

GENERAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (GEAC) ZOOM MEETING

MINUTES

4/21/25

Participants: Tammy Mix, Lane Greer, Kat Gardner Vandy, Mike Yough, Stacie Takas, Kelva Hunger, Amy Malek and Chris Francisco, chair.

(Highlighting significant areas on syllabus submissions are recommended and appreciated, but please do not use dark or green highlights.)

General Education Designations (Review based on 2025 General Education Criteria)

ENGL 2443 - Languages of the World (I), requests the S designation and written competency, effective Fall 2025.

Description: A comprehensive survey of world languages. The essential structural and historical organization of languages. The process of languages as a basic human function. Same course as FLL 2443. Presently carries the I/G designation.

Members approved the S designation and written competency, effective Fall 2025.

ENGL 3030 - Writing the Short Story, requests the permanent F designation and written competency, effective Fall 2025.

This workshop will focus on the creative process of writing original short stories. Because this class focuses on writing and the creative process, we will examine our own work and the work of published fiction writers. The type, form, and audience of short stories covered in this class will vary. Previously offered as ENGL 3033. Offered for fixed credit, 3 credit hours, maximum of 9 credit hours.

Prerequisites: None

Members approved the permanent F designation and written competency, effective Fall 2025.

ENGL 3273 - YouTube and Online Communities, requests the H designation and oral, visual, and written competencies, effective Fall 2025.

This course offers a critical assessment of the video-sharing platform YouTube. Course readings and written assignments emphasize the aesthetics and industrial practices of the platform. Topics include genres of content creation, the creator economy, influencer culture,

content moderation and community guidelines, copyright infringement and relation to legacy media, disinformation and conspiracy theories, and political radicalization.

Prerequisites: None

Members approved the H designation and written competency pending receipt of a syllabus to include information that students will receive instructor feedback on writing assignments to be incorporated into subsequent writing.

Members denied the oral and visual competencies as they did not feel that the course met the requirements and felt it would be difficult to accomplish all three competencies in a single course. (Additionally, there is no requirement for students to meet all communication competencies.)

ENGL 3293 - Media and the Environment, requests the H designation and oral and written competencies, effective Fall 2025.

This course examines the relationship between media industries and the natural environment. Topics covered include depictions of non-human nature (animals and plants), representations of climate change, sustainable media production, and media's relation to extractive industries and energy production.

Prerequisites: None

Members approved the H designation and written competency, effective Fall 2025.

Members tabled the oral competency as it was not specific from the information on the syllabus of how the course met the requirements for the oral competency and it did not appear from the information in the syllabus that students received instructor feedback on oral assignments.

ENGL 4620 - Creative Nonfiction: Writing Memoir and the Personal Essay, requests the permanent F designation and written competency, effective Fall 2025.

Students learn and practice the specialized craft techniques of creative nonfiction by writing and workshopping original memoirs and personal essays and reading and discussing published memoirs and personal essays. Previously offered and same course as ENGL 4460. May not be used for degree credit with ENGL 5720 or ENGL 6160. Offered for fixed credit, 3 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.

Prerequisites: None

Members denied the F designation and written competency as it was felt that the course was not for the general student population. The Council feels there should be a high bar for new 4000-level general education requests. There are no prerequisites on the course, but would students who have not taken at least Composition I and some other English classes be likely to succeed? How are 4000-level courses reasonably serving both advanced majors and students who have not taken prior English classes?

ENGL 4630 - Writing the Novel, requests the permanent F designation and written competency, effective Fall 2025.

Students will actively participate in a lively workshop environment focusing on the creative process of writing original novels. The types, forms, and audience of novels covered in this course will vary. Because this class focuses on writing and the creative process, we will examine our own work and the work of published novelists. Previously offered as ENGL 4633. May not be used for degree credit with ENGL 5730 or ENGL 6130. Offered for fixed credit, 3 credit hours, maximum of 9 credit hours.

Prerequisites: None

Members denied the F designation and written competency as it was felt that the course was not for the general student population. See comments for ENGL 4620.

ENGL 4640 - Poetry Writing: Lyric and Narrative, requests the permanent F designation and written competency, effective Fall 2025

Students will actively participate in a lively workshop environment focusing on the creative process of writing lyric and/or narrative poetry. The types, forms, and audience of poems covered in this course will vary. Because this class focuses on writing and the creative process, we will examine both student work and the work of published poets. Previously offered as ENGL 4643. May not be used for degree credit with ENGL 5740 or ENGL 6140. Offered for fixed credit, 3 credit hours, maximum of 9 credit hours.

Members denied the F designation and written competency as it was felt that the course was not for the general student population. See comments for ENGL 4620.

HONR 1030 - Introductory Honors Seminar in Arts and Humanities

Prerequisites: Honors College participation.

Description: Introduction to topics in arts and humanities disciplines. Offered for variable credit, 1-3 credit hours, maximum of 12 credit hours.

- Tattoos As Text, requests the H and D designations and written competency, one-time only, effective Fall 2025.

3/24/2025 - Members approved the H designation and written competency, one-time only effective Fall 2025.

Members approved pending the D designation and written competency pending clarification that students receive feedback on writing assignment to be incorporated in subsequent writing before the end of the course. Members also noted that it would be beneficial to include more information regarding the course schedule in the syllabus.

3/27/2025 – revised syllabus received.

4/21/25 – Members approved the D designation and written competency, one-time only, effective Fall 2025.

LL 1233 – Spanish in the United States requests the H and D designations and written competency, effective Fall 2025.

The course provides an introduction to the Spanish-speaking communities across the United States, with a special emphasis on Spanish-speaking communities in Oklahoma. Students will explore key topics such as the history of Spanish in the U.S., differences in how Spanish is spoken in various regions, bilingualism, media representation, and language policy. Students will critically engage with these topics through weekly reading, discussions, and assignments. Course taught in English.

Members tabled the request. The Council felt that the syllabus met the D designation but did not provide sufficient information to approve the written competency and thus did not yet qualify for general education designation. The request for the H designation was unclear; much of the language in the syllabus seemed directed at the S designation instead. The instructor should clarify which designation they seek and revise the syllabus accordingly, giving additional detail and explanation.

Foreign Language Courses:

KRN 1713 - Elementary Korean I, requests the F designation and oral competency, effective Fall 2025.

Description: Pronunciation, conversation, grammar, and reading. Not for native speakers per University Academic Regulation 4.9.

Members approved the F designation and oral competency, effective Fall 2025.

KRN 1813 Elementary Korean II, requests the F designation and oral competency, effective Fall 2025.

Prerequisites: KRN 1713 or equivalent proficiency.

Description: Reading, the writing system, culture, grammar, conversation. Not for native speakers per University Academic Regulation 4.9.

Members approved the F designation and oral competency, effective Fall 2025.

KRN 2713 - Intermediate Korean I, requests the F designation and oral competency, effective Fall 2025.

Reading, the writing system, culture, grammar, conversation. A continuation of KRN 1813. Not for native speakers per University Academic Regulation 4.9.

Prerequisites: KRN 1813 or equivalent proficiency.

Members approved the F designation and oral competency, effective Fall 2025.

RUSS 1713 - Elementary Russian I, requests the F designation and oral competency, effective Fall 2025.

Description: Understanding, speaking, reading, and writing. method of instruction is audio-lingual. Not for native speakers per University Academic Regulation 4.9. Previously offered as RUSS 1115.

Members tabled the request. It appears that the 1713 syllabus was not revised in the same way as the 1813 syllabus, and there are some group presentations listed on the syllabus and some old language. If the syllabus could be modified to be like the 1813 syllabus, the Council is amenable to the F designation.

RUSS 1813 - Elementary Russian II, requests the F designation and oral competency, effective Fall 2025.

Prerequisites: RUSS 1713 or equivalent proficiency.

Description: Continuation of RUSS 1713. Not for native speakers per University Academic Regulation 4.9. Previously offered as RUSS 1225.

Members approved the F designation and oral competency, effective Fall 2025.

Information Only:

ENGL 3200 - From the Beatles to Pink Floyd: Music, films, and Album Art of British Invasion, requests the H designation and written competency, one-time only, effective Fall 2025.

Prerequisites: 9 credit hours of English. (Waived for general education credit)

Description: Specialized reading and independent study. Offered for variable credit, 1-3 credit hours, maximum of 3 credit hours.

Members approved the H designation, one-time only, pending receipt of a syllabus detailing how the course and paper focuses on the H designation and explaining how students are to receive feedback on writing assignments to be incorporated in subsequent writing. (The department is waiving the prerequisites, 9 credit hours of English, for general education credit.)

4/21/25 – received revised syllabus and Dr. Francisco approved the H designation and written competency, one-time only, effective Fall 2025.

HONR 1010 - Introductory Honors Seminar in Social Sciences

Prerequisites: Honors College participation.

Description: Introduction to topics in social science disciplines by faculty from the undergraduate colleges for freshman and sophomore students in the University Honors College. Offered for variable credit, 1-3 credit hours, maximum of 12 credit hours.

- Cults in American Society requests the S designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2025.

Members approved the S designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2025.

- Cults in American Society requests the S designation and written competency, one-time only, effective Fall 2025.

Members approved the S designation and written competency, one-time only, effective Fall 2025.