

**GENERAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (GEAC) MEETING
MINUTES
September 29, 2023**

General Education Designations – New

GEOG 4910 - Topics In Geography

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor.

Description: Specialized physical, social and methodological topics in geography.

- Gender and Religion Across Cultures, requests the H designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2024.

Members approved the H designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2024.

GWST 4990 - Directed Readings in Gender Studies

Prerequisites: Permission of instructor.

Description: Examines gender studies issues and topics. Previously offered as WMST 4990. May not be used for degree credit with GWST 5990.

- Gender and Religion Across Cultures, requests the H designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2024.

Members approved the H designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2024.

HIST 3603 - Historians at Work, requests the H designation, effective Spring 2024.

Description: This course introduces students to the history of business. Students will develop skills in marketing, proposal writing, proposal evaluation, budgeting, project management, and interdisciplinary collaboration. These skills are valuable in a wide range of careers inside and outside the humanities.

Members denied the H designation, effective the end of Fall 2024, as the course does not appear to be a general education course. The course seemed more specific in nature, directed primarily at historians, not general education.

HONR 1000 - Introductory Honors Topics

Prerequisites: Introductory Honors Topics.

Description: Introduction to topics in various disciplines by faculty from the undergraduate colleges for freshman and sophomore students in the University Honors College.

- Cults in American Society, requests the S designation, one time only, effective Spring 2024.

Members approved the S designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2024.

- Global Warning and Human Use of the Earth, requests the N designation, one time only, effective Spring 2024.

Members approved the N designation, one time only, effective Spring 2024.

MC 2360 - Seminar in Mass Media

Description: A seminar-style course on varying media topics taught by faculty members on a rotating basis.

- Health Communication, requests the S designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2024.

Members denied the S designation, as they could not see how the course content, schedule or readings addressed empirical observation using quantitative or qualitative methods.

- Media and Information Literacy, requests the S designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2024.

Members denied the S designation as they could not see how the course content, schedule or readings addressed empirical observation using quantitative or qualitative methods.

REL 4050 - Studies in Religion

Description: Independent studies, seminars, and courses on selected topics in religion. Offered for variable credit, 1-6 credit hours, maximum of 9 credit hours.

- Gender and Religion Across Cultures, requests the H designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2024.

Members approved the H designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2024.

STAT 3033 - Sports Analytics, requests the A designation, effective Spring 2024.

Prerequisites: Any of the following: MATH 1483, or MATH 1513, or an equivalent college algebra course, or math placement score of 50 or higher.

Description: This course focuses on developing the quantitative skills necessary to analyze both sports performance metrics and sports business data. Topics include introduction to data ecosystems, building relational databases. data visualization techniques, computation and evaluation of performance metrics, exploring statistical relationships, predictive modelling, analytics in sports marketing. and data-driven decision-making in sports management.

Members approved the A designation, effective Spring 2024.

General Education Designations - Five Year Review - Tabled

DHM (DM) 4533 – Diversity issues in Facility Management and Design (course title changing to : Diversity and Inclusion in the Built Environment), requests continuation of the D designation, effective Fall 2023.

Description: In-depth study of facility management and design issues focused on diversity in a variety of workplace types including offices, retail stores, hotels, restaurants, government, educational and cultural institutions.

2/17/23 - Members tabled continuation of the D designation pending receipt of a syllabus detailing how the course meets the requirements for the diversity designation and evidence that the course meets the 10-page writing requirement that includes instructor feedback to be incorporated in subsequent writing assignments.

8/29/23 – Received revised syllabus.

Members denied the D designation, effective the end of Fall 2024, as it was still not clear after the revisions that the course met the requirements for the diversity designation.

General Education Designations - Five Year Review – Approved Pending
(Information only)

LSB 4633 - Legal Aspects in Business, requests continuation of the I designation, effective Fall 2023.

Prerequisites: LSB 3213 or equivalent.

Description: Legal aspects of operating a business entity engaged in international commerce. Topics may include: foreign business organizations, U.S. taxation of foreign investors, common clauses in transnational contracts, problems of technology transfer on the international market, anti-trust aspects of international business, and jurisdictional problems in resolving disputes. Course previously offered as BUSL 4633.

3/11/23 – Members approved continuation of the I designation pending clarification of the present-day culture for the international designation. Members also noted that it was not clear if writing assignments aligned with the present-day culture. The chair will make the final decision.

9/12/23 – Received revised syllabus.

9/12/23 – Chair approved continuation of the I designation, effective Fall 2023.