MOTION

By the Academic Program & Curriculum Committee to revise the existing GER policy by changing the wording of II-8 from “a total of 3 credits from the above areas” to “a total of 3 credits from the list of courses approved for cultural diversity credit” AND delete V-4-e-3.

RATIONALE

Under the current GER policy, courses that satisfy the cultural diversity requirement “simultaneously satisfy the GER requirement in the approved distribution area.”

The list of Courses Approved for GER Distribution in the Fall 2001 Schedule of Classes includes seven (7) courses numbered 300 or above that are counted in this way. (i.e., Africology 314 (The School in African American Life); English 372 (American Indian Literature); History 436 (Immigrant America: Since 1880); Spanish 371 (Introduction to Latino Literature); Communication 350 (Inter-Cultural Communication); Sociology 320 (Social Change in American Indian Societies); Social Work 665 (Cultural Diversity and Social Work).

Advanced courses generally do not and should not carry GER distribution credit. Instead of making exceptions for advanced courses that deserve cultural diversity but are not appropriate for distribution credit, we should separate the two requirements.

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II. GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

The General Education Requirements for UWM include two major requirement categories, the first designed to assure basic student competencies and the second designed to provide students with a broad body of knowledge as a context for specialization. The first set of requirements, competency requirements, includes the general areas of English composition, mathematics, and foreign language. The second set of requirements, distribution requirements, includes the general areas of the arts, the humanities, the social sciences, and the natural sciences.

1. English Composition

   The English Composition requirement is satisfied by:

   a. earning a grade of C or higher in English 102 or equivalent course; or
   b. scoring a 657 or higher on the UW System English Placement Test (or an appropriate score on ACT English subtest, as determined by the English Department).

   Completion of the English Composition Requirement is a prerequisite for junior standing.

2. Mathematical Skills

   The Mathematical Skills requirement is satisfied by:

   a. obtaining a grade of C or higher in Mathematics 105, 106, 109/175 or equivalent courses; or
   b. achieving a placement code of 30 on the UW System Mathematics Placement Test.

   Completion of the Mathematics Skills Requirement is a prerequisite for junior standing.

3. Foreign Language

   This requirement is satisfied by:

   a. completing, prior to enrollment at UWM, two years of high school level instruction in a single foreign language with passing grades; or
   b. completing two semesters (minimum of 6 credits) of college level instruction in a single foreign language with passing grades; or
   c. demonstrating foreign language ability equivalent to (2) above by means of a satisfactory score on an approved placement, proficiency, departmental, or other appropriate examination; or
d. satisfying the APCC-approved alternative GER Foreign Language Requirement, if any, stipulated by the student's particular degree program.

Completion of the Foreign Language Requirement is a prerequisite for graduation.

4. The Arts

Three credits in a course on the history, philosophy, theory, or practice of the creative and expressive arts (e.g. visual arts, dance, music, theatre and creative writing).

5. The Humanities

A total of six credits in at least two courses.

6. The Social Sciences

A total of six credits in at least two courses.

7. The Natural Sciences

A total of six credits in at least two courses. At least one must include laboratory or field experience illustrating the generation and testing of data and the application of concepts and knowledge to the solution of problems.

8. Cultural Diversity

A total of 3 credits from the above areas (Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences or Natural Sciences). A total of 3 credits from the list of courses approved for cultural diversity credit.

V. Distribution Requirements

4. Course Approval Procedures
   Criteria and Procedures for Approval of GER Distribution Credit

   e. Minority Cultural Diversity in America

3. A course approval for Minority Cultural Diversity requirement of the GER will simultaneously satisfy the GER requirement in the approved distribution area.