

GENERAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING (GEAC)
MINUTES
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(Deadline for resubmission of tabled courses is one month from the date in which they were tabled.)

1. General Education Designations – New

AMST 3103 - The History and Future of Work, requests the H designation, effective Fall 2024. What will work be like in the future? This course explores recent developments in work and the workplace. It draws on an array of sources such as scholarship, journalism, memoirs, popular films, TV shows, and writings on the effects of technology on the labor market, workplace culture, and identity. Through these sources, the course will provide you with a roadmap to the future of work as well as a rich lens into ideas, cultural values, experience, and aesthetics relating to work.

Members approved the H designation, effective Fall 2024.

ENGL 2393 - Popular Fiction, requests the H and D designations, effective Fall 2024. Readings in several related popular genres of fiction such as science fiction, fantasy, horror, romance, crime fiction, Westerns, graphic novels, comics, and/or fan fiction. Small, discussion-based classes investigate how contemporary popular fiction depicts diverse experiences and identities and engages different communities.

Members approved the H designation, effective Fall 2024.

Members tabled the D designation pending receipt of a syllabus clarifying what student will be learning about the diversity designation in relation to the assignments. The syllabus needs to reflect that at least 50% of the content addresses the D content. This is better assessed in a class schedule with a more specific explanation about the assignments on a day-by-day basis.

HIST 2043 - Ghosts and Graveyards History of Dark Tourism, requests the H designation, effective Fall 2024.

This course explores the history, practice, and impact of dark tourism. Students will analyze tourist experiences in spaces associated with tragedy, suffering, death, and spookiness.

Members approved the H designation, effective Fall 2024.

HIST 4113 - Globalization and American Culture, requests the H designation, effective Fall 2024.

Transmission, reception, and influence of American culture in one or more of the following: Europe, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East. The cultural history of globalization and American culture.

Same course as AMST 3253 (Presently carries the H).

Members tabled the H designation pending receipt of a syllabus including detailed information regarding the writing requirements.

HIST 4193 – The Body in American Culture, requests the H and D designations, effective Fall 2024.

The body and its impact on American culture examined through a survey of diverse cultural productions and social practices. Examine the intersections of ideas of embodiment with discourse of race, class, gender, sexuality, disability, and nationalism.

Same course as AMST 3653 (presently carries the H and D designations)

Members approved the H designation, effective Fall 2024.

Members tabled the D designations pending receipt of a syllabus evident of a detailed class schedule clarifying that at least 50% of the content addresses the D designation, which is best assessed in the class schedule detailing how the subject matter relates to the specific designations per date on the schedule. There also needs to be more detail on the writing to assess the minimum 10 pages of writing with instructor feedback to be incorporated into subsequent writing.

HIST 4203 – The Death Penalty in America, requests the S designation, effective Fall 2024.

This course is designed to examine problems and issues related to the death penalty in the United States, including the history of capital punishment, important Supreme Court decisions, how the various jurisdictions (state and federal) deal with capital cases, the comparative costs of incarceration and execution, miscarriages of justice in capital cases and how the criminal justice responds to these issues. (Same course as AMST 4103 and SOC 4103 (Both presently carry the S designation).

Members approved the S designation, effective Fall 2024.

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.

- How we Remember: Public Memory and Private Memoir, requests the H designation, one-time only, Fall 2024.
Credit hrs: 3

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

- Mapping Mental Illness, requests the S and D designations, one-time only, effective Fall 2024.
Credit hrs: 3

Members approved the S and D designations, one-time only, effective Fall 2024.

- The Poetics of Pop Culture, requests the D designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2024.
Credit hrs: 3

Members approved the D designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2024.

- Science and Human Imagination, requests the H designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2024. (4th offering under same title)
Credit hrs: 3

Members tabled the H designation pending receipt of a syllabus with a more detailed course schedule that includes a detailed course schedule explaining how the course meets the requirements of the H designation and writing requirements.

HTM 4090 - International Hospitality Studies

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.

- Doing Business in Northern Italy, requests the I designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2024.

Credit hrs: 3

Members approved the I designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2024.

LL 1123 – The Origins of Ukraine: Culture and State, requests the H designation, effective Fall 2024. This course traces the multicultural origins of the modern Ukrainian state from the beginnings of Kyiv to the present day. Topics include Vikings, Cossacks, the Ukrainian nationalist idea, Soviet domination, and the post-1991 rise of independent Ukraine. It examines the struggles of the Ukrainian people to create a modern nation with challenges, including Russian political and economic interference, invasion, and war. Readings are selected from contemporary Ukrainian authors. Taught in English.

Members tabled the H designation pending receipt of a syllabus clarifying the content for the H designation. The syllabus appears to refer to International subject matter.

LL 1223 - European Folklore and Fairytales, requests the H designation, effective Fall 2024.

This course examines the development of the fairy- tale and folk narrative in Europe from antiquity to the 21st century. By the end of the semester, you will be familiar with the cultural history of fairy- and folk- tales, and their influence on popular culture.

Members approved the H designation, effective Fall 2024.

MC 2143 – Media and Information Literacy, requests the S designation, effective Fall 2024.

Students will be equipped with the competency, knowledge and skills to navigate, analyze, evaluate, and create media and

digital content responsibly. Topics include the historical context, principles, and social implications of media, from traditional print media to contemporary digital/social media as well as critical thinking about the influence and impact of media on society, democracy, and personal decision-making. Issues will include misinformation, disinformation, digital citizenship, media ownership, representation, and bias in media.

Members approved the S designation pending receipt of syllabus detailing how the course covers the empirical and quantitative areas for the S designation.

Chair to make final decision.

MGMT 4650 - Leadership Issues

Prerequisites: MGMT 3013.

Description: Examination of leadership issues. Specific topics vary from semester to semester.

- Research Studies of People and Organizations, requests the S designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2024.

Credit hrs: 3

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

PHIL 2313 - Asking the Right Questions, requests the A designation, effective Fall 2024.

Prerequisite(s): PHIL 1313 or concurrent enrollment in PHIL 1313 or consent of instructor.

We're bombarded with scientific, moral, and political claims that are said to be backed by surveys or studies. Yet the claims frequently contradict each other. We hear that the economy does better when one political party is in charge, and then the next day we hear that it does better when a different party is in power. This course is meant to help students discover when they can trust a claim and the limitations of claims. Students will learn how to understand the logic behind claims and how to separate legitimate claims from those which are illegitimate.

Members approved the A designation, effective Fall 2024.

PHIL 2443 – Ethics: Left & Right, requests the H designation, effective Fall 2024.

In this course students will explore multiple “sides” of social, political, and moral issues which tend to foster stark divisions in our society. The course aims to cultivate, develop, and practice the skill of engaging openly and fairly with viewpoints that we do not immediately agree with. Students will critically examine arguments from different “sides” of moral issues and political debates, attempting to illuminate strengths and weakness of either.

Members approved the H designation, effective Fall 2024.

PHIL 2483 – Ethics and Sports, requests the H and D designations, effective Fall 2024.

This course examines some of the many ethical questions raised by engagement with sport. Some topics to be explored include: the ethics of football in the face of health concerns; the ethics of “doping” or enhancement; what to do about morally problematic team names and mascots; whether it is moral to root for teams with morally problematic individuals; the most ethical approach to compensating athletes; how to foster greater inclusion in sport; and how to use the platform of sport to foster greater inclusion in society more generally.

Members approved the H designation, effective Fall 2024.

Members tabled the D designation pending receipt of a syllabus detailing how the course meets the 50% content for the D designation, best reflected in a detailed course schedule by day. It is also unclear how the course meets the writing requirements of a minimum 5-page paper.

POLS 4020 - Advanced Topics in Comparative Politics,

Prerequisites: POLS 2013 or POLS 2113 or consent of instructor.

Description: In-depth examination of critical topics and issues in Comparative Politics. May be repeated with different topics. May not be used for degree credit with POLS 5410.

- Holding Different Dialogues: Lessons from the UK, requests the I designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2024.
Credit hrs: 3

Members approved the I designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2024.

REL 3743 – Religious Perspectives on Food and Agriculture, requests the H designation, effective Fall 2024.

The goal of this course is to understand the interconnected history of agriculture, food, and religion. We will explore related ancient religions and mythologies, the pastoral roots of many world religions, dietary rules in different religions, as well as contemporary ethical issues as seen through the lens of religion.

Members approved the H designation, effective Fall 2024.

UNIV 3110 - Directed Study

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.

- International Perspectives in Ethical Leadership for McKnight Scholars: Peru, requests the I designation, one-time only, effective May 13th – 24th.
Credit hrs: 3

Members approved the I designation, effective May 13th – 24th, 2024.

- International Perspectives in Ethical Leadership: President’s Leadership Council, Zimbabwe, requests the I designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2024.

Credit hrs: 3

Members approved the I designation, effective Summer 2024.

2. Other

Waiting for State Regents definitions regarding general education.

It was asked how to apply for Trails. It was noted that this information will be available in the future as a pilot of the trails are expected to start Fall 2024 with full implementation Fall 2025. The details are still being finalized.