

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY
University Senate

Resolution on Alignment of HSU GEAR Curriculum with Area F Requirement and GEAR Certification Process

31-20/21-ICC – April 13, 2021 – First Reading

RESOLVED: The University Senate of Humboldt State University recommend to the president the reorganization of HSU GEAR Requirements as listed in this document; and it be further

RESOLVED: Three lower division units will be removed from the Area D Social Sciences requirement; and it be further

RESOLVED: An area F Ethnic Studies requirement will be added to be fulfilled via three lower or upper division units; and it be further

RESOLVED: The University Senate of Humboldt State University recommend to the president the guidelines for certification of courses and programs of study that meet General Education and All University Requirements (GEAR) and Area F Policy outlining additional requirements for Area F course certification in accordance with AB 1460, attached to this document; and it be further

RESOLVED: The University Senate charges the ICC with developing a systematic process for GEAR Program assessment reporting over AY 2021/2022-2022/2023; and it be further

RESOLVED: This resolution supersedes #08-08/09-EP (Revised).

RATIONAL: *AB 1460 was signed into law on August 17, 2020. In response, CSU [Executive Order 1100](#) was amended with respect to CSU General Education Breadth Requirements to include a system-wide addition of Area F, Ethnic Studies Requirement and Reduction in units associated with Area D Social Sciences Requirement. The proposed reorganization included in this document brings the HSU GEAR Program requirements into alignment with the CSU system-wide General Education Requirements.*

In addition, following the adoption of new institutional learning outcomes (ILOs) in AY 2018-19, the Integrated Curriculum Committee (ICC) and GEAR Curriculum and Assessment Committee

led a collaborative effort to develop program learning outcomes (PLOs) for the GEAR program that aligned with the ILOs. These GEAR PLOs were passed in AY 2019/2020.

During the 2018 site visit, the WSCUC team identified improving GEAR assessment as a key component to contribute to a faculty-developed university assessment plan so that effective assessment is consistent across the institution.

In order to bring the current GEAR course offerings into alignment with both the new GEAR PLOs and a systematic and sustainable assessment plan, the University Senate charged the ICC with developing a new GEAR program certification and recertification process in 2019/2020. This process is proposed as detailed in the process document attachment to this resolution.

Appendix: New HSU GEAR Requirements as Aligned with the CSU System-Wide Area F Requirement.

Area A: English Language and Communication and Critical Thinking (minimum nine semester units, one course in each area)

A1 Oral Communication (3 semester units)

A2 Written Communication (minimum 3 semester units)

A3 Critical Thinking (3 semester units)

Area B: Scientific Inquiry and Quantitative Reasoning (one course each in subareas B1, B2, and B4, plus laboratory activity (B3) related to one of the completed science courses; in addition, three semester units at the upper-division level in one of the following subareas)

B1 Physical Sciences (3 LD semester units)

B2 Life Sciences (3 LD semester units)

B3 Laboratory Activity (associated with a lower division course in B1 or B2)

B4 Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning (3 LD semester units)

B Scientific Inquiry and Quantitative Reasoning (3 UD semester units)

Area C: Arts and Humanities (one lower-division course completed in each of these two subareas, plus one lower-division course completed in either subarea based on student choice, for a total of nine LD units; in addition, three semester units at the upper-division level in one of the following subareas)

C1 Arts (3 or 6 LD semester units)

C2 Humanities (3 or 6 LD semester units)

C Arts and Humanities (3 UD semester units)

Area D: Social Sciences (Three semester lower-division units and three additional semester units at the upper-division level; courses shall be completed in at least two different disciplines among the six total required semester units)

D1 — D0 (3 LD semester units)

D (3 UD semester units)

Area E: Lifelong Learning and Self-Development (Three LD semester units)

Area F: Ethnic Studies (Three LD or UD semester units)

Diversity and Common Ground (DCG) (Six semester units; at least one course must be in the Domestic subarea)

Domestic (3 or 6 LD or UD semester units)

Non-Domestic (0 or 3 LD or UD semester units)

American Institutions (minimum 6 LD or UD semester units; with a combination of courses to cover all three content areas)

US History

US Constitution

US & California State and Local Government

Attachment:

[GEAR Certification Process](#)

[Area F Policy](#)