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COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION AND CURRICULUM

14-15 CIC 38
May 4, 2015

TO:	The Academic Senate
FROM:	The Committee on Instruction and Curriculum
SUBJECT:	14-15 CIC 38: GE Model proposal and GE/Graduation requirements
PURPOSE:	Model for General Education and other Baccalaureate degree requirements under semesters.
ACTION REQUESTED:	That the Academic Senate approve the following policy for baccalaureate degree requirements. With Presidential consent, the requirements become effective upon semester conversion.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The GE Subcommittee was charged by CIC in Fall Quarter, 2014, to develop recommendations for degree requirements upon conversion to the semester calendar. The Subcommittee met weekly and held forums for broad faculty discussion regarding the vision and form for the new graduation requirement regime.

At its meeting on May 4, 2015, CIC received and unanimously recommended to the Academic Senate the policy developed by the GE Subcommittee. Specific learning outcomes for the requirements recommended will follow after more subcommittee and committee deliberations.

General Education and Graduation Requirement Proposed Model

This proposed model addresses the following Baccalaureate Degree Requirements:

1. 48 units state mandated system-wide minimum General Education Breadth (GE, Executive Order 1100),
2. 6 units state mandated U.S. History, U.S. Constitution, and California state and local government requirement (American Institutions "Code," Title 5, Section 40404), and
3. 3 units Writing II/Writing in the Disciplines (WID) graduation requirement, updating CSU East Bay's current requirement for "2nd Composition" (ENGL 1002).

This proposed model does not address the following Baccalaureate Degree Requirements:

1. Writing Skills Requirement. The Writing Skills Subcommittee of the Committee on Instruction and Curriculum will propose models for meeting this state requirement.
2. Overlay requirements such as the current Cultural Groups and Women's requirement will be determined by the end of AY 2014-15 (see "additional features yet to be determined" below).

This proposed model introduces the opportunity to "**double count**" **up to 9 units** as follows:

- 3 units in the lower division major department (prefix) may satisfy both the major and GE requirements for all students.
- 3 units of code may satisfy both Code and GE requirements.
- 3 units of Writing II/WID in the major (prefix) may satisfy both major and graduation requirements (not GE).

NOTE that any course that satisfies both GE and/or Code and/or Writing II/WID must be certified as GE and/or Code and/or Writing II/WID through the usual curricular approval processes.

NOTE that, as in current practice, any course required for the major outside the major prefix that is approved for GE may count for both GE and major requirements.

Units Summary Implications of this proposed model

Baccalaureate Degree Requirements addressed = 57 units

57 = 48 units GE + 6 units Code + 3 units Writing II/WID

Potential for double counting = 9 units

9 = 3 units lower division major prefix + 3 units Code + 3 units Writing II/WID

Total Potential Units outside the major prefix = 48 units

48 = 57 units – 9 units

This proposed model discontinues the following features

- Science Elective, formerly Area B5. EO 1100 requires 1 year of lower division science. On the quarter system, this allowed for a 3rd science elective within GE. On the semester system, the 1 year requirement is met with 2 lower division science courses (1 year) (details in the table below).
- Performing Arts and Activities, formerly Area F. EO 1100 does not include this local GE requirement. In order to meet the mandates of EO 1100 and propose a 48 unit requirement outside the major prefix, this requirement was not included in the model. It is anticipated that "Creative Expression" may be incorporated into the area C requirements (details in the table below).
- Freshman Academic Skills, formerly Area G. This requirement is a substitution in our current GE requirements for Area E in the semester model. It is anticipated that some of these outcomes will be incorporated into the Area E requirements (see details in the table below).

Additional features yet to be determined

- Learning outcomes for all areas need to be updated.
- Potential "overlays" of learning outcomes, likely in upper division GE, are under discussion. These would be outcomes in addition to standard GE outcomes that address learning related to our institutional learning outcomes. These would enhance our current Cultural Groups and Women requirement (see proposed CIC 24).
- Overall structure and objectives for Area E.

AREA DISTRIBUTION AND UNITS

GE Area, Code or Grad Requirement	State Required Area Units	State Required Subarea Units	CSUEB Proposed Units
Area A Communication in English	9		
A1: Oral Communication		3	3
A2: Written Communication		3	3
A3: Critical Thinking		3	3
Area B Natural Sciences and Mathematics	12		
B1: Physical Science		3	3
B2: Life Science		3	3
B3: Science Lab		0	0
B4: Quantitative Reasoning		3	3
B6: Upper Division Science		3	3
Area C Fine Arts and Humanities	12		
C1: Fine Arts		3	3
C2: Humanities		3	3
C3: Arts/Humanities elective		3	3
C4: Upper Division Arts or Humanities		3	3
Area D Social Sciences	12		
D1: Social Science elective		3	3
D2: Social Science elective		3	3
D3: Social Science elective		3	3
D4: Upper Division Social Science		3	3
Area E: Lifelong Learning and Self-Development	3		
Lifelong learning and self-development		3	3
TOTAL GE	48 (3 lower div units double count in major prefix)		
American Institutions Code	6		
American History/Government		3	3
California History/Government		3	3
TOTAL CODE	6 (3 units double count with GE)		
Writing II/WID Graduation requirement	0		
Writing II/WID		0	3
TOTAL WRITING II/WID REQUIRMENT	3 (3 units double count in major prefix)		
TOTAL REQUIRMENTS	57 UNITS		
TOTAL POTENTIAL DOUBLE COUNT	9 UNITS		
TOTAL OUTSIDE MAJOR PREFIX	48 UNITS = 57 UNITS – 9 UNITS		

GE and Graduation Requirements

QUARTERS TO SEMESTERS
GE SUBCOMMITTEE OF CIC
CSU EAST BAY, SPRING, 2015

Overview

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Charge and process

- CIC charged the GE Subcommittee with informing CIC and the Academic Senate about mandated requirements and recommended requirements for GE and Graduation as we move to semesters.
- The GE Subcommittee studied models from around the system with special attention to double counting (in major prefix and in American Institutions "code"), distribution, and flexibility within policies.
- The GE Subcommittee held faculty/campus forums to discuss the role of GE at CSU East Bay.

Charge and process cont'd

- Via the forums, examples, and other discussions the GE Subcommittee established priorities including
  - recognizing unique student characteristics and needs in determining campus GE and Graduation Requirements;
  - being mindful of unit counts and their impact on programs; and
  - emphasizing ILOs as a key responsibility of GE and graduation requirements.

Baccalaureate degree requirement addressed State GE Requirements (EO 1100)

- 48 Semester Units with Area Distribution
  - 9 units Communication in English
  - 12 units Natural Sciences and Mathematics
  - 12 units Fine Arts and Humanities
  - 12 units Social Sciences
  - 3 units Lifelong Learning and Self-Development

Updated so that 3 units in the lower division major department (prefix) may satisfy both the major and GE requirements for all students.

Baccalaureate degree requirement addressed State Graduation Requirements (Title 5, 40404)

- U.S. History, U.S. Constitution, and California state and local government requirement (American Institutions "Code")
  - 3 units American History/Government
  - 3 units California History/Government

Updated so that 3 units of code may satisfy both Code and GE requirements

Baccalaureate degree requirement addressed CSU East Bay Requirement

- 3 units Writing II/Writing in the Discipline (WID).

3 units of Writing II/WID in the major (prefix) may satisfy both major and graduation requirements (not GE). Formerly "2nd Comp" (ENGL 1002).

Baccalaureate degree requirements NOT addressed

- University Writing Skills Requirement (UWSR). EO 665 The Writing Skills Subcommittee of the Committee on Instruction and Curriculum will propose models for meeting this state requirement.
- Overlay requirements such as the current Cultural Groups and Women's requirement.
- Structure (such as GS / Cluster)

Double counting

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  - 48 = 57 units – 9 units

New Features

- Allows some double counting.
- Incorporates “enhanced” overlay connection to ILOs within GE.
- Moves “2nd comp” (ENGL 1002) to Writing II/Writing in the Disciplines.

Tradeoffs

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Questions? Comments?

Addendum to GE/GR Model on Writing II

English Department or within the program requirements of any discipline, lower or upper division	Significantly abbreviated version of the current ENGL 1002 outcomes	GE/GR minimum units are 48 – 57. Potentially more students will be exposed to writing in their discipline. Significantly abbreviated instruction in writing as compared to ENGL 1002.

Features:

This writing requirement can be fulfilled either in the lower division or upper division, by the English department or within the major program.

ENGL 1002 (semester equivalent) will still exist. Major programs that do not wish to offer a composition course in their major can refer their major to the ENGL course.

Most transfer students will come into the university with this requirement already satisfied, as they do now.

Courses will be vetted and approved through an appropriate committee and sent through the Senate.

Some caveats:

Faculty who are not trained specifically in composition will need help and support teaching writing in the major program. This will require resources and a robust Graduate Writing Assistant program.

Real writing instruction can only be done in smaller class. Moving forward, the GE Subcommittee recommends a firm cap on classes (like C4 and D4 GE now).

These courses need to be designed to provide specific writing instruction, not just as having a lot of writing in them. We anticipate that the Student Learning Outcomes will reflect this.