

**Resolution on Accepting a Course of Study as Fulfilling Upper Division GE**

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**RESOLVED:** That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommends to the President that completion of a program of study in a major may fulfill the requirements for one (and only one) of the Upper Division GE Areas (B, C, or D). If a program wishes to provide students in its major with this opportunity, the program must demonstrate that the Student Learning Outcomes for the GE area(s) to be replaced are met by the required coursework in every Option/Pathway/Concentration/Emphasis, etc. of the major; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That a major may not exercise this substitution if it already includes an upper division GE course as a degree requirement; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That students with double (multiple) majors may exercise this substitution in each major if available; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the process for gaining approval for a program of study replacing an Upper Division GE course will be as follows:

- 1) The department prepares a proposal (using the attached guidelines) showing which Upper Division course(s) in the major meet(s) which GE Student Learning Outcomes, how those learning outcomes will be communicated to students, and how the department will ensure that those learning outcomes will continue to be met in future years.
- 2) The proposal will be reviewed and approved by the same process used to evaluate new GE courses.
- 3) The approved list of majors and their courses that will be used to satisfy the GE requirements will be forwarded to the Registrar's Office to ensure that the information is entered into the University Catalog and DARS; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That oversight and assessment of GE Student Learning Outcomes will occur on an ongoing basis, by the same process, and on the same schedule as traditional GE courses; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That when accepting transfer credit and/or student petitions for substitution of a major course, issues of GE requirements must also be considered. If a course is accepted in place of an HSU major course but does not fulfill needed GE requirements, then that student will need to fulfill the GE requirement by taking a traditional GE course.

*Rationale: Permitting a major's course of study to fulfill Upper Division GE requirements has several benefits:*

- 1) It reduces the number of units that students are required to take, because taking a separate GE course is no longer required. This reduction in required units may enable students to graduate earlier and the University to save money by offering fewer classes.*
- 2) It reduces unnecessary redundancy in the student's education.*

*One suggested approach to assessment of GE Learning Outcomes that are covered in a variety of different courses might be to do the assessment in a required capstone course.*

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