22 – Chair approved continuation of the S designation, effective Fall 2022.

SPCH 3733 - Elements of Persuasion, requests continuation of the S designation, effective Spring 2022.

Description: An examination of current theory and research relevant to the process of persuasion and social influence in interpersonal, small group, mass media, and public settings. Includes a discussion of the practical implications of effective and ineffective persuasive strategies.

Credit hours: 3 Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

4/29/22 - Members approved the S designation pending clarification on the syllabus of the writing requirement of 10 or more pages with the opportunity for students to received feedback on writing assignments to be incorporated in subsequent writing.

Chair will review revisions.

5/12/22 – Received revised syllabus.

5/19/22 – Chair approved continuation of the S designation, effective Fall 2022.

SPCH 4753 - Intercultural Communication, requests continuation of the I designation, effective Spring 2022.

Description: Social and cultural differences between individuals from diverse backgrounds as possible barriers to effective communication.

Credit hours: 3 Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

4/29/22 - Members approved the I designation pending receipt of a syllabus inclusive of feedback on writing assignments to be incorporated into subsequent writing.

Chair will review revisions.

5/12/22 – Received revised syllabus.

5/19/22 – Chair approved continuation of the I designation, effective Fall 2022.

Other