

Humboldt State University
University Senate

Resolution on Counting More than One CWT Course Toward Upper Division GE Requirements

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Resolved: That the University Senate of Humboldt State University recommends to the Provost that the current policy of allowing only one Communication and Ways of Thinking (CWT) course to count toward a student's upper division General Education requirements be amended to allow as many as three CWT courses to count.

Rationale: Currently the HSU Catalog states: "Communication and Ways of Thinking (CWT) courses can address outcomes in multiple GE areas. Students are limited to one CWT course within the upper division component." This limitation of allowing just one CWT course comes from a bygone era and adds to the confusion surrounding our current GE curriculum. Students who may not have known that they have taken multiple CWT courses must petition to have them all count and many students are not even aware that they can petition. Thus, even though a student may have taken a course that satisfies the GE area requirements, they cannot count it towards their degree. Recent students who have petitioned the Vice Provost of Academic Programs to count multiple CWT courses toward their upper division GE requirements have been consistently approved. Finally, if a course has shown that it satisfies the student learning outcomes in multiple areas of upper division GE, the course should be allowed to count towards a student's degree requirements regardless of whether they have taken a previous CWT course or not. This policy would *not* allow a student to count *a single course* toward two or more upper division GE requirements.

University Senate:

Provost Snyder: