

GENERAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (GEAC) MEETING

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Email Vote

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

ART 3573 - History of Photography, requests the H designation and written competency, effective, Spring 2026.

Description: An introduction to the history of photography from its beginnings in the early nineteenth century to the present. Emphasis will be on art and documentary photography in Europe and the United States. Photographs will be studied for their aesthetic, technical, cultural, and scientific purposes. The primary goal of the course is to promote critical and theoretical thinking about photographic images, their meaning, and impact on society. Members approved the H designation and written competency, effective Spring 2026.

ENGL 3043 to 3083 - Global Approaches to Ecological Storytelling, requests the G designation and written competency, effective Fall 2025.

This writing course focuses on the development, practice, traditions, concerns, and characteristics of ecological writing through a collaboration of global scientific research, international observation, and respectful empathic cultural communication through narrative. With collaboration among critical thinkers and narrative writers, we can combine the power of storytelling with scientific rigor to convey complex ideas about global biodiversity loss. Members approved the G designation and written competency, 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.

Prerequisite: none

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

Information Items Only:

DM 4040 - International Studies in Design and Merchandising, requests the G designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2025.

Selected areas of international study in Design and Merchandising. Offered for variable credit, 1-6 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours. Previously offered as DHM 4040. Members approved the G designation, pending receipt of a syllabus detailing how the course meets the writing requirements for an upper division course. Members also noted that the daily writing is not considered formal writing and does not count toward the required 8-page writing requirement. Members noted that it appeared from the information on the syllabus that feedback on writing assignments was only given on the daily writing, not the formal writing assignment. The chair will make the final decision.

5/9/25 – Revised syllabus received, and Dr. Francisco approved the G designation, one-time only, effective Summer 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.

11/18/24 - 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.

4/28/25 – Received revised syllabus and Dr. Francisco approved the F designation and oral competency, effective Fall 2025.

RUSS 2713 Intermediate Russian I, requests the F designation and oral competency, effective Fall 2025.

Prerequisites: RUSS 1813 or equivalent proficiency.

Description: Russian grammar, composition and conversation. Not for native speakers per University Academic Regulation 4.9. Previously offered as RUSS 2115.

11/18/24 – Members approved pending receipt of a syllabus including more specifics related to the F designations and oral competency.

4/28/25 – Received revised syllabus and Dr. Francisco approved the F designation and oral 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.)

5/5/25 – Revised syllabus received, and Dr. Francisco approved the H designation and written competency, effective Fall 2025.

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](#).

Credit hours: 1-6

- OSU Global Intersection of Culture and Industry in France, requests the G designation, effective Summer 2025.

The application was approved for the G designation, effective Summer 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.

- Mapping Mental Illness requests the S and D designations and written competency, one-time only, effective Fall 2025.

Members approved the S and D designations and written competency, one-time only, pending receipt of a syllabus which includes how students receive feedback on writing assignments to be incorporated into subsequent writing.

6/5/25 - Received revised syllabus, and Dr. Francisco approved the S and D designations and written competency, effective Fall 2025