

Note: Pending approval by the GE Council on March 11

### Criteria for UCC Designation

UCC designation will be based on the following criteria:

#### 1. Review Process

1a. All courses submitted for UCC designation must be approved through the regular course approval process as outlined in policy 7 before UCC review. GE Council approval is at the course level.

1b. Any course requesting designation in more than one area will be reviewed by each area panel.

1c. Courses in AREAS ONE, TWO and THREE receiving UCC designation should be offered at least once each year. Courses in AREAS FOUR, FIVE and SIX should be offered at least every two years.

#### 2. Area Designation

2a. Each AREA has a specific set of outcomes. A course receiving an AREA designation must include a description of how the course will address all of the area outcomes in a substantive way throughout the entire course. This may include a description of the time devoted to the outcomes, or an explanation of how assignments and other activities incorporate the area learning outcomes. While allowing faculty flexibility in determining how the area outcomes are incorporated into the course, the UCC Council seeks to insure that the outcomes are being met.

2b. A course receiving an AREA designation must describe how each of the AREA learning outcomes will be assessed.

2c. Courses meeting the scientific perspectives designation must include a lab.

2d. Courses receiving the historical perspectives designation must include significant content from at least three world regions.

2e. Courses in AREAS ONE, TWO or THREE must be offered at the 100 or 200 level with no pre-requisites. Courses requesting designation in AREAS FOUR must be at the 200 level. Courses requesting designation in AREAS FIVE and SIX must be offered at the 200 level or above. Note: Students must complete at least 5 UCC courses in AREAS ONE, TWO or THREE before taking courses in AREAS FOUR, FIVE or SIX.

#### 3. UCC Program Outcomes

Departments submitting courses for UCC designation are encouraged to consider how each course can map its outcomes to as many of the 10 UCC program outcomes as possible. Apart from the UCC Area Outcomes (see 2a), UCC courses must address at least four of the ten UCC Program Outcomes. (Note that at least three of the UCC program outcomes closely match the University-wide student learning outcomes approved by the Senate in 1997.)

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4. Writing or Technology Intensive Courses

4a. Any course requesting designation as either writing intensive (WI) or technology intensive (TI) must follow the guidelines for the writing intensive courses and/or technology intensive courses.

4b. Except for the first writing intensive course, the writing or technology intensive courses may be in the UCC or in the major.

4b. Writing intensive courses will be capped at 22 for the initial college writing course as is currently in practice for Writing Effective Prose. Other writing intensive courses will be capped at 25. The first year writing course counts as the first of four writing intensive courses. The other three writing intensive courses may be UCC courses or courses in the major with writing intensive designation.

4c. If only some sections of a course are writing or technology intensive, this should be clearly stated on the submission form.

5. Courses in the Major and UCC Designation

5a. Departments requesting UCC designation for courses in the major - AREAS FOUR (DIVERSITY & JUSTICE), FIVE (COMMUNITY & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND/OR SIX (GLOBAL AWARENESS) must submit a proposal to the appropriate review panel.

5b. Major courses with UCC designation may have pre-requisites.

5c. Departments requesting UCC designation for writing and/or technology intensive courses without an area designation will be reviewed by the GE Council for the appropriate learning outcomes.

Be advised

- With the goal of keeping our UCC vibrant and current, UCC courses will reviewed on a regular but rotating basis yet to be determined. This will need to be coordinated with departments so as not to become burdensome on either the department or the Council.
- Courses receiving UCC designation may be asked to participate in UCC assessment projects as outlined in the UCC Assessment Plan (pending).