

TOPIC: APPROVAL OF gtPATHWAYS COURSES

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I. SUMMARY

This consent item recommends approval of two 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 curriculum of general education courses for which the state guarantees transferability among all public (and some private) 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 eight courses in April 2012.

III. STAFF ANALYSIS

On October 26, 2012, the following courses were evaluated by a faculty subcommittee from disciplines within the content area of Social & Behavioral Sciences. The subcommittee either recommended for approval or deferred the following courses according to the guidelines established by the GE Council. The subcommittee's 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
Social & Behavioral Sciences (GT-SS3)	ANT 225	Anthropology of Religion	CCCS	<i>Deferred</i>
Social & Behavioral Sciences (GT-SS3)	SOC 240	Cults, Extremist, and Religious Movements	CCCS	<i>Deferred</i>
Social & Behavioral Sciences (GT-SS3)	SOCI 120 (resubmission)	Technology & Society	CMU	Recommended
Social & Behavioral Sciences (GT-SS3)	EDFN 1000	Education & Democracy: Segregation, Desegregation, and Resegregation	UCD	Recommended

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Commission approve the two courses recommended above (SOCI 120 and EDFN 1000) for inclusion in gtPathways, effective January 2013 (spring semester 2013).

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.~