

TOPIC: APPROVAL OF gtPATHWAYS COURSES

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I. SUMMARY

This consent item recommends approval of 40 courses for inclusion in the state general education curriculum, gtPathways.

II. BACKGROUND

The Commission approves courses nominated for inclusion in gtPathways, per §23-1-125(3), C.R.S. The state guarantees transferability of gtPathways general education courses among all public (and some private) institutions in Colorado. Receiving institutions apply gtPathways courses to students' general education requirements. Courses approved for gtPathways meet state content and competency criteria, which were developed by the faculty.

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 and administrative staff from the state's two- and four-year institutions. Since January 2003, the CCHE has approved over 1,200 courses in six content areas. Most recently, the CCHE approved 19 courses in May 2013.

III. STAFF ANALYSIS

Department staff facilitated a gtPathways review that was completed on November 15, 2013. Faculty subcommittees reviewed the courses listed on Appendix A. 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 for the next round of reviews in spring 2014.

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the CCHE approve for inclusion in gtPathways, the courses recommended in the attached Appendix A, effective January 2014 (spring semester 2014).

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.~

ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A: Fall 2013 gtPathways Review – RESULTS

Appendix A

Fall 2013 gtPathways Review – RESULTS

Content Area	IHE	Course #	Course Title	Action
ARTS & HUMANITIES				
GT-AH1 – Arts & Expression				
	CTU	HUMN 201	Introduction to the Fine Arts	RECOMMENDED
	WSC U	MUS 245	History of Rock and Roll	Deferred
GT-AH2 – Literature & Humanities				
	CTU	LITR 203	Introduction to World Literature	RECOMMENDED
GT-AH3 – Ways of Thinking				
	ASU	PHIL 201	Introduction to Philosophy	Deferred
	ASU	JOUR 255	Fundamentals of Media Communication (Resubmission)	Deferred
	CMU	PHIL 120	Ethics (Resubmission)	RECOMMENDED
	CMU	PHIL 130	Philosophy of Religion (Resubmission)	RECOMMENDED
	MSU D	SPE 2770	Gender and Communication	Deferred
COMMUNICATION				
GT-CO1 –Introductory Writing Course				
	CTU	ENGL 101	Composition and Critical Thinking	Deferred
GT-CO2 – Intermediate Writing Course				
	CTU	ENGL 103	Composition: Writing and Research	RECOMMENDED
GT-CO3 – Advanced Writing Course				
	FLC	ENGL 363	Advanced Composition (Resubmission)	RECOMMENDED
MATHEMATICS – GT-MA1				
	CTU	MATH 112	Analytic College Algebra	Deferred
	CTU	MATH 106	Algebra for Business	RECOMMENDED
NATURAL & PHYSICAL SCIENCES				
GT-SC1 – Course w/ Required Laboratory				
	ASU	GEOG 101	Introduction to Physical	RECOMMENDED

			Geography (<i>Resubmission</i>)	
	CMU	BIOL 250/250L	Introduction to Microbiology / Introduction to Microbiology Laboratory (<i>Resubmission</i>)	RECOMMENDED
	CSU- P	CHEM 125/125L	Environmental Science	<i>Deferred</i>
	CTU	SCI 103	Introduction to the Sciences Laboratory	RECOMMENDED
	UNC	BIO 105	Exploring Biology Laboratory (<i>Resubmission</i>)	RECOMMENDED
	UNC	CHEM 281/281L	Fundamentals of Biochemistry (<i>Resubmission</i>)	<i>Deferred</i>
	WSC U	PHYS 201	General Physics II (with laboratory)	<i>Deferred</i>
GT-SC2 – Lecture Course w/o Required Laboratory				
	CCCS	ENV 110	Natural Disasters	RECOMMENDED
	CTU	SCI 101	Introduction to the Sciences	RECOMMENDED
	CTU	SCI 201	Environmental Science and Sustainability	<i>Deferred</i>
	UNC	ANT 130	Introduction to Physical Anthropology (<i>Resubmission</i>)	RECOMMENDED
SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES				
GT-HI1 – History				
	CCCS	HIS 250	African American History	RECOMMENDED
	CTU	HIST 101	Modern American History: 1950 to the 21 st Century	<i>Deferred</i>
	WSC U	HIST 254	History of Africa	RECOMMENDED
	WSC U	HIST 260	History of Latin America	<i>Deferred</i>
GT-SS1 – Economic or Political Systems				
	CCCS	ECO 211	Gender in the Economy	RECOMMENDED
	CTU	ECON 210	Principles of Macroeconomics	RECOMMENDED
	WSC U	POLS 255	Introduction to Comparative Politics	RECOMMENDED
	WSC U	POLS 260	Introduction to World Politics	RECOMMENDED
GT-SS2 – Geography				
	CMU	GEOG 102	Human Geography (<i>Resubmission</i>)	RECOMMENDED
	WSC	ENVS 100	Introduction to Environment	<i>Deferred</i>

	U		and Sustainability	
GT-SS3 – Human Behavior, Culture, or Social Frameworks				
	CCCS	PSY 265	Psychology of Personality	RECOMMENDED
	CMU	ANTH 202	Introduction to Anthropology <i>(Resubmission)</i>	Deferred
	CMU	FOAN 180/180L	Survey of Physical Anthropology <i>(Resubmission)</i>	RECOMMENDED
	CTU	PSYC 101	Psychology: Understanding Individuals	Deferred
	CTU	SOCL 120	Sociology: Understanding Groups	Deferred
	UCD	CRJU 1000	Criminal Justice: An Overview <i>(Resubmission)</i>	RECOMMENDED