

TOPIC: RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF NEW gtPATHWAYS COURSES

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I. SUMMARY

This Consent Agenda Item recommends approval of 24 new courses for inclusion in the state general education curriculum, gtPathways. The 31-credit [gtPathways curriculum](#) forms the core of most bachelor's degrees and is guaranteed to transfer between all Colorado public colleges and universities. gtPathways makes possible the [statewide transfer articulation agreements](#), which provide guided pathways to students and enhance timely completion.

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 institutions in Colorado. Per 23-1-125(5), C.R.S., private institutions may choose to participate in gtPathways and currently one private institution (Colorado Technical University) participates. Receiving institutions apply gtPathways courses to students' general education requirements. Courses approved for gtPathways meet state [content](#) and [competency](#) criteria, which were developed by Colorado faculty.

Courses are peer 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 public two- and four-year institutions. Since January 2003, the Commission has approved over 1,200 courses in six content areas. Most recently, the Commission approved 24 courses in November 2013.

III. STAFF ANALYSIS

Department staff assisted the GE Council in facilitating the spring 2014 gtPathways review by organizing and hosting the discipline-specific faculty subcommittees throughout the month of April 2014 (April 11 – 25, specifically). These subcommittees reviewed the 30 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 fall 2014.

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission approve the courses marked as "recommended" in Appendix A for inclusion in gtPathways, effective August 2014 (fall semester 2014).

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. The department, in consultation with each Colorado public institution of higher education, is directed to outline a plan to implement a core course concept that 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 department and shall identify the specific courses that meet the general education course guidelines. Any such guidelines developed by the department shall be submitted to the commission for its approval. In creating and adopting the guidelines, the department and the commission, in collaboration with the public institutions of higher education, may make allowances for baccalaureate programs that have additional degree requirements recognized by the commission. 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.

APPENDIX

A: Spring 2014 gtPathways Review – RESULTS

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Content Area	IHE	Course #	Course Title	Credit Hours	Action
GT-AH1 – Arts & Expression	CSU-P	ENG 114	Introduction to Creative Writing	3	RECOMMENDED <i>Initial Submission</i>
GT-AH1 – Arts & Expression	WSCU	COM 121	Introduction to Theatre	3	RECOMMENDED <i>Initial Submission</i>
GT-AH2 – Literature & Humanities	ASU	COMM 255	Fundamentals of Media Communication	3	RECOMMENDED <i>Resubmission</i>
GT-AH2 – Literature & Humanities	CCCS	LIT 246	Literature of Women	3	RECOMMENDED <i>Resubmission</i>
GT-AH2 – Literature & Humanities	CSU-FC	E 142	Reading without Borders	3	DEFERRED <i>Initial Submission</i>
GT-AH3 – Ways of Thinking	ASU	PHIL 201	Introduction to Philosophy	3	RECOMMENDED <i>Resubmission</i>
GT-AH3 – Ways of Thinking	UNC	PHIL 140	Basic Logic	3	DEFERRED <i>Initial Submission</i>
GT-CO1 –Introductory Writing Course	CTU	ENGL 101	Composition and Critical Thinking	4.3 QH (3 SH)	RECOMMENDED <i>Resubmission</i>
GT-CO3 – Advanced Writing Course	CSU-FC	JTC 301	Corporate and Professional Communication	3	DEFERRED <i>Initial Submission</i>
GT-HI1 - History	CCCS	HIS 203	Civil War Era in American History	3	RECOMMENDED <i>Resubmission</i>
GT-HI1 - History	CCCS	HIS 218	History of Science and Technology	3	RECOMMENDED <i>Initial Submission</i>
GT-HI1 - History	CCCS	HIS 259	Modern Middle East	3	RECOMMENDED <i>Initial Submission</i>
GT-HI1 - History	CTU	HIST 101	Modern American History: 1950 to the 21st Century	4.3 QH (3 SH)	RECOMMENDED <i>Resubmission</i>
GT-HI1 - History	WSCU	HIST 260	History of Latin America	3	RECOMMENDED <i>Resubmission</i>
GT-MA1	FLC	MATH 222	Calculus II	4	RECOMMENDED <i>Initial Submission</i>
GT-MA1	FLC	MATH 223	Calculus III	4	DEFERRED <i>Initial Submission</i>

GT-SC1 – Course with Required Laboratory	CSU-P	CHEM 125/125L	Environmental Chemistry w/ Lab	3/1	RECOMMENDED <i>Resubmission</i>
GT-SC1 – Course with Required Laboratory	UNC	CHEM 281L	General, Organic and Biochemistry Laboratory	1	RECOMMENDED <i>Resubmission</i>
GT-SC1 – Course with Required Laboratory	WSCU	PHYS 201	General Physics II (w/ laboratory)	4	RECOMMENDED <i>Resubmission</i>
GT-SC2 – Lecture Course without Required Laboratory	CCCS	AST 150	Astrobiology	3	RECOMMENDED <i>Initial Submission</i>
GT-SC2 – Lecture Course without Required Laboratory	CCCS	AST 160	Cosmology	3	RECOMMENDED <i>Initial Submission</i>
GT-SC2 – Lecture Course without Required Laboratory	CTU	SCI 201	Environmental Science and Sustainability	4.3 QH (3 SH)	DEFERRED <i>Resubmission</i>
GT-SC2 – Lecture Course without Required Laboratory	UCD	CSCI 1350	Introduction to Computing in Society	3	DEFERRED <i>Initial Submission</i>
GT-SC2 – Lecture Course without Required Laboratory	UNC	CHEM 281	General, Organic and Biochemistry	3	RECOMMENDED <i>Resubmission</i>
GT-SS2 – Geography	WSCU	ENVS 100	Introduction to Environment and Sustainability	3	RECOMMENDED <i>Resubmission</i>
GT-SS3 – Human Behavior, Culture, or Social Frameworks	CMU	ANTH 202	Introduction to Anthropology	3	RECOMMENDED <i>Resubmission</i>
GT-SS3 – Human Behavior, Culture, or Social Frameworks	CMU	SOCI 101	Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Studies	3	RECOMMENDED <i>Initial Submission</i>
GT-SS3 – Human Behavior, Culture, or Social Frameworks	CSU-FC	IE 179	Globalization: Exploring Our Global Village	3	RECOMMENDED <i>Resubmission</i>
GT-SS3 – Human Behavior, Culture, or Social Frameworks	CTU	PSYC 102	Introductory Psychology	4.3 QH (3 SH)	RECOMMENDED <i>Initial Submission</i>
GT-SS3 – Human Behavior, Culture, or Social Frameworks	CTU	SOCL 102	Introduction to Sociology	4.3 QH (3 SH)	RECOMMENDED <i>Initial Submission</i>