

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

AFAM 2523 – Black Political Thought, requests the H and D designations, effective Fall 2024. Black Political Thought develops a set of critical tools to help explain the distinctiveness of Black Politics. It pursues a deep understanding of the Black intellectual traditions that inform an enhanced understanding of Political Theory’s core concepts. Using the lens of the African diaspora it investigates the abiding concerns of Political Theory, i.e., the meanings of justice, freedom, and equality; the nature of power, obligation, and “the good life.” Members approved the H and D designation, effective Fall 2024.

AMST 2523 – Dust Bowl, request the H and D designations, effective Fall 2024.
(Crosslisted with HIST 2523)
Examination of the Dust Bowl as: an ecological, economic, and human tragedy; cultural representations in film, literature, art, photography, and music; and a comparative example to study modern issues of ecology, water rights, and environmental justice in the southern plains and around the world. Same course as HIST 2523.
Members approved H designation pending receipt of a syllabus including more specific writing assignment information (lengths and topics).
Members denied the D designation as it was not clear from the information on the syllabus if students would learn to be prepared for engaged citizenship in present-day diverse, multicultural society of the United States.

ENGL 4513 – Literary Art in the Bible, requests the H designation, effective Fall 2024.
(Crosslisted with REL 4513)
This course will explore literary devices (foreshadowing, allegory, symbolism, etc.) and how they are implemented in biblical texts. The Bible will be the primary focus, but comparative texts will be used to build an understanding and recognition of literary devices. We will examine the texts and their history on their own terms, rather than promote a particular religious or non-religious viewpoint. Same course as REL 4513.
Members denied the H designation as they did not feel that this was a general education course but more suited to upper-division students in specific areas. Courses are required to meet “the needs of students across multiple disciplines without requiring extensive specialized skills...”

GEOG 3523 – Gender and Religion Across Cultures, requests the H designation, effective Fall 2024.
(Crosslisted with GWST and REL 3523)
This course explores the interconnectedness of gender, religion, and culture both locally and globally. We will critically analyze how religious ideas, events, texts and traditions inform individual identities, gender discourse, gender roles, as well as issues of power, privilege and oppression within different religious communities around the world. Same course as GWST 3523 and REL 3523.

Members approved the H designation, effective Fall 2024.

GS 4200 - Study Abroad

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor and consent of SGSP Director of Academic Programs.

Description: Academic work abroad on either a group or individual basis. Offered for variable credit, 1-6 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours. Previously offered as INTL 4200. May not be offered for degree credit with GS 5200.

- Modern and Traditional Asia: An Exploration of Japanese Culture and Society, requests the I designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2024.
Credit hours: 3.
Members approved the I designation one-time only, effective Summer 2024.
- Sports Diplomacy in the UK requests the I designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2024.
Credit hours: 3.
Members approve the I designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2024.

GWST 3523 – Gender and Religion Across Cultures, requests the H designation, effective Fall 2024.
(Crosslisted with GEOG and REL 3523)

This course explores the interconnectedness of gender, religion, and culture both locally and globally. We will critically analyze how religious ideas, events, texts, and traditions inform individual identities, gender discourse, gender roles, as well as issues of power, privilege and oppression within different religious communities around the world.

Same course as GEOG 3523 and REL 3523.

Members approved the H designation, effective Fall 2024.

HIST 2313 – Heroes and Wonders of the Ancient World, requests the H designation, effective Fall 2024. Highlights of ancient history, especially from Egypt, Mesopotamia, and Greece. Examines the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World and heroes such as Gilgamesh, Achilles, Sappho, and Heracles. Other major historical and archaeological discoveries are also featured.

Members tabled the H designation pending receipt of a syllabus describing more clearly how the course meets the objectives/requirements for the H designation.

1. Purpose:

Courses designated "H" concentrate on the expression, analysis, and interpretation of ideas and the aesthetics or values that have formed and informed individuals and societies.

2. Requirements:

- a. Students will critically analyze the relationships of aesthetics, ideas, or cultural values to historic and contemporary cultures.
- b. Students will develop an understanding of how ideas, events, arts, or texts shape diverse individual identities.
- c. Students will demonstrate their understanding through written work that provides them the opportunity to enhance their writing skills.

HIST 2413 – Medievalism in the 21st Century, requests the H and I designations, effective Fall 2024. Assesses video game and film portrayals of the Middle Ages and medievalism. Through historiographical readings and critical analysis of modern media sources, examines the ways in which popular media depictions of the past weave fact with fiction, building on our common cultural narrative of "medieval-ish" worlds.

Same course as HIST 4433 (presently carries the H and I).

Members approved the H designation, effective Fall 2024.

Members denied the I designation as there were no specifics on the syllabus related to the I designation.

HIST 2523 – Dust Bowl, request the H and D designations, effective Fall 2024.

(Crosslisted with AMST 2523)

Examination of the Dust Bowl as: an ecological, economic, and human tragedy; cultural representations in film, literature, art, photography, and music; and a comparative example to study modern issues of ecology, water rights, and environmental justice in the southern plains and around the world.

Same course as AMST 2523.

Members approved the H designation pending receipt of a syllabus including more specific writing assignment information (lengths and topics).

Members denied the D designation as there were no specifics on the syllabus related to the D designation; in particular, it seems difficult for this class to meet the requirement of examining “one or more underrepresented groups in present-day United States.”

HIST 2603 – History of Science, requests the H designation, effective Fall 2024.

This course offers an introduction to the history of science from the ancient world to the present. It will not focus exclusively on discoveries and their discoverers. Instead, it will stress questions such as: What is science, how has it been practiced, and by whom? Does culture play a role in scientific development? What is the relationship of gender, race, class, sexual identity, and science?

Same course as HIST 3073 (presently carries the H).

Members approved the H designation, effective Fall 2024.

HIST 2613 – History of Disease, requests the H and I designations, effective Fall 2024.

A global history of diseases across time. Emphasis on infectious diseases and pandemics and their social, cultural, and political effects.

Same course as HIST 3893 (presently carries the H).

Members approve the H designation, effective Fall 2024.

Members denied the I designation as the syllabus did not appear to reflect present day international cultural interactions.

HIST 2713 – Sympathy, Curiosity, and Rivalry: The United State and China since 1900, requests the H designation, effective Fall 2024.

This course offers a historical overview of the United States and China since 1900. Students will have the unique intellectual experience of looking at each country’s recent history from the perspective of the other. More than diplomatic relations, it also covers the social and cultural experiences of both, particularly in areas where they inspire, impact on, and interact with each other.

Members approved the H designation, effective Fall 2024.

HIST 3610 – Topics in US History, requests the H designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2024.

Special topics in United States history.

Credit hours: 3.

Members denied the H designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2024. The course does not appear to be a general education course for the general student body.

HIST 3710 – Topics in European History, requests the H designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2024.

Special topics in European history.

Credit hours: 3.

Members denied the H designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2024. The course does not appear to be a general education course for the general student body.

HIST 3810 - Topics in World History, requests the H designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2024.
Special topics in World history.

Credit hours: 3.

Members denied the H designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2024. The course does not appear to be a general education course for the general student body.

HIST 4053 – Historians and the Law, requests the H and D designations, effective Fall 2024.

This upper-division course explores historians' current and historic role in shaping the creation, implementation, and interpretation of laws inside and outside the United States.

Members denied both designations. The course does not appear to be a general education course for the general student body.

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.

- Social Media and Social (in) Justice, requests the H and D designations, one-time only, effective Fall 2024.

Credit hours: 3

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

HONR 3000 - Advanced Honors Topics

Prerequisites: Honors Program participation, junior standing.

Description: Topical study in various disciplines taught by faculty from the undergraduate colleges for junior and senior students in the University Honors Program. Offered for variable credit, 1-3 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.

- White, the Construction of a Race: An Interdisciplinary Study (Honors), requests the D designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2024.

Credit hours: 3

Members tabled the D designation as it was not evident from the information on the syllabus if the course met the requirement for the D designation. It was also unclear if the course met the writing requirements. Members also suggested the instructor provide more details on the syllabus, such as a grading scale in the syllabus.

MKTG 4550 - Problems In Marketing

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: 3 for all listed below. (Statement of waiver of the prerequisite of 45 credit hours sent with attachments)

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

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

- Doing Business in Greece, requests the I designation, one-time only, Summer 2024.

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

- o Doing Business in London and Edinburgh, requests the I designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2024.

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

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

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REL 3523 – Gender and Religion Across Cultures, requests the H designation, effective Fall 2024.
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2. Other

Members discussed proposed language for the F designation and approved the proposal from the General Education Working Group.

