

TOPIC: STATE GUARANTEED GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES, REVIEW CYCLE V, ROUND IV

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I. SUMMARY

In compliance with C.R.S. 23-1-125, the Student Bill of Rights, contained in this agenda item are recommendations for courses nominated by institutions, reviewed by faculty, and recommended for the general education guaranteed statewide transfer program, gtPathways, during Cycle V, Round IV (April 27, 2007). 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 151 course nominations for the gtPathways program. The Commission has previously approved 829 general education courses in over 20 disciplines (e.g., English, math, history, biology, etc.) during the first four cycles of gtPathways course nominations, which began in January 2003.

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

COURSE CONTENT AREA	NUMBER OF COURSES RECOMMENDED	NUMBER OF COURSES DEFERRED
Arts & Humanities	23	15
Communications	NA	NA
Mathematics	2	5
Natural & Physical Science	19	16
Social/Behavioral Sciences	36	35
TOTAL	80	71

II. BACKGROUND

Following the passage of the Colorado Opportunity Fund (COF) 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 the 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 April 27, 2007, review was the fourth round of gtPathways review Cycle V. The spring 2007 reviews completed the fifth cycle (V) of gtPathways course reviews. Rounds I and II of gtPathways review cycle VI will commence during fall semester 2007; however, exact dates have not yet been identified. As necessary to accommodate future volume, the DHE will schedule and facilitate additional review cycles throughout the 2007-2008 academic year including at least 2 additional reviews which will be scheduled for spring semester 2008.

The list of recommendations on nominated courses found herein is the result of deliberations among 37 faculty members representing various public two- and four-year institutions in the state who met in Denver at the offices of the Department of Higher Education on April 27, 2007.

III. STAFF ANALYSIS

Initial policy (fall 2003), provided for the guarantee of up to 35-37 credit hours of successfully completed courses taken from the list of approved state guaranteed general education courses, which are published on the gtPathways page of the DHE website. However, in June 2005, the Commissioners approved changes to the statewide transfer policy that effectively reduced the guaranteed credit hours from 35-37 down to 31. Effective fall semester 2006 (August, 2006), gtPathways guarantees 31 credit hours of successfully completed courses taken from the approved state guaranteed general education list of courses. Additionally, the GE 25 Council, in agreement with Academic Council, revised the procedures and forms utilized in the gtPathways course review process. The courses recommended herein conform to the newly revised process, procedures, program rules and forms of the gtPathways program as well as the revised content and competency criteria.

Faculty review committees from four of the five content areas participated in the April 27, 2007 review; there were no nominations in the Communication content area. Faculty from Arts and Humanities, 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

CCHE staff has communicated all of the faculty 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 any necessary corrections and/or revisions to courses that have been deferred during this cycle and re-nominate a course(s) for consideration and placement into the gPathways curriculum.

Adoption of the attached list of courses below will continue the implementation of Colorado’s guaranteed general education transfer program. Nomination and review of additional courses for consideration will continue during the 2007-2008 academic year.

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, prominently placed, in the general education section of the college catalog, shall be explanations of the distinction between courses approved for guaranteed transfer and courses not approved for guaranteed transfer to other Colorado colleges and universities.

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Commission approve the courses recommended by faculty reviewers for guaranteed statewide transfer status, effective August 2007 (fall semester 2007).

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.

VI. 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.

(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.

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Course Nomination Status

MATH

Course	Institution	RECOMMENDED	DEFERRED
Econ 1078	UC-B		X
Math 104	UCCS		X
Math 105	UCCS		X
Math 135	UCCS		X
Math 136	UCCS		X
Math 151	Mesa State	X	
Stat 200	Mesa State	X	

NATURAL AND PHYSICAL SCIENCE

Course	Institution	RECOMMENDED	DEFERRED
AA 100 – AA 101	CSU – FC	X	
ANTH 120/121	CSU – FC	X	
BIO 208	RRCC	X	
BIO 220	CCA	X	
BIO 1081/1091	MSCD	X	
BIOL 105	UCCS		X
BIOL 110/111	UCCS		X
BIOL 115/116	UCCS		X
BSPM 102	CSU – FC	X	
CHEM 101	UCCS		X
CHEM 102	UCCS		X
CHEM 103	UCCS		X
CHEM 106	UCCS		X
ENST 235	UNC		X
FW 104	CSU – FC		X
GEOL 101	UCCS		X
GEOL 110	UNC		X
GEOL 120	CSU – FC	X	
GEOL 121	CSU – FC		X
GEOL 122	CSU – FC	X	
GEOL 124	CSU – FC	X	
MCDB 1041	UC-B	X	
MCDB 1111	UC-B		X
MCDB 1150/1151	UC-B	X	
MCDB 2150/2151	UC-B	X	
MIP 101	CSU – FC	X	
NR 120	CSU – FC		X
OCN 110	UNC	X	
PES 101	UCCS		X
PES 102	UCCS		X
PH 141	CSU – FC	X	
PHY 1110	UC-B	X	
PHYS 2010	UC-B	X	
PHYS 2020	UC-B	X	
SOCR/LAND 220	CSU – FC	X	

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Course	Institution	RECOMMENDED	DEFERRED
AMST 100	CSU – FC	X	
AMST 101	CSU – FC	X	
Art History 150	UCCS		X
D110	CSU – FC	X	
EMUS 1832	UC-B		X
ENG 2460	MSCD	X	
GER 201	UNC	X	
GER 202	UNC	X	
JAPN 201	UNC		X
JAPN 202	UNC	X	
LARA 200	CSU – FC	X	
LARA 201	CSU – FC		X
LARA 250	CSU – FC	X	
LCHI 200	CSU – FC		X
LCHI 201	CSU – FC		X
LCHI 250	CSU – FC		X
LFRE 200	CSU – FC	X	
LFRE 201	CSU – FC		X
LFRE 250	CSU – FC	X	
LGER 200	CSU – FC	X	
LGER 201	CSU – FC	X	
LGER 250	CSU – FC	X	
LIT 257	CCCS		X
LJPN 200	CSU – FC		X
LJPN 201	CSU – FC	X	
LJPN 250	CSU – FC	X	
LRUS 200	CSU – FC	X	
LRUS 201	CSU – FC	X	
LRUS 250	CSU – FC		X
LSPA 200	CSU – FC	X	
LSPA 201	CSU – FC	X	
LSPA 250	CSU – FC	X	
MT 296	UNC		X
MU 131	CSU – FC	X	
MUS 100	UCCS		X
MUS 101	UCCS		X
SPAN 1000	UCDHSC	X	
TH 141	CSU – FC		X

SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Course	Institution	RECOMMENDED	DEFERRED
AGRI 116 / IE116	CSU – FC	X	
ANTH 140	CSU – FC	X	
ANTH 1110	CU-B		X
ANTH 1120 / AIST 1125	CU-B		X
ANTH 1140	CU-B		X
ANTH 1160	CU-B		X
ANTH 1160	CU-B		X
ANTH 1180	CU-B		X
ANTH 1190	CU-B		X
ANTH 1200	CU-B		X
CAMW 2001	CU-B	X	
CEES 2002 / HIST 2002	CU-B	X	
COMM 102	UCCS		X
COMM 102	UCCS		X
COMM 210	UCCS		X
COMM 1210	CU-B		X
ECON / AREC 240	CSU – FC	X	
ECON 202	UCCS		X
ECON 1000	CU-B		X
ECON 2010	CU-B		X

Course	Institution	RECOMMENDED	DEFERRED
ECON 2020	CU-B		X
ETST 253	CSU – FC	X	
GES 100	UCCS		X
GES 101	UCCS		X
GES 198	UCCS		X
GR 100	CSU – FC	X	
HIST 1035	CU-B	X	
HIST 1038	CU-B	X	
HIST 1040	CU-B	X	
HIST 1045	CU-B		X
HIST 1208	CU-B	X	
HIST 1308	CU-B		X
HIST 1408	CU-B	X	
HIST 1708	CU-B	X	
HIST 2015	CU-B	X	
HIST 2100	CU-B		X
HIST 2103	CU-B		X
HIST 2112	CU-B		X
HIST 2117	CU-B		X
HIST 2123	CU-B	X	
HIST 2126	CU-B		X
HIST 2166	CU-B		X
HIST 2215 - 001	CU-B	X	
HIST 2222	CU-B	X	
HIST 2227	CU-B	X	
HIST 2316	CU-B		X
HIST 2319	CU-B		X
HIST 2326	CU-B	X	
HIST 2437 / ETHN 2432	CU-B		X
HIST 2513	CU-B	X	
HIST 2516	CU-B		X
HIST 2543	CU-B	X	
HIST 2616	CU-B	X	
HIST 2626	CU-B	X	
HIST 2746	CU-B	X	
HIST 2866	CU-B	X	
LIB 201	UNC	X	
NAS 1000	MSCD	X	
PS 241	FT. LEWIS	X	
PSCI 2012	CU-B	X	
PSCI 2074	CU-B		X
PSCI 2223	CU-B	X	
PSY 100	UCCS		X
PSY 265	UNC	X	
SOC 211	UCCS		X
SOCY 1001	CU-B	X	
SOCY 1005	CU-B	X	
SOCY 1016 / WMST 1016	CU-B	X	
SOCY 1021	CU-B	X	
SOCY 1022	CU-B		X
SOCY 2031	CU-B	X	