

**TOPIC: STATE GUARANTEED GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES,
REVIEW CYCLE VI, ROUND III**

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I. SUMMARY

In compliance with C.R.S. 23-1-125, the Student Bill of Rights, this agenda item presents recommendations for courses nominated by institutions, reviewed by faculty, and recommended for the general education guaranteed statewide transfer program, gtPathways, during Cycle VI, Round III (October 24, 2008). Guaranteed transfer means that a course is universally transferable among all Colorado public institutions of higher education and applicable to general education requirements within the Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Bachelor of Arts, and Bachelor of Science degree programs.

The recommendations contained in this agenda item represent the outcome of faculty consideration of 130 course nominations for the gtPathways program. The Commission has previously approved 1009 general education courses in over 20 disciplines (e.g., English, math, history, and biology) during the first six cycles (through Cycle VI, Round II) of gtPathways course nominations, which began in January 2003.

The following table summarizes courses nominated and reviewed for statewide transfer during Cycle VI, Round III, by content area and recommendation status.

COURSE CONTENT AREA	TOTAL COURSES	NUMBER OF COURSES RECOMMENDED	NUMBER OF COURSES DEFERRED
Arts & Humanities	57	28	29
Communications	18	13	5
Math	3	3	0
Natural & Physical Science	21	13	8
Social/Behavioral Sciences	31	18	13
TOTAL	130	75	55

II. BACKGROUND

Following the passage of the Colorado Opportunity Fund legislation in 2004, the Commission began performance contract negotiations with the governing boards of all public institutions in the state. Included in performance contracts is a requirement that all institutions have lower division general education course requirements of between 30 and 40 credit hours and submit all the courses included in their required general education curricula for review and possible inclusion in the statewide transfer program. Colorado's public colleges and universities have established timelines for the submission of their general education courses to the Department of Higher Education (DHE). Beginning with calendar year 2005 and continuing through June 2009, all of Colorado's public post-secondary institutions are submitting their general education core courses to self-selected members of the state's public two- and four-year faculty for peer review and inclusion in the gtPathways curriculum for guaranteed transfer.

The October 24, 2008 review was the third round of gtPathways review Cycle VI. As necessary to accommodate future volume, the DHE will schedule and facilitate additional review cycles throughout 2009.

The list of recommendations on nominated courses (see attachment A) is the result of deliberations among 54 faculty members representing various public two- and four-year Colorado institutions who met in Denver at the offices of the Department of Higher Education on October 24, 2008.

III. STAFF ANALYSIS

Initial Commission policy adopted in the fall of 2003 provided for a guarantee of 35 to 37 credit hours of completed courses taken from the list of approved state guaranteed general education courses, published on the gtPathways page of the DHE website. In June 2005, the Commissioners approved changes to the statewide transfer policy that effectively reduced the guaranteed credit hours down to 31. Effective fall semester 2006, gtPathways guarantees 31 credit hours of successfully completed courses taken from the approved state guaranteed general education list of courses. The GE 25 Council recently revised the gtPathways course review process, and the courses recommended here conform to the newly revised process as well as to the revised content and competency criteria.

Faculty review committees from the five content areas participated in the October 24, 2008 review. Faculty from Arts and Humanities, Communication, Mathematics, Natural and Physical Sciences and Social and Behavioral Sciences reviewed the courses presented in Attachment A and took one of two actions:

- Recommend a course for inclusion in the statewide program; or
- Deferred a course for a later review

DHE staff have communicated all of the recommendations to institutions, including justifications for those courses receiving the "deferred" designation by faculty review committees. Institutions

will have the opportunity in future cycles to make necessary corrections or revisions to courses that have been deferred and re-nominate a course(s) for the gtPathways curriculum. Nomination and review of additional courses will occur during the 2009 spring semester.

Pursuant to performance contract requirements, institutions must clearly distinguish guaranteed transfer courses from those not approved for guaranteed transfer in course catalogs and related materials; courses nominated for guaranteed transfer, but not approved, must be easily distinguishable from courses carrying the guaranteed status. In addition, explanation of the distinction between courses approved and courses not approved for guaranteed transfer to other Colorado colleges and universities must be placed prominently in the general education section of the college catalog.

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Commission approve the courses recommended by faculty reviewers for guaranteed statewide transfer status, effective August 2009 (fall semester 2009).

V. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Copies of all materials included in course submissions as well as copies of faculty reviewers' worksheets are on file in the Academic and Student Affairs Office of the Department of Higher Education.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

23-1-125. Commission directive - student bill of rights – degree requirements - implementation of core courses - on-line catalogue - competency test.

(1) **Student bill of rights.** The general assembly hereby finds that students enrolled in public institutions of higher education shall have the following rights:

(c) Students have a right to clear and concise information concerning which courses must be completed successfully to complete their degrees;

(d) Students have a right to know which courses are transferable among the state public two-year and four-year institutions of higher education;

(e) Students, upon completion of core general education courses, regardless of the delivery method, should have those courses satisfy the core course requirements of all Colorado public institutions of higher education;

(f) Students have a right to know if courses from one or more public higher education institutions satisfy the students' degree requirements;

(g) A student's credit for the completion of the core requirements and core courses shall not expire for ten years from the date of initial enrollment and shall be transferable.

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(3) **Core courses.** The commission, in consultation with each Colorado public institution of higher education, is directed to outline a plan to implement a core course concept, which defines the general education course guidelines for all public institutions of higher education. The core of courses shall be designed to ensure that students demonstrate competency in reading, critical thinking, written communication, mathematics, and technology. The core of courses shall consist of at least thirty credit hours, but shall not exceed forty credit hours. Individual institutions of higher education shall conform their own core course requirements with the guidelines developed by the commission and shall identify the specific courses that meet the general education course guidelines. If a statewide matrix of core courses is adopted by the commission, the courses identified by the individual institutions as meeting the general education course guidelines shall be included in the matrix. The commission shall adopt such policies to ensure that institutions develop the most effective way to implement the transferability of core course credits.

Attachment A

**gtPathways
Review Cycle VI, Round III
October 24, 2008**

Inst	Category	Course Prefix	Course #	Course Title	Action
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH4)	ARAB	2110	Intermediate Arabic I	Recommended
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH1)	ARTH	1709	Experiencing Art	Deferred
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH1)	ARTH/CLAS	2019	Pompeii and the Cities of Vesuvius	Deferred
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH1)	ARTH	2409	Asian Art	Recommended
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH2)	CHIN	1051	Masterpieces of Chinese Literature in Translation	Deferred
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH2)	CHIN	1061	Boudoirs, Books, Battlefields: Voices and Images of Chinese Women	Deferred
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH4)	CHIN	2110	Intermediate Chinese I	Deferred
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH2)	CHIN	2441	Film and the Dynamics of Chinese Culture	Recommended
CCCS	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH1)	DAN	125	History of Dance I	Recommended
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH1)	DNCE	1029	Introduction to Dance and Culture	Recommended
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH2)	EALC	1011	Introduction to Traditional East Asian Civilizations	Deferred
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH2)	EALC	1021	East Asian Civilizations: Modern Period	Deferred
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH3)	ETHN	2003	Introduction to American Indian Studies	Deferred
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH2)	FARR	2002	Literature of Lifewriting	Deferred
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH2)	FREN/ITAL	1400	Medieval/Renaissance Women Writers in Italy and France	Deferred
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH4)	FREN	2110	2 nd Year French: Grammar and Reading I	Recommended
CCCS	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH3)	GIS	105	ArcView GIS	Deferred
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH2)	GRMN	1701	Nature and Environment in German Literature and Thought	Deferred
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH4)	GRMN	2010	Intermediate German I	Recommended
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH2)	GRMN	2301	Inside Nazi Germany	Deferred
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH2)	GRMN	2503	Fairy Tales of Germany	Recommended
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH2)	GRMN	2601	Kafka and the Kafkaesque	Recommended
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH4)	HEBR	2110	Intermediate Hebrew I	Recommended
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH2)	HEBR	2350	Introduction to Jewish Culture	Deferred
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH4)	HIND	2010	Intermediate Hindi I	Deferred
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH2)	HONR	2860	Figure of Socrates	Deferred
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH2)	HUMN	2145	African Americans in the Arts	Deferred
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH2)	ITAL	1500	Introduction to Italian Culture	Recommended
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH4)	ITAL	2110	Intermediate Italian Reading/Grammar/Composition	Recommended
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH2)	JPNS	1051	Masterpieces of Japanese Literature in Translation	Deferred
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH4)	JPNS	2110	Intermediate Japanese 1	Deferred
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH4)	KREN	2110	Second Year (Intermediate) Korean I	Deferred
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH3)	LDSP	1000	Foundations of 21 st Century Leadership	Deferred
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH3)	LIBB	1500	The Dialogue of Art and Religion	Deferred
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH1)	LIBB	1600	Gender and Film	Recommended
UCCS	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH1)	MUS	100	Introduction to Music	Deferred
UNC	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH2)	MIND	100	First Year Preceptorial	Recommended
CCCS	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH1)	MUS	123	Survey of World Music	Recommended

UNC	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH1)	MUS	296	Survey of History and Literature of Jazz	Recommended
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH4)	NORW	2110	Second Year Norwegian Reading and Conversation I	Recommended
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH4)	PORT	2110	Second Year Portuguese I	Recommended
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH4)	PORT	2350	Portuguese for Spanish Speakers	Recommended
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH3)	PRLC	1810	Leadership and Ethics	Deferred
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH2)	RLST	2610	Religions of South Asia	Recommended
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH2)	RLST	2700	American Indian Religious Traditions	Recommended
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH2)	RLST	2800	Women and Religion	Recommended
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH4)	RUSS	2010	Second Year Russian I	Recommended
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH2)	RUSS	2211	Introduction to Russian Culture	Deferred
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH2)	RUSS	2221	Introduction to Modern Russian Culture	Deferred
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH2)	RUSS	2231	Fairy Tales of Russia	Recommended
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH2)	RUSS	2471	Women in Russian Culture: From Folklore to the Nineteenth Century	Recommended
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH2)	SCAN	1202	Tolkien's Nordic Sources and the Lord of the Rings	Deferred
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH3)	SEWL	2000	America, the Environment, and the Global Economy	Deferred
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH4)	SLHS	2325	American Sign Language III	Deferred
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH4)	SPAN	2110	Second Year Spanish I	Recommended
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH4)	SPAN	2150	Intensive Second Year Spanish	Recommended
UCB	Arts & Humanities (GT-AH4)	SWED	2110	Second Year Swedish Reading and Conversation I	Recommended
UCB	Communication (GT-CO2)	ARSC	1080	College Writing and Research	Deferred
UCB	Communication (GT-CO3)	ARSC	3100	Multicultural Topics	Deferred
CSU-FC	Communication (GT-CO3)	CO	300	Writing Assignments	Recommended
CSU-FC	Communication (GT-CO3)	CO	301A	Writing in the Disciplines: Writing in the Arts and Humanities	Recommended
CSU-FC	Communication (GT-CO3)	CO	301B	Writing in the Disciplines: Writing in the Sciences	Recommended
CSU-FC	Communication (GT-CO3)	CO	301C	Writing in the Disciplines: Writing in the Social Sciences	Recommended
CSU-FC	Communication (GT-CO3)	CO	301D	Writing in the Disciplines: Writing in Education	Recommended
CSU-FC	Communication (GT-CO3)	CO	302	Writing Online	Recommended
MSC	Communication (GT-CO3)	ENGL	219	Introduction to Technical Writing	Recommended
FLC	Communication (GT-CO3)	HON	350	Rhetoric of Knowledge	Recommended
UCB	Communication (GT-CO2)	WRTG	1100	Extended First-Year Writing and Rhetoric	Recommended
UCB	Communication (GT-CO2)	WRTG	1150	First-Year Writing and Rhetoric	Recommended
UCB	Communication (GT-CO2)	WRTG	1250	Advanced First-Year Writing and Rhetoric	Deferred
UCB	Communication (GT-CO3)	WRTG	3007	Writing in the Visual Arts	Recommended
UCB	Communication (GT-CO3)	WRTG	3020	Topics in Writing	Deferred
UCB	Communication (GT-CO3)	WRTG	3030	Writing on Science and Society	Recommended
UCB	Communication (GT-CO3)	WRTG	3035	Technical Communication and Design	Recommended
UCB	Communication (GT-CO3)	WRTG	3040	Writing on Business and Society	Deferred
UCCS	Mathematics (GT-MA1)	MATH	104	College Algebra	Recommended
UCB	Mathematics (GT-MA1)	MATH	1410	Mathematics for Secondary Educators	Recommended
UCB	Mathematics (GT-MA1)	MATH	2380	Mathematics for the Environment	Recommended
FLC	Natural and Physical Science (GT-SC2)	ANTH	241	Introduction to Forensic Anthropology	Recommended
FLC	Natural and Physical Science (GT-SC2)	ANTH	246	Human Biological Variation	Recommended
CCCS	Natural and Physical Science (GT-SC1)	BIO	221	Botany	Recommended
UCCS	Natural and Physical Science (GT-SC1)	BIOL	120	General Biology II: Organismic	Recommended

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UCCS	Natural and Physical Science (GT-SC1)	CHEM	101	Introduction to Chemistry	Deferred	
UCCS	Natural and Physical Science (GT-SC1)	CHEM	102	Introduction to Organic and Biochemistry	Deferred	
UCCS	Natural and Physical Science (GT-SC1)	CHEM	103	General Chemistry I	Recommended	
UCB	Natural and Physical Science (GT-SC2)	CHEN	1000	Creative Technology	Deferred	
UCB	Natural and Physical Science (GT-SC2)	CLAS	2020	Science in the Ancient World	Recommended	
UCB	Natural and Physical Science (GT-SC2)	GEOL	1040	Geology of Colorado	Deferred	
UCB	Natural and Physical Science (GT-SC2)	MCDB	1030	Plagues, People, and Microorganisms	Recommended	
UCCS	Natural and Physical Science (GT-SC1)	PES	101/115	Physics for Life Science I & General Physics Lab Algebra Based	Recommended	
UCCS	Natural and Physical Science (GT-SC1)	PES	102/215	Physics for Life Science II & Physics Lab II Algebra Based	Recommended	
WSC	Natural and Physical Science (GT-SC2)	PHYS	125	Energy and the Environment	Recommended	
UCB	Natural and Physical Science (GT-SC2)	PHYS	1010	Physics of Everyday Life 1	Recommended	
UCB	Natural and Physical Science (GT-SC1)	PHYS	1020	Physics of Everyday Life 2	Recommended	
UCB	Natural and Physical Science (GT-SC2)	PHYS	1240	Sound and Music	Recommended	
UCB	Natural and Physical Science (GT-SC2)	PHYS	1300	Experiments in Physics	Deferred	
WSC	Natural and Physical Science (GT-SC1)	SCI	110	Habitable Planet (With Laboratory)	Deferred	
WSC	Natural and Physical Science (GT-SC1)	SCI	120	Living Planet (With Laboratory)	Deferred	
WSC	Natural and Physical Science (GT-SC1)	SCI	210	Dynamic Planet (With Laboratory)	Deferred	
UNC	Social and Behavioral Sciences (GT-SS3)	ANT	130	Introduction to Physical Anthropology	Recommended	
UCB	Social and Behavioral Sciences (GT-SS3)	ARSC/NRLN	2000	Constructions of Knowledge: Ways of Knowing in the Academy and Beyond	Deferred	
UNC	Social and Behavioral Sciences (GT-SS3)	CHIN	116	Introduction to Chinese Civilization	Deferred	
UCB	Social and Behavioral Sciences (GT-HI1)	ETHN	1025	Introduction to Asian American Studies	Deferred	
UCB	Social and Behavioral Sciences (GT-SS3)	ETHN	2002	Introduction to Black Studies	Deferred	
UCB	Social and Behavioral Sciences (GT-HI1)	ETHN	2004	Themes in American Culture 1 – Before 1865	Recommended	
UCB	Social and Behavioral Sciences (GT-HI1)	ETHN	2013	Topical Issues in Native North America	Deferred	
UCB	Social and Behavioral Sciences (GT-HI1)	ETHN	2215	Japanese American Experience	Deferred	
UCB	Social and Behavioral Sciences (GT-SS1)	ETHN	2232	Contemporary Black Protest Movements	Deferred	
UCB	Social and Behavioral Sciences (GT-SS3)	ETHN	2242	Black Social & Political Thought	Recommended	
UCB	Social and Behavioral Sciences (GT-HI1)	ETHN	2537	Chicano History	Deferred	
FLC	Social and Behavioral Sciences (GT-HI1)	HIST	282	Women In America to 1848	Recommended	
FLC	Social and Behavioral Sciences (GT-HI1)	HIST	283	Women In America Since 1848	Recommended	
UCB	Social and Behavioral Sciences (GT-HI1)	HIST	1108	Introduction to Jewish History	Recommended	
UCB	Social and Behavioral Sciences (GT-HI1)	HIST	2170	History of Christianity I	Recommended	
UCB	Social and Behavioral Sciences (GT-HI1)	HIST	2636	Women of Color and Social Activism	Recommended	
UCB	Social and Behavioral Sciences (GT-SS3)	HONR	1810	Honors Diversity Seminar: Education and Democracy for the 21 st Century	Deferred	
UCB	Social and Behavioral Sciences (GT-SS3)	HONR	2250	The Ethics of Ambition	Deferred	
UCB	Social and Behavioral Sciences (GT-HI1)	HONR	2251	Introduction to the Bible	Deferred	
UNC	Social and Behavioral Sciences (GT-SS3)	HUSR	205	Introduction to Human Services	Recommended	
UCB	Social and Behavioral Sciences (GT-SS3)	IAFS	1000	Global Issues and International Affairs	Recommended	
UCB	Social and Behavioral Sciences (GT-SS3)	INVS	1000	Responding to Social and Environmental Problems through Service Learning	Recommended	
UCB	Social and Behavioral Sciences (GT-SS3)	INVS	1523	Civic Engagement: Using Democracy as a Tool for Social Change	Recommended	
CCCS	Social and Behavioral Sciences (GT-SS3)	JOU	105	Introduction to Mass Media	Recommended	
UCB	Social and Behavioral Sciences (GT-SS3)	LDSP	2400	Understanding Privilege and Oppression in US Contemporary Society	Recommended	
UCB	Social and Behavioral Sciences (GT-SS3)	LIBB	1700	The History of Communication from Caves to Cyberspace	Deferred	

UCB	Social and Behavioral Sciences (GT-SS3)	PRLC	1820	Community Issues in Leadership	Recommended
FLC	Social and Behavioral Sciences (GT-SS3)	PS	221	Intro to International Politics	Recommended
CCCS	Social and Behavioral Sciences (GT-SS3)	PSY	240	Health Psychology	Recommended
UCB	Social and Behavioral Sciences (GT-SS3)	SLHS	1010	Disability in Contemporary Society	Deferred
CCCS	Social and Behavioral Sciences (GT-SS3)	SOC	220	Sociology of Religion	Recommended