

**Report of the CLAS C&C
Subcommittee on General Education Area Requirements
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At its Dec. 10, 2013 meeting, the CLAS C&C Committee tasked this subcommittee with reviewing all courses approved by GEOC for Content Area 1 (Arts and Humanities) subsequent to 2005, to determine whether each course fulfills the objectives of its currently assigned CLAS general education area A through E. The issue arose because the current assignments were done without the Committee's oversight. In the future, assignment or reassignment of courses to areas A through E will be part of the regular course approval and revision process.

The subcommittee has now reviewed these courses, listed below, using the course descriptions submitted to GEOC together with the guiding principles we adopted for each area. Our recommendations are as follows:

- (a) All courses should be maintained in their currently assigned areas, on the understanding that the instructor of GERM 1175 (Human Rights and German Culture) will receive GEOC approval for a revised description he has prepared.
- (b) Two new courses recently approved by GEOC for Content Area 1, HEB/JUDS 3301 (The Jewish Middle Ages) and HEB/JUDS 3401W = ENG 3220W (Jewish American Literature and Culture), should be placed in area B (Literature).

Presently, two classes appear in more than one CLAS general education area. (Students are not, however, allowed to use a single course to satisfy two area requirements). These are FREN 1176 (Literature and Cultures of the Postcolonial Francophone World), in areas B and E, and MAST 1200 (Introduction to Maritime Culture), in areas B and C. The subcommittee recommends that such multiple listings be avoided in the future. Among our reasons are these:

- Multiple listings are confusing to students when a single course can't be used to satisfy both requirements.
- If multiple listings are encouraged, there will be incentives for departments to try to list each course in as many areas as possible.
- In any case, given the structure of CLAS general education requirements, there is no practical effect to listing in area E a course that is also listed in areas A, B, C, or D, since students are not required to take a course in area E.

List of courses recommended for general education areas:

- A (Arts): AFAM/FINA 1100; ARTH 1128, 1141; CLCS 1002, 1110, 3211; MUSI 1002, 1003, 1005, 1021, 1022, 1112; SPAN 1010
- B (Literature): CLCS 1101; ENGL 1640W, 2274W, 2408/W, 2409, 2411/W, 3629, 3633/W
- C (History): AMST 1700; AASI/HIST 3531; HIST 1100/W, 1206, 1800, 1805, 2401, 2402, 3705; HIST/LAMS 3609, 3635; HIST/LAMS/PRLS 1570, 3660W; HIST 3674 = PRLS 3220; MAST 1200
- D (Philosophical/ethical analysis): GERM 1175; HRTS/PHIL 2170W; PHIL 3220

E (World cultures): ARAB 1121, 1122; CHIN 1121, 1122; CLCS 1103W, 2201; FREN 1169, 3235; GERM 2400; ILCS 1170; NURS 2175; SPAN 1010.