

**GENERAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (GEAC) ZOOM MEETING
MINUTES
10/10/25**

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Present: Sarah Johnson, Stacy Takas, Lisa Slevich, Michael Holmes, Howard Sanborn, Kat Gardner Vandy, Sarah Ra, Amy Martindale, Kelva Hunger, and Chris Francisco (chair)

General Education Designations:

(Courses from the 9/5/25 GEAC Agenda)

BIOL 3700 Readings and Special Studies in Integrative Biology,

Prerequisites: BIOL 1604 and consent of instructor.

Description: Discussion of selected readings. Previously offered as ZOOL 3700. Offered for variable credit, 1-3 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.

- Tropical Field Biology: Costa Rica, requests the N designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2026. Offered for 3 cr. hrs.

Members tentatively approved the N designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2026, requesting that the syllabus include more information regarding what students will learn to fulfill the N designation. In particular, the Council would like to see more details to demonstrate that students will achieve the same learning outcomes as in a more traditional N class.

Chair will make the final decision.

ECON 4850 - Applied Studies in Economics

Prerequisites: 12 credit hours in economics and consent of instructor.

Description: Structured internship or field project with supporting academic study. Offered for variable credit, 1-6 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.

- Applied Studies in Economics, requests the G designation and written competency, one-time only, effective Spring 2026. Offered for 3 cr. hrs.

Members approved the G designation with written competency, one-time only, effective Spring 2026.

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

- **Sustainability Singapore**, requests the G and S designations, with written competency, one-time only, effective May 2026. Offered for 3 cr. hrs.

Members approved the G and S designations with written competency pending clarification that the assignments cover both designations. How does the writing meet both the G and S requirements?

Chair will make the final decision.

HIST 2033 – History of Money, requests the H designation and written competency, effective Fall 2026.

Description: Everyone needs money. And we use money every day, but we rarely stop to think about its history. This class explores the history of money and the different forms it has taken over time, including the world before cash. It investigates who is allowed to mint, print, lend, and regulate money along with changing connections between wealth and status in societies across time. While the particular areas of focus will vary by semester, the class will explore how authority and power are central to money's long history.

Members tabled the H designation with written competency. The course does not seem to meet the H designation requirements as it appears that much of the content and writing does not focus on H learning outcomes.

MGMT 4053 - Study Abroad: Contemporary Global Impacts in Marketing & International Business, requests the G designation and written competency, effective Spring 2026.

Description: A study of business in a country and region that will provide an integrated approach to the rich cultural, commercial, historical, technological, political, economic, and religious issues. The country's role as a political and economic power will be examined. Comparisons of technology, policies, and economies will be made, as well as investigating hurdles and synergies to doing business between that country and the U.S.

Members approved the G designation and written competency pending receipt of a syllabus with clarification of the dates of the assignments.
Chair will make the final decision.

MKTG 4053 - Study Abroad: Contemporary Global Impacts in Marketing & International Business, requests the G designation and written competency, effective Spring 2026.

Description: A study of business in a country and region that will provide an integrated approach to the rich cultural, commercial, historical, technological, political, economic, and religious issues. The country's role as a political and economic power will be examined. Comparisons of technology, policies, and economies will be made, as well as investigating hurdles and synergies to doing business between that country and the U.S.

Members approved the G designation and written competency pending receipt of a syllabus with clarification of the dates of the assignments.
Chair will make the final decision.

(10/10/25 GEAC Courses/Applications)

AMST/HIST 2473 - American Imperial Culture, requests the H designation and written competency, effective Spring 2026.

Description: This course is designed to be a broad survey of American Imperial culture, and responses to it, with a focus on the period from 1890 to 1960.

Members tabled the H designation with written competency; members asked for more information regarding how the course meets the H learning outcomes.

GEOL 4030 Geologic Field Investigation

Description: One to three weeks of required field study at sites of geological interest and significance. Field trip charges apply. Does not substitute for [GEOL 3546](#). Offered for variable credit, 1-3 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.

Prerequisites: [GEOL 1013](#), [GEOL 1014](#), [GEOL 1114](#) or [GEOL 1224](#)

- **Climate, Hazards, and Civilization:** A Mexico Experience requests the L and N designations, one-time only, effective Winter Intersession/Dec. 2025. Offered for 3 cr. hrs.
Members tabled the L and N designations pending receipt of a syllabus describing specifics on how the course meets the requirements for both designations.

Additionally, what prerequisites will be enforced? What is the intended audience for this class?

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 and Society, requests the G and S designations and written competency, one-time only, effective Spring 2026. Offered for 3 credit hours.

Members tentatively approved the S designation with written competency, one-time only, pending receipt of a syllabus giving more explanation about how the S learning outcomes are achieved. Members tabled the G designation pending receipt of a syllabus detailing more information regarding the global aspects of the course: how does the writing reflect the G outcomes? How does the syllabus meet the present-day requirement?

- Teaching Environmental Science Through Service, requests the N designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2026. Offered for 3 credit hours.

Members tabled the N designation pending receipt of a syllabus clarifying how the course meets the requirements for the N designation, noting that the N content is not sufficiently present or clear.

- Mapping Mental Illness, requests the S and D designations with written competency, one-time only, effective Spring 2026. Offered for 3 credit hours.

Members approved the S and D designations with written competency, one-time only, effective Spring 2026.

HONR 1020 Introductory Honors Seminar in STEM

Prerequisites: Honors College Participation.

Description: Introduction to topics in STEM 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.

- Citizen Science Camp requests the N designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2026. Offered for 3 credit hours.

Members approved the N designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2026. (No communication competencies are required or awarded for the N designation.)

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.

- Literature and Culture of the First World War, requests the H designation and written competency, one-time only, effective Spring 2026. Offered for 3 credit hours. Members approved the H designation and written competency, one-time only, effective Spring 2026.
- Tattoos as Text, requests the H and D designations with written competency, one-time only, effective Spring 2026. Offered for 3 credit hours.

Members approved the H designation with written competency. Members tabled the D designation pending receipt of a syllabus clarifying specifics regarding how the writing integrates the D elements sufficiently.

HTM 1103 Introduction to Hospitality and Tourism, requests the S designation and written competency, effective Spring 2026.

Description: Study of lodging, food and beverage, events, tourism and other service industries from a global perspective. Emphasizes development and history, ethical issues, and professional opportunities. Previously offered as HRAD 1103.

Members tabled the S designation and written competency pending receipt of a syllabus with more emphasis on how the course meets the S designation.

HTM 1113 Fundamentals of Culinary Production, requests the S designation and written competency, effective Spring 2026.

Description: Food production as related to theories and techniques of foods, their preparation fundamentals using a scientific and experiential approach. Focus on gastronomic basics, national safety and sanitation standards, organizational skills for food operations, standardized recipe and equipment understanding, quality control. Teamwork, communication skills and problem-solving strategies as related to food production environments. Previously offered as HRAD 1113.

Members approved the S designation and written competency.

POLS 2523 - Black Political Thought, requests the D designation and written competency, effective Spring 2026.

Description: 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." Same course as [AFAM 2523](#).

Members tabled pending the D designation and written competency pending receipt of a syllabus detailing the contemporary aspects of the course.

SOC 3343 Technology and Society, requests the S designation and written competency, effective Spring 2026

Description: Exploration of various aspects of the relationship between society and technology. Analysis of arguments about the role of technology in society. Examination of the social contexts within which technology is created and discussion of the mechanisms and processes through which technology is embraced or discarded, such as peer review, politics, religion, and legal frameworks. Previously offered as SOC 4463.

Members approved the S designation with written competency.

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