Course Change Form

Date of Request: March 11, 2009
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Course Addition

1. Course Title: Understanding Movies Freshman Seminar *HU
   Prefix & Num. THEA 1026

2. Pre-requisite(s): Co-requisite(s): THEA 1025
   Instructor permission required: No
   Class Hours/Week: LEC: 4.00  *LBC w/cr: 0.00  *LNC w/no cr: Credits: 4.00
   Clinical: 0.00  Practicum: 0.00  Independent Study: 0.00

3. Semester to be Implemented: Fall, 2009
   Day ☑  Extended Day ☐  Grade type Regular

4. Cost Code: FPA 109  Lab Fee: $0.00
   Additional Fees: $0.00  Potential WLF: 5.00

5. Is this course designed for a specific group? Yes
   Who? Entering freshmen who have not declared a major and who wish to
   fill the humanities GE requirement and the freshman experience
   requirement.

6. Catalog Description: ☐ Now in Print, or ☑ Proposed Below:
   For students who have not declared a major and who wish to fill the freshman experience and the general education humanities
   requirements. Course explores filmmaking techniques, film criticism, aesthetic aspects of film art, and thematic concepts of film in the
   context of viewing historical and contemporary films. Students view, analyze, discuss, and write about various aspects of film such as
   plot, theme, character, and setting. The freshman seminar component of the course includes career exploration activities as well as in-
   depth examination of study skills and campus services geared to expedite entering freshmen's transition to college life. Lab (THEA
   1025) required. 4 lecture hours and 2 lab hours per week.

7. Course justification (attach sheets if needed):
   Expanding an existing GE course to include freshman experience content provides undeclared majors an opportunity to achieve
   freshman experience course objectives in the environment of a course with content-area rigor and significance. Access to registration
   would be through the Advisement Office.

8. Are library resources adequate to support this change? Yes If not, how are those resources to be acquired?

9. Are technical and other resources available? Yes If not, how are those resources to be acquired?

10. Relationship to the curriculum: Would the course fill a G.E. requirement? Yes If yes, which G.E. area?
    Humanities If it does not fill a G.E. requirement, would the course offer elective credit? No

11. Transferability of the course: List comparable courses at other colleges and universities:

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Approval Signatures:

Department Chair: 
Date: 3-11-09

Associate Dean/Dean: 
Date: 3-11-09

Curriculum Chair: 
Date: 

Academic VP: 
Date: 

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Hi Brent,

Personally, I don't see any reason why GE status should not be more or less assumed by this course, as long as the GE content remains consistent. We don't really have a procedure in place to deal with this situation. The best we could do would be to ask that you apply for GE status for the 4-cr. version separately. Given that the GE relevant content is identical, the outcome would very likely be identical as well. Thus, I see no compelling non-bureaucratic reason not to simply send this to CC as is and hope they see it the same way. If they, or you, feel it would be prudent to bring it to the GE committee for review, we would be more than happy to oblige.

Cheers - John

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John,

I'm considering taking a proposal to Curriculum Committee for a freshman experience course that would combine freshman orientation content with an existing GE course. The current course is THEA 1023, Understanding Movies. In the freshman seminar version, students would earn four credits instead of three, and the current three credit content of Understanding Movies would be fully included. With that in mind, I'm wondering if GE status for the new course can be more or less automatically granted. What's the procedure? The proposal for the new course is attached.

Brent