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TO: Curriculum Committee  
FROM:  
RE: RHC GE Request

This memo is a request for \_\_\_\_\_ to be submitted for RHC GE Area \_\_\_\_\_ . *NOTE THAT APPROVAL IS CONDITIONAL – if the course is not approved for the equivalent GE area at the CSU, it will not be placed on the RHC GE list. If, however, you wish to challenge this, you may do so by resubmitting and providing a justification for your request. In the interest of serving students, facilitating transfer, and minimizing confusion, it is preferable that all courses approved for RHC GE also have approval from the CSU. **Note that this policy does not apply to courses that are submitted for RHC Category 8B.***

Courses that satisfy this requirement are described as.....

This course meets these requirements as it.....

Division approval for this request has been received and the minutes of the meeting in which this occurred have been forwarded to the Curriculum Committee.

*All items in italics are for reference only – please delete. Include the description for the area that your course falls into in the space provided above, followed by an explanation of how it meets the stated requirements. If there is likely to be some controversy regarding your request, provide additional information as to how comparable classes at other community colleges have been articulated. On the following page you will find the Title 5 GE language for your use in completing this memo*

**§55806. Minimum Requirements for the Associate Degree (Applicable July 1, 1983).**

The governing board of a community college district shall confer the degree of Associate in Arts or Associate in Science upon a student who has demonstrated competence in reading, in written expression, and in mathematics, and who has satisfactorily completed at least 60 semester units or 90 quarter units of college work. This course work requirement must be fulfilled in a curriculum accepted toward the degree by a college within the district (as shown in its catalog). It must include at least 18 semester or 27 quarter units in General Education and at least 18 semester or 27 quarter units in a major as prescribed in this section. Of the required units, at least 12 semester or 18 quarter units must be completed in residence at the college granting the degree. Exceptions to residence requirements for the Associate Degree may be made by the governing board when it determines that an injustice or undue hardship would be placed on the student.

(a) Major Requirements. At least 18 semester or 27 quarter units of study taken in a single discipline or related disciplines, as listed in the Community Colleges "Taxonomy of Programs," shall be required.

(b) General Education Requirements.

(1) Students receiving an Associate Degree shall complete a minimum of 18 semester or 27 quarter units of general education, including a minimum of three semester or four quarter units in each of the areas (A), (B) and (C) and the same minimum in each part of (D). The remainder of the unit requirement is also to be selected from among these four divisions of learning or as determined by local option:

(A) Natural Sciences. Courses in the natural sciences are those which examine the physical universe, its life forms, and its natural phenomena. To satisfy the General Education Requirement in natural sciences, a course shall be designed to help the student develop an appreciation and understanding of the scientific method, and encourage an understanding of the relationships between science and other human activities. This category would include introductory or integrative courses in astronomy, biology, chemistry, general physical science, geology, meteorology, oceanography, physical geography, physical anthropology, physics and other scientific disciplines.

(B) Social and Behavioral Sciences. Courses in the social and behavioral sciences are those which focus on people as members of society. To satisfy the general education requirement in social and behavioral sciences, a course shall be designed to develop an awareness of the method of inquiry used by the social and behavioral sciences. It shall be designed to stimulate critical thinking about the ways people act and have acted in response to their societies and should promote appreciation of how societies and social subgroups operate. This category would include introductory or integrative survey courses in cultural anthropology, cultural geography, economics, history, political science, psychology, sociology and related disciplines.

(C) Humanities. Courses in the humanities are those which study the cultural activities and artistic expressions of human beings. To satisfy the general education requirement in the humanities, a course shall be designed to help the student develop an awareness of the ways in which people throughout the ages and in different cultures have responded to themselves and the

world around them in artistic and cultural creation and help the student develop aesthetic understanding and an ability to make value judgments. Such courses could include introductory or integrative courses in the arts, foreign languages, literature, philosophy, and religion.

(D) Language and Rationality. Courses in language and rationality are those which develop for the student the principles and applications of language toward logical thought, clear and precise expression and critical evaluation of communication in whatever symbol system the student uses.

1. English Composition. Courses fulfilling the written composition requirement shall be designed to include both expository and argumentative writing.

2. Communication and Analytical Thinking. Courses fulfilling the communication and analytical thinking requirement include oral communication, mathematics, logic, statistics, computer languages and programming, and related disciplines.

(2) While a course might satisfy more than one general education requirement, it may not be counted more than once for these purposes. A course may be used to satisfy both a general education requirement and a major requirement. Whether it may be counted again for a different degree requirement is a matter for each college to determine. Students may use the same course to meet a general education requirement for the Associate Degree and to partially satisfy a general education requirement at the California State University, if such course is eligible under the provisions of [http://ccr.oal.ca.gov/cgi-bin/om\\_isapi.dll?clientID=142327&infobase=ccr&jump=5%3a40405&softpage=Document42 - JUMPDEST\\_5:40405section 40405](http://ccr.oal.ca.gov/cgi-bin/om_isapi.dll?clientID=142327&infobase=ccr&jump=5%3a40405&softpage=Document42-JUMPDEST_5:40405section 40405) of this title.

(3) Ethnic Studies will be offered in at least one of the required areas.