

TOPIC: STATE GUARANTEED GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES

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I. SUMMARY

This agenda item recommends courses for inclusion in Colorado's general education guaranteed statewide transfer program, gtPathways.

II. BACKGROUND

The Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) has the authority to approve courses nominated for inclusion in gtPathways. gtPathways is a set of general education courses that the state guarantees to transfer between all public institutions in Colorado. Receiving institutions agree to apply guaranteed general education courses to a student's general education or major requirements. That is, any student, upon acceptance by an institution, may transfer up to 31 credits of previously and successfully completed gtPathways coursework. Approved courses in gtPATHWAYS are not based on course equivalencies but meet content and competency criteria.

Courses are reviewed and recommend for approval by the GE 25 Council, which comprises faculty members and system governing board staff from the state's two-year and four-year institutions. Beginning in January 2003, the Commission has previously approved over 1200 courses in over 20 disciplines (e.g., English, math, history, biology). Most recently, the Commission approved 36 courses in June 2010.

III. STAFF ANALYSIS

The GE 25 Council faculty review subcommittee received nomination forms, course syllabi, gtPathways Content Criteria for Statewide Transfer, and Competency Criteria for Critical Thinking, Written Communication, and Technology. The review subcommittee also received copies of the relevant legislation establishing the gtPathways review. The subcommittee reviewed the nominated courses in light of these established guidelines. Those courses nominated for inclusion in gtPathways are as follows:

ANTH 2800 (from UCCS)
HIST 1400 (from UCCS)
SOC 170 (from UNC)

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the CCHE approve the three courses listed in this item for inclusion in the state's guaranteed transfer program, effective Fall 2011.

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.

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