



1st reading draft for 4/17/18 Academic Senate

Academic Senate

14/AS/18/UEPC/GE – General Education (GE) Breadth Requirements

Resolved (1): That the California State University Stanislaus Academic Senate recommend the following changes to the general education requirements:

1. Any upper-division course approved to satisfy a general education area will satisfy that area; specifically, this applies regardless of whether the course is within a student's major, minor, concentration, &c.
2. Area D.1.b is removed from the general education requirements. Area D.1.a is renamed D.1 United States History. Area D.2.a is renamed D.2, and D.2.B is renamed D.3 with subarea titles remaining the same. *Per California Code of Regulations 5 CCR § 40404, students will continue to take PSCI or equivalent as a graduation requirement.*
3. *Effective for the fall term 2019*, Area E.2 is removed from the general education requirements. Area E.1 is renamed E and Physical Education Activities courses (currently KINS 1010—1999) are included in Area E. Area E may not be satisfied entirely through Physical Education Activities courses.
4. *The age-based exemption for Area E.2 is removed.*
5. Upper division (UD) areas F1, F2, and F3 are renamed UD-B, UD-C, UD-D respectively. A course currently satisfying F1, F2, or F3 continues to satisfy the corresponding renamed area: UD-B, UD-C, or UD-D.
6. Area G is removed from the general education requirements. ~~courses currently in Area G will maintain a “multicultural” designation, and be it further~~ (moved to own resolved clause -- #3.)

Resolved (2): That the California State University Stanislaus Academic Senate recommend that within a student's *degree program* a minimum of three units must be in coursework designated as “multicultural,” courses addressing multicultural, ethnic studies, gender, or non-Western cultures' issues, and be it further

Resolved (3): That the California State University Stanislaus Academic Senate recommend that courses currently in Area G will maintain a “multicultural” designation, and be it further

Resolved (4): *That the California State University Stanislaus Academic Senate recommend that the University Educational Policies Committee (or its duly appointed ad hoc subcommittee) be the approving body for new course proposals or modifications seeking “multicultural” designation, and be it further*

Resolved (5): That the California State University Stanislaus Academic Senate recommend that, for current Area G courses which do not satisfy a current Area F requirement, requests for proposed modifications for those courses to satisfy Area UD-B, UD-C, or UD-D be expedited, and be it further

Resolved (6): *That the California State University Stanislaus Academic Senate recommend that, except where noted above, changes are effective for the fall term 2018.*

Rationale

The Chancellor of the CSU issued Executive Order (EO) 1100, an edict mandating conformity to certain parameters in general education courses systemwide. The Senate Executive Committee referred the EO to the University Educational Policies Committee in consultation with its General Education Subcommittee. After extensive review and consultation, including with the subcommittee; with the administration; with faculty, staff, and students through open forums; and with the senate, the committees recommend the

changes denoted in the resolved section above. The explanations below are described in the context of the stipulation to create a path for students to complete general education requirements within 48/49 units.

Rationales for resolved clauses:

Resolved 1:

For number 1: The EO unambiguously dictates that upper-division GE courses “double-count.” Stanislaus has a local bar to students using courses in their major program to satisfy UDGE (with one exception for the Summit Program). Under the mandated change, there can be no bar to double counting.

For number 2: The EO decrees a limit of 9 units in GE area D, including units at the upper-division. Stanislaus has 12 required units. The recommendation to remove area D.1.b recognizes that all students take the course listed in D.1.b to satisfy the California Code of Regulations 5 CCR § 40404 requiring study of: “the Constitution of the United States and the operation of representative democratic government under that Constitution, and the processes of state and local government.” The functional result of 2 is that PSCI 1201 - American Government (or equivalent for transfer) will lose its status as a required GE course but will still be taken by students in order to graduate. To be clear: 2 does not create a new university requirement.

For number 3: The EO orders that area E can be satisfied with 3 units, which the current structure does not allow. Number 3 essentially collapses areas E.1 and E.2 and adds that E cannot be wholly satisfied with activity courses such as those currently designated for E.2 (KINS 1010—1999). One result will likely be 2-unit E courses which may be combined with a 1-unit activity courses. *Headquarters has allowed that the change to Area E may implement in the fall term 2019.*

For number 4: Legal advice from system counsel advises that the age-based exemption may be construed as discriminatory.

For numbers 5 & 6: The EO demands that there be no GE area beyond E. Stanislaus’ areas F1, F2, and F3 are equivalent in area description and goals to areas B, C, and D, respectively. This is a matter of renaming which does not require any review or recertification of courses to maintain UDGE status.¹

Resolved 2:

Input from a students, faculty, staff, and administration have overwhelmingly supported maintaining the multicultural requirement. The requirement may be satisfied through any course designated as “multicultural” rather than the current limitation to satisfaction within GE.

Resolved 3:

Courses which have met the criteria for a multicultural designation should retain that designation as criteria have not changed.

Resolved 4:

While the GE subcommittee of the UEPC has a long history of review of courses for multicultural designation, courses outside of GE will be allowed to satisfy the multicultural requirement. The GE subcommittees is charged to “Review, approve or disapprove requests from departments/programs for courses to be included into the GE Program, and make decisions for continuance or discontinuance of

¹ All existing UDGE and LDGE courses must undergo review for recertification via alignment with the revised general education goals and outcomes; that is a process wholly separate from the renaming of F1, F2, and F3 or the removal of G.

GE course designations.” The UEPC, under a broader charge to “Review and evaluate proposals for new undergraduate programs and courses for study based on approved criteria and procedures” will be the correct venue for approval.

Resolved 5:

Some existing multicultural courses will no longer satisfy a GE area. Programs may now wish to apply for certification of those as GE courses. The recommendation is that review of those applications be expedited to the degree possible.

Resolved 6:

Most changes are mandated for implementation by fall 2018; item 3 in the first resolved clause is an exception.