

Yearly Report: 2001-2002 General Education Committee

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The Committee made or recommended four policy or procedure changes.

First, on November 28, 2001 the Committee approved the new schedule language for embedded laboratory courses:

"A one-credit laboratory course must be taken as a co-requisite with one of the general education science and technology courses **unless the course includes an embedded laboratory experience equivalent to a one-credit course.** "

Second, on February 11, 2002 the University Senate approved the following change submitted by the Committee:

Revised General Education Administrative Policies

10. Transfer students meet NDSU's general education "College Composition I and/or College Composition II" requirement in the Communication category if they have credit in any English course (in composition, composition and literature, or the equivalent) totaling at least 2.67 semester hours per course. Transfer students who have only partially fulfilled general education category requirements by transfer approved courses must complete the requirements in approved courses within the NDSU deficient categories. No category credit requirement may be deficient by more than a partial semester credit. **However, in the Communication category, if the transfer course(s) have been evaluated as equivalent to ENGL 110, 120, and COMM 110 and total no fewer than 8 semester credits, the category requirement has been met.** The total for all general education categories must be at least 36 semester credits.

Third, in January 2002 the Committee added the following paragraph to the NDSU Bulletin copy for Categories 7 and 8:

"Students may also submit a written petition to substitute study abroad experiences to meet this requirement. Such experiences must be equivalent to the time commitment of a three-credit NDSU course and include an academic component."

Fourth, at the March 18, 2002 meeting of the University Senate the General Education Committee announced a new procedure and timeline for five-year reviews of approved courses:

"According to NDSU University Senate Bylaws, 'all courses approved [for general education] shall be reviewed by the committee every five years. Recommendations on reviewed courses will be forwarded to the Senate for action.' The review process will start each September and will allow a maximum of 3 months for submission of the review and up to 18 months maximum for completion of the entire process.

“By September 15 of each academic year the chair of the General Education Committee will initiate the review cycle. The chair will write the chair of each department with a general education course that was approved by the Senate four years ago (i.e. courses approved in 2002 will need to start the renewal cycle in fall 2006). The five-year review report from the department will be due by December 15 of the same year. The General Education Committee will automatically delete courses from the approved list if this deadline is not met. The entire review process must be completed within three semesters, excluding summers.”

The Committee received 36 petitions from students for waivers or exemptions. It granted 35 of them and denied only 1.

The General Education Committee began the 2001-2002 academic year with a backlog of 43 five-year course reviews. We completed 25 of the reviews. Of the remaining 18 courses we are still waiting for additional information on 12 courses. We granted extensions to 3 courses and we asked that 2 courses be resubmitted as new courses due to the substantial changes in their content. The status of one course is not clear and it has not been acted upon. These courses are listed in tables below.

In addition the General Education Committee recommended five new courses for approval by the University Senate.

Continued Approval for General Education with Changes in Outcomes

Course No.	Course Title	Categories	Previous Outcomes	Recommended Outcomes	Date of Senate Approval
AGEC/ ECON 201	Principles of Microeconomics	B, G	3, 2, 6	3, 6	01/14/02
AGEC/ ECON 202	Principles of Macroeconomics	B, G	3, 4, 6	3, 6	01/14/02
F&N 250	Principles of Nutrition	W	2, 4, 5, 6, 7	2, 5, & 6	01/14/02
F&N 319	Consumer Issues in Food and Nutrition	W	2, 4, 7	2, 7	01/14/02
PSYC 211	Introduction to Behavior Modification	B	1, 2, 4, 6	2, 4, 6	01/14/02
PSCY 270	Abnormal Psychology	B	3, 4, 5	4, 5	01/14/02
CSCI 122	Visual Basic	R	1, 2, 5	1, 5	03/18/02
ENGL 343	20 th Century American Short Story	A	1, 2, 3, 6	1, 2, 6	03/18/02
GEOG 151	Human Geography	B, G	1, 2, 3, 4, 6	1, 2, 3, 6	03/18/02
HNES 100	Concepts of Fitness and Activities	W	2, 4, 7	2, 7	03/18/02
HNES 111	Wellness	W	2, 4, 6, 7	4, 6	03/18/02
H & CE 341	Leadership & Presentation Techniques	B	1, 2, 3, 4	1, 4	05/06/02
PSYC 210	Human Sexuality	B	2, 3, 4, 5, 7	2, 4, 5, 7	05/06/02

Continued Approval for General Education with No Changes in Outcomes

Course No.	Course Title	Categories	Recommended Outcomes	Date of Senate Approval
CDFS 135	Family Science	B	3, 4	01/14/02
ENGR 312	Impact of Technology on Society II	B, G	3, 6	01/14/02
SOIL 217	Introduction to Meteorology and Climatology	S (T)	5, 6	01/14/02
ART 210	Art History I	A	1, 2, 3, 4, 6	03/18/02
ART 211	Art History II	A	1, 2, 3, 4, 6	03/18/02
CLAS 101	First Year Latin	A	1, 2, 3, 4, 6	03/18/02
CLAS 151	First Year Greek	A	1, 2, 3, 4, 6	03/18/02
ENGL 225	Introduction to Film	A	6, 7	03/18/02
HNES 217	Personal and Community Health	W	2, 4, 6, 7	03/18/02
MUSC 112	Varsity Band	A	1, 4, 6, 7	03/18/02
MUSC 126	Intro to Music Literature to 1825	A	1, 6, 7	03/18/02
MUSC 127	Intro to Music Literature 1825 to Present	A	1, 6, 7	03/18/02
MUSC 303	Concert Band	A	1, 4, 6, 7	03/18/02
POLS 210	Political Ideologies	A	3, 6	03/18/02

Approval for New General Education with Outcomes

Course No.	Course Title	Categories	Recommended Outcomes	Date of Senate Approval
AGEC/ ECON 105	Elements of Economics	B, G	3, 6	12/10/01
COMM 112	Understanding Media and Social Change	B	1, 3, 6	03/18/02
HIST 271	Intro to Latin American History	A, D	3, 6	03/18/02
COMM 114	Human Communication	B	3, 4	04/08/02
POLS 225	Introduction to Comparative Politics	B, G	3, 6	05/06/02

Five-Year Reviews Still Waiting for Responses from Departments (09/01/02 deadline)

Course No.	Course Title
ARCH 322	History of Architecture II
BIOL/ZOO 126	Human Biology
BIOL 150	General Biology
BIOL 150L	General Biology Laboratory
CSI 126	Beginning FORTRAN
CSI 162	Intense FORTRAN
HORT 210	General Horticulture
HORT 211	General Horticulture Laboratory
PHYS 212	College Physics II
PHYS 212L	College Physics II Laboratory
SOC 412	Sociology of Sex Roles
SOIL 210	Introduction to Soil Science

Five-Year Reviews Given Extensions to Submit Materials

Course No.	Course Title
ENGR 311	Impact of Technology on Society I
GEOG 161	World Regional Geography
PSYC 250	Developmental Psychology

Courses Requested to Resubmit as New Courses

Course No.	Course Title
BIOL 151	General Biology II
BIOL 151L	General Biology II Laboratory

Courses Not Acted On

Course No.	Course Title
ART 110	Introduction to Visual Arts
THTR 281	Dramatic Literature and Style