

GE Subcommittee meeting
Nov. 11, 2005

Members present: Emily Stoper, Silvina Ituarte, Jeff Seitz, Sally Murphy, Rita Liberti, Joy Bhadury, Kris Ramsdell, Tammie Simmons-Mosley, and Saeid Motavalli

Guests: EJ Murphy, Rich Luibrand, Alan Monat, Dee Andrews, Nan Maxwell

Meeting started at 2:54

Science (GE Area B)

Chem. 3010 – MSP (8-0-0) to approve for B6 for W 06 only. The ways in which the course will assist students in acquiring B6 outcomes 3 &4 are not clear. The subcommittee members indicated they needed more detail to provide GE certification. Continued approval depends upon the subcommittee receiving more thorough explanation of how the course meets the required learning outcomes and syllabi or course materials that demonstrate where the outcomes will be met.

HSC 2001 – Not clear whether course is applying for GE Area B2 or B3 – need to clarify. MSP to approve for either B2 or B3 (8-0- 0).

HSC 2500 – MSP to approve for B3 (8-0-0)

Geol 3400 - MSP to approve for B6 (8-0-1)

Geol 3100 – MSP to approve for B6 (9-0-1)

Biol. 2030 - no justifications for learning outcomes - **postpone until Nov.30th**

Geog 3115 and 3120 – MSP to approve for B6 for W 06 only (9-0-0) Materials did not directly address the outcomes. Continued approval depends upon the subcommittee receiving more thorough explanation/demonstration of how the course meets the required learning outcomes, particularly outcomes 3 & 4.

Humanities (GE Area C)

Engl. 3692 - has prerequisite - Engl. 1001 – MSP to approve for C4 (9-0-0)

Engl. 4260 - MSP to approve for C4 (4-3-0)

Hist. - 3412 – MSP to approve for C4 (7-0-2)

Hist. 3107 – **postpone until 11/28**

Hist. 3017 – MSP to approve for C4 (7-0-2)

Hist. 3600 - **postpone until 11/28**

Hist. 3547 - MSP to approve for C4 (5-1-3)

Hist. 3517 – MSP to approve for C4 (8-0-1)

Social Science (GE Area D)

Econ 3000, 3200, 3500, 4306, 3370, 3190, 3006, 3107 – MSP to group and approve for D4 (9-0-0)

Anth. 3250 – MSP for D4 (8-0-1)

Anth. 3730 – MSP to approve for D4 (6-0-2)

Anth. 3790- MSP to approve for D4 (8-0-0)

Other:

Courses reviewed this meeting prompted discussion about the appropriateness of pre-requisites for GE courses. While there is no official prohibition of prerequisites for courses carrying GE credit, the subcommittee members discussed whether GE courses should require more than lower division GE area completion for upper division courses. The subcommittee members thought that prerequisites would limit the number of students eligible to take a course. Concerns also expressed about fairness to students taking major courses without necessary background and/or lack of depth provided for majors. Prerequisites, however, do allow for greater depth of learning for GE. How many prerequisites are appropriate? Should the only prerequisite be completion of lower division GE?

The subcommittee agreed to continue the discussion at a meeting early in 2006 and draft a recommended policy to CIC.

Subcommittee discussed how support for advanced information literacy could be provided even in courses that do not require a paper or oral presentation. Discussion will continue during meeting in early 2006.