

TOPIC: APPROVAL OF gtPATHWAYS COURSES

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I. SUMMARY

This consent item recommends approval of thirteen courses for inclusion in the state general education core, gtPathways.

II. BACKGROUND

Pursuant to C.R.S. §23-1-125(3), the commission has the authority to approve courses nominated for inclusion in gtPathways. gtPathways is a set of general education courses for which the state guarantees transferability among all public institutions in Colorado. Receiving institutions agree to apply gtPathways courses to a student's general education or major requirements. Courses approved for gtPathways meet state content and competency criteria.

Courses are reviewed and recommended for approval by discipline-specific faculty subcommittees under the direction of the General Education (GE) Council. The GE Council is comprised of faculty members and system governing board staff from the state's two- and four-year institutions. Since January 2003, the commission has approved over 1,200 courses in over twenty disciplines. Most recently, the commission approved four courses in May 2011.

III. STAFF ANALYSIS

On October 28, 2011, the following courses were evaluated by discipline-specific faculty subcommittees and either recommended for approval or deferred, following the guidelines established by the GE Council. The subcommittees' recommendations are in the far right column, titled "Action." Courses marked as "Recommended" meet the state content and competency criteria and are recommended for inclusion in gtPathways. Courses marked as "Deferred" do not meet state content and competency criteria and may be revised and resubmitted by the institution.

Content Area	Course #	Course Title	Institution	Action
Arts & Humanities	CHIN 216	Masterpieces of Chinese Literature	UNC	<i>Deferred</i>
Arts & Humanities	LITR 2205	Introduction to Literature	CTU	Recommended

Arts & Humanities	PHIL 200	Philosophical Figures	UNC	<i>Deferred</i>
Arts & Humanities	PHIL/RS 244	Chinese Philosophy	FLC	<i>Deferred</i>
Arts & Humanities	PHIL 264 (resubmission)	Social & Political Philosophy	FLC	Recommended
Communication	ENGL 1115	English Composition I	CTU	<i>Deferred</i>
Communication	ENGL 1125	English Composition II	CTU	<i>Deferred</i>
Mathematics	MATH 123	College Algebra	CTU	<i>Deferred</i>
Natural & Physical Sciences	BIO 116	Introduction to Human Disease	CCCS	Recommended
Natural & Physical Sciences	CHEM 103 (resubmission)	Introduction to Forensic Chemistry	ASC	Recommended
Natural & Physical Sciences	GEOL 106 (resubmission)	Earth & the Environment	FLC	<i>Deferred</i>
Natural & Physical Sciences	GEY 135	Environmental Geology	CCCS	Recommended
Natural & Physical Sciences	PHYS 150 (resubmission)	Light	ASC	Recommended
Natural & Physical Sciences	SES 220 (resubmission)	Anatomical Kinesiology	UNC	<i>Deferred</i>
Social & Behavioral Sciences	ANT 102	Cultural Anthropology Laboratory	CCCS	Recommended
Social & Behavioral Sciences	ANT 103	Archaeology Laboratory	CCCS	Recommended
Social & Behavioral Sciences	ANT 104	Physical Anthropology Laboratory	CCCS	Recommended
Social & Behavioral Sciences	COM 220 (resubmission)	Intercultural Communication	CCCS	Recommended
Social & Behavioral Sciences	ECON 2015	Macroeconomics	CTU	<i>Deferred</i>
Social & Behavioral Sciences	HIST 1605	Western Civilization since 1500	CTU	<i>Deferred</i>
Social & Behavioral Sciences	NAIS 123	American Indian History	FLC	Recommended

Social & Behavioral Sciences	PSYC 1005	Introduction to Psychology	CTU	Recommended
Social & Behavioral Sciences	SOCL 1015	Introduction to Sociology	CTU	<i>Deferred</i>
Social & Behavioral Sciences	WST 249 (resubmission)	Women's Sexuality	CCCS	Recommended

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Commission approve the courses recommended above for inclusion in gtPathways.

V. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Copies of all materials included in course submissions as well as copies of faculty reviewers' evaluations are on file in the Academic Affairs Division of the Colorado 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. (3) Core courses.~