April 28, 2010

W. Randy Smith, Associate Provost
Office of Academic Affairs
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CAMPUS

Dear Randy:

On March 19, 2010, the Arts and Sciences Committee on Curriculum and Instruction (CCI) unanimously endorsed the recommendation on the semester version of the general education from the University Level Advisory Committee (ULAC) on the General Education Curriculum for students pursuing untagged B.A. and B.S. degrees in Arts and Sciences and forwarded the following resolution to the Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate:

“CCI endorses (1) the Curricular Experience document and (2) ULAC requirements for semester-based GE with a friendly amendment to clarify that typically it will take 3 courses to satisfy the science requirement.”

On April 23, 2010, the above resolution was unanimously approved by the Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate.

In accordance with Rule 3335-5-27 as published in the Rules of the University Faculty, the faculty of the Arts and Sciences has, among other authorities, the responsibility for “(A) All programs for the "untagged" bachelor's degrees, subject only to approval by the council on academic affairs and the university senate ...” and “(B) The basic education requirements for all programs in the colleges of the arts and sciences ...” Therefore, I am requesting that the Council on Academic Affairs consider and approve the attached documents as the general education to be used under semesters as approved by the faculty.

Sincerely,

Terry L. Gustafson
Executive Associate Dean, Arts and Sciences

Attachments

cc: Joseph E. Steinmentz, Executive Dean and Vice Provost
    Thomas R. Lemberger, Chair, Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate
    Rebecca C. Harvey, Chair, Committee on Curriculum and Instruction
    Mark W. Shanda, Chair, University Level Advisory Committee
Curricular Experience at The Ohio State University
Approved by CCI vote – 3/19/2010

The Ohio State University educates students to solve problems; to think critically, logically, scientifically, and creatively; and to be engaged and responsible global citizens. The University’s curriculum—comprising distinct, yet interrelated programs in general education and specialized study—enables students to develop the knowledge, skills, and perspectives that equip them to learn and adapt, to contribute and succeed in a rapidly changing world.

The general education program enables students to acquire and develop a breadth of knowledge, skills, and perspectives that cross disciplinary boundaries and extend to areas outside specialized study programs.

Majors, minors and other specialized study programs enable students to master, to various degrees, bodies of knowledge and the skills, perspectives, and modes of inquiry related to their study.

Students who complete a degree will achieve the following goals:

- Expand and develop knowledge of the major domains of inquiry, including their interdependencies and limits
- Develop and refine the skills needed to
  - acquire, comprehend, and evaluate information and arguments
  - communicate clearly, precisely, and effectively
  - analyze and assess using qualitative and quantitative methods
  - integrate, create, and apply knowledge
- Develop and assimilate perspectives to
  - interpret past and contemporary world cultures, events, and issues
  - make discriminating aesthetic judgments
  - formulate considered and reasoned ethical judgments
  - understand the roles of science and technology
  - recognize and respect diversity

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General Education (Gen Ed or GE) at The Ohio State University is accomplished through course work covering the requirements as listed below. For some degree programs, the achievement of a foreign language proficiency through testing and/or course experiences ranging from 0-12 units is required.

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**46-60 Total Units**

Social Science categories to remain as:
- Individuals and Groups
- Organizations and Polities
- Human, Natural, and Economic Resources

Open Options experiences can be selected from any of the following:
- Another GE approved course
  - Can be used for double major
- Service-learning course
- Cross-Disciplinary seminar
  - 597 successor & new
- Education abroad
  - Can fulfill up to 6 units

**Percentage of 121 units without Language** 38%
**Percentage of 121 units with Language** 50%

**General Notes**
* GE courses cannot be counted in the major except "Data Analysis" as already approved
* GE courses can be taken in the major, but cannot counted as meeting both major and GE requirements
* Upper-division courses from an equivalent area may be substituted with permission of ASC Advising
* All current GEC successor courses are automatically approved for the appropriate successor GE category