

FACULTY AGENDA ITEM 14.8

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SUBJECT: *Change in the distribution of General Education for the Associate of Science (AS) degrees only*

Description: *This proposal would allow a student to complete a minimum of 3 hours from Arts and Humanities, minimum of 6 hours in Natural Sciences and Mathematics (which includes the university math requirement), and a minimum of 3 hours in the Social Sciences. Distribution of the remaining hours would be determined by the department/program. A student must have a minimum of 18 hours of general education from the distribution groups for the Associate of Science (AS) degree.*

Rationale:

- *Addition of WU 101 (3 credit hr) and deletion of KN 198 (2 credit hr) increased the AS degree programs in Allied Health by 1 credit hour*
- *The AS degree programs in Allied Health are 76-80 credit hours, way beyond KBOR requirement of 60 credit hours for an associate degree*
- *No flexibility to add or delete content when accreditation curriculum standards are changed*
- *Credentialing agencies perform task analysis every 5 years to determine current practice.*

This flexibility in general education distribution would allow the AS students in allied health to take specific courses to meet national accreditation standards and requirements. Thus allowing the AS programs the flexibility to add or delete current competencies specific to the health profession to their curriculum as determined by current standards and practice.

If a student continues on for a baccalaureate degree they must fulfill the general education distribution for that degree.

Current Catalog Language: A minimum of six hours in each of the distribution groups of General Education (see General Education Groups and Subject Areas). The number of hours in each distribution grouping may vary by degree. The individual student should check with the major department. Courses in the student's major discipline cannot fulfill general education distribution requirements; however, in many cases, courses required by the major department in correlated areas will fulfill some of the requirements. Any mathematics course taken to satisfy the quantitative and scientific reason and literacy core coursework may also be used to meet the distribution requirements for Natural Science and Mathematics.

Proposed Catalog Language: ~~A minimum of six hours in each of the distribution groups of General Education, (see General Education Groups and Subject Areas).~~ **The number of hours in each distribution grouping may vary by degree. In all associate degrees a minimum of 18 credit hours is required in distribution groupings (See General Education Groups and Subject Areas).** The individual student should

check with the major department. Courses in the student's major discipline cannot fulfill general education distribution requirements; however, in many cases, courses required by the major department in correlated areas will fulfill some of the requirements. Any mathematics course taken to satisfy the quantitative and scientific reason and literacy core coursework may also be used to meet the distribution requirements for Natural Science and Mathematics.

Current Catalog Language: **GENERAL EDUCATION DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS**

Washburn's General Education Distribution program is designed to provide all students with a breadth of knowledge across all the Student Learning Outcomes and the traditional areas of 1) Arts and Humanities; 2) Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Statistics; and 3) Social Sciences. Completion of a minimum of nine hours (actual number depends on baccalaureate degree) is required in each of the three General Education Distribution groupings: Arts and Humanities, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and Social Sciences to receive a baccalaureate degree (see Specific Degree Requirements below).

Completion of a minimum of six hours (actual number depends on associate degree) is required in each of the groupings to receive an associate degree. Courses in the student's major discipline cannot fulfill General Education Distribution requirements and must be completed in at least two disciplines within the distribution grouping. The individual student should check with the major department; in many cases, courses required by the major department in correlated areas will fulfill some of the General Education Distribution requirements.

Proposed Catalog Language: GENERAL EDUCATION DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS

Washburn's General Education Distribution program is designed to provide all students with a breadth of knowledge across all the Student Learning Outcomes and the traditional areas of 1) Arts and Humanities; 2) Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Statistics; and 3) Social Sciences. Completion of a minimum of nine hours (actual number depends on baccalaureate degree) is required in each of the three General Education Distribution groupings: Arts and Humanities, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and Social Sciences to receive a baccalaureate degree (see Specific Degree Requirements below).

For associate degrees other than the associate of science completion of a minimum of six hours (actual number depends on associate degree) is required in each of the groupings to receive an associate degree,

For the associate of science degree a student must complete a minimum of 3 hours from Arts and Humanities, minimum of six hours in Natural Sciences and Mathematics (which includes the university math requirement), and a minimum of three hours in the Social Sciences. Distribution of the remaining hours will be determined by the department/program. A student must have a total of 18 hours of general education from the distribution groups for the associate of science degree.

~~Courses in the student's major discipline cannot fulfill General Education Distribution requirements and must be completed in at least two disciplines within the distribution grouping.~~ *Where an associate degree specifies two or more courses in a distribution grouping, at least two of those courses must be taken in different disciplines within the grouping.* The individual student should check with the major department; in many cases, courses required by the major department in correlated areas will fulfill some of the General Education Distribution requirements.

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Current Catalog Language: 8. Associate of Arts, Associate of Science and Associate of Applied Science

A student must complete six hours from the Arts and Humanities, six hours in Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and six hours in the Social Sciences, with courses selected from at least two disciplines in each distribution group.

Proposed Catalog Language: 8. *Associate of Arts*

A student must complete six hours from the Arts and Humanities, six hours in Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and six hours in the Social Sciences, with courses selected from at least two disciplines in each distribution group.

Proposed Catalog Language: 9. *Associate of Science*

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Financial Implications: *None*

Proposed Effective Date: *Fall 2014*

Request for Action: *Approval by AAC/ FS/ Gen Fac*

Approved by: **AAC 3-3-10**

FAC on date

Faculty Senate on date

Attachments Yes X No