

Memorandum

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To: Dr. Kappus

From: Craig Leverette, Chair
Curriculum Advisory Board

RE: General Education Outcomes Forum Core Curriculum Recommendations

Following three months of thoughtful deliberation, the Curriculum Advisory Board recommends the adoption of the recommendations of the General Education Outcomes Forum on core curriculum, with the following changes:

- ❖ Remove MATH 1370 from the Core based on the course description and the fact that currently it is not required by any AA/AS/AAS degree. (The only place it shows up is as a recommended elective in the Math emphasis)
- ❖ Remove AAS notation from MATH 1376, 2305, 2318, 2320, 2412, 2413, 2414, 2415, 2417 and 2419. These are classes that many students either start in or take for transfer purposes and therefore should be able to use them for the AA and AS as well. (They should have no designation, as they are acceptable for all degrees.)
- ❖ Include MATH 1350 and MATH 1351 in AA due to the fact that College Algebra is listed as a prerequisite in both courses.
- ❖ Include MATH 1332 in the AA also, due to the statement in the course description that states, “for liberal arts majors”.
- ❖ Include MATH 2373 in all cores, this is a second year Math course and similar courses are in the core.
- ❖ Add HUMA 2319 and HUMA 2323 to the core. These are new courses that were recently approved.
- ❖ Remove BIOL1470- it is a unique need class and has not been offered in some time and therefore will be terminated.
- ❖ Do not include any unique need courses in the core. We are not in the position to include these courses in the core, until we satisfy the ACGM rules for unique need courses used as core. There are many transfer issues that come into play on unique need courses. There are other options available that would not have the transfer issues.

- ❖ Remove the following PHED courses: PHED 1103, 1107, 1108, 1109, 1119, 1122, 1138, and 2140. These are all courses that will be terminated.
- ❖ Make GEOL 1402 acceptable for the AA and the AAS.
- ❖ Remove AAS notation from PHIL 2321. This would make it in line with the other PHIL courses.
- ❖ Include ENGL 2311 in all cores. This class is required at some four-year institutions and is also eligible for substitution in various CCCCD degree programs.
- ❖ Make the Humanities options the same in AA, AS, AAS. This would mean dropping the AA/AS notation from: ENGL 2322, 2323, 2327, 2328, 2332, 2333, 2342, 2343- FREN 2303, 2304 and SPAN 2321, 2322.
- ❖ Include PSYC 2306 and 2315- State Universities in Texas recognize these courses as satisfying core requirements in the social sciences. Currently we are limiting the method of satisfying our 3 credit hour social science core requirement to two courses.
- ❖ Include SOCI 1306, 2301, 2319- State Universities in Texas recognize these courses as satisfying core requirements in the social sciences. Currently we are limiting the method of satisfying our 3 credit hour social science core requirement to two courses.
- ❖ Include HIST 2311 and 2312- these two courses each cover ALL of the "Core Area Educational Objectives" except for numbers 4 and 5. And, these two courses cover ALL the "Social Science Competencies" except for numbers 6, 7, 10 and 11.
- ❖ With regard to #3 under Additional Recommendations CAB feels that COSC 1300 should be re-designed to remain college level and remain as part of the core. However, it is also the feeling that many students are taking this course without the basic knowledge necessary and therefore a remedial class should be developed.
- ❖ With regard to #1 under Additional Recommendations this is no longer an issue, as it has been addressed and should be removed from the document.
- ❖ With regard to #6 under Additional Recommendations this is no longer an issue, as it has been addressed and should be removed from the document.
- ❖ With regard to the Minority Reports CAB does not recommend adoption. Could create a barrier to core and degree completion.