

TO: Amy Parsons, Chair, Curriculum Committee
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SUBJECT: Proposed GSMA Curriculum Changes

The General Education Committee met on Friday, February 28, 2020 to determine whether the GSMA Department’s revised curriculum is compliant with EO1100.

In attendance were voting committee members Sarah Senk (Chair), Katherine Luce, Elizabeth McNie (via remote connection), Tom Oppenheim, Joshua Shackman, Aparna Sinha, and Mike Strange.

Katherine Sammler, Julie Simons, Cynthia Trevisan, as well as non-voting members Graham Benton and Julia Odom were unable to attend. (The meeting was originally scheduled on Thursday, February 27, but was rescheduled with less than a week’s notice after an All-Hands meeting to discuss the university budget was scheduled at the same time. Sammler, Simons, and Trevisan provided feedback in writing, and their comments have been included in the recommendations below.

After reviewing the proposed curriculum, the GE Committee determined that it is NOT compliant with EO1100 and requires revision. Our recommendations are documented below:

The Committee discussed the “GSMA 2020 Curriculum Sheet v2.” All classes listed below are listed accordingly on that document.

Area A English Language Communication and Critical Thinking	Units	<i>How is requirement met?</i>
A1 Oral Communication	3	EGL 110
A2 Written Communication	3	EGL 100
A3 Critical Thinking	3	EGL 220

Area A representative notes that if students take Stretch English instead of EGL 110, that will also count as A2 Written Communication. But otherwise the curriculum is compliant with Area A requirements.

Area B Scientific Inquiry and Quantitative Reasoning	Units	<i>How is requirement met?</i>
Lower Division B1 Physical Science (Lower Division)	3	Unspecified Physical Science
Lower Division B2 Life Science	3	Unspecified Life Science elective
Lower Division B3 Laboratory Activity	1	Unspecified Lab activity
Lower Division B4 Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning	3	Math 107 (Statistics)
Upper Division Area B	3	N/A

Political Economy (GMA 3---) appears to be incorrectly classified as a B4 (mathematics) course. If the department wants to request GE classification, a CCR needs to be created for this course before the

committee can designate it as any GE subject area. We are assuming based on the title that this course would count for Area D. If this is the case, GSMA will need to add an Upper Division Area B to the curriculum to be compliant with EO 1100. If this is not the case, and GSMA intends to propose this class for Area B classification, the committee will need to see a complete CCR form including a syllabus, SLOs, pre-requisites, and other details of “Political Economy” to assess whether the class meets the criteria outlined in EO 1100 for Area B. **Currently the curriculum is NOT compliant with Area B requirements.**

Area C Arts and Humanities	Units	How is requirement met?
Lower Division C1 Arts: Arts, Cinema, Dance, Music, Theater	3	N/A
Lower Division C2 Humanities: Literature, Philosophy, Languages	3	Unspecified Humanities elective
Lower Division C1 or C2	3	HUM 400 Ethics
Upper Division Area C	3	Unspecified Humanities elective

The curriculum appears to lack a C1 course. However, it also includes “ELEC 81 and ELEC 82” (Foreign Language electives) in addition to the other C2 courses listed. The committee believes the simplest way to rectify the lack of a C1 is to count the Foreign Language class as Area C2, and to replace the “GE Area C2 Humanities Lower Division” in Spring 2022 with a lower division C1. (The caveat is that if a student takes a language class at another university that focuses “solely on skills acquisition,” the course will not satisfy the GE subject area C2 as described by EO1100. However, there are enough open electives in the curriculum so that a student would be able to take a C2 at Cal Maritime and still stay on track.) *[By the way, “ELEC” is the old name and should be changed.]* The document also specifies that HUM 400 is taken “as lower division Area C.” It’s true that any student may count an upper division GE course toward the Lower Division requirement, but we recommend consulting with the Registrar to see if every individual student will need a waiver, or if the course can be “coded” as lower division for GSMA majors. **Overall, the curriculum is technically compliant with Area C, as long as it marks the C2 elective in Spring 2022 as an Area C1.**

Area D Social Sciences	Units	How is requirement met?
Lower Division Area D (discipline 1)	3	US History 100 or 1010
Lower Division Area D (discipline 2)	3	GOV 200
Lower Division Area D	3	GMA 240
Upper Division Area D	3	HIS 300 (Maritime History)?

The document entitled “GSMA Curriculum Sheet” lists HIS 300 as the Upper Division Area D. But the “GSMA 2020 Curriculum Sheet v2” doesn’t list it as such. Please correct this. But given the number of GMA courses already classified as Area D, the department has nothing to worry about regarding this category; the curriculum is indisputably compliant with Area D requirements.

Area E Lifelong Learning and Self-Development	Units	How is requirement met?
Area E	3	Lifelong Learning Elective

In our meeting we suggested cutting the elective because we believed LIB 100 was already Area E. However, this is incorrect, and we apologize for the error. While LIB 100 meets the Area E learning outcomes, in order to be classified as such it would need to become a 3-unit course and undergo review by the GE committee. In any case, given that the curriculum includes a Lifelong Learning elective, it is currently compliant with Area E requirements.

Additional Discussion

The committee noted the inclusion of two “GE Open Electives” in the fall of junior and senior year. One of these can be replaced with an upper division Area B to bring the department into compliance.

However, the other should not be labeled as a GE course because the department will exceed the maximum amount of required GE courses. That course should just be called “open elective.”

While it is beyond the purview of discussing EO 1100 compliance, the committee noted the significant impact on the IBL department. The IBL Representative pointed out that right now Microeconomics and Macroeconomics are required courses, as is “International Business.” All are gone from the new curriculum sheet. The C&C Representative noted that HUM 325 (“Globalization of Culture”) is also cut from the new curriculum and questioned whether it was better to have a more flexible curriculum or to claim to be a “Global Studies” major with no globalization theory course, and no course that specifically introduces the field of “Global Studies” – something HUM 325 currently does.

While the committee appreciates the effort to create a curriculum with many more open electives, we also recommend that the department clarify how a Cal Maritime degree in Global Studies matches up to other Global Studies departments across the country, which include foundational courses in globalization theory and economics.