CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY, POMONA

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REPORT TO

THE ACADEMIC SENATE

GE-008-190

ARC 1010: Introduction to Architectural Design Theories and Methods (GE Area E)

General Education Committee	Date:	10/31/19
Executive Committee Received and Forwarded	Date:	3/11/2020
Academic Senate	Date:	3/18/2020 <u>First Reading</u>

TITLE OF REFERRAL: ARC 1010: Introduction to Architectural Design Theories and Methods

BACKGROUND:

This is a new course in Area E. The ECO's for ENV 1010/ENV 1010L were created in the process of semester conversion, to replace quarter course ENV 101. ENV 101 existed at least since 1996 (it is listed in the archived University Catalogue for this year, the oldest available online), and, in all likelihood, was introduced at much earlier date. It was a non-GE course, mandatory for the first-year students from the entire College, and was co-taught by the faculty representing various ENV disciplines. During the semester conversion, at the initiative of then-Associate Dean Dr. Julianna Delgado, the College requested to reclassify the course as GE subarea E to be taught as a "large lecture class" (C-2, 2 units), with co-requisite enrollment the laboratory component (ENV 1010L, 1 unit). The referrals for both courses, GE-010-156 and GE-011-156 was reviewed by the University GE Committee, recommended for approval, and approved by the Academic Senate on 2/15/2017 (Senate Report Number AS-2605-167-GE). At the same time, the department of Landscape Architecture and the Art department requested the approval of the new GE sub-area E courses LA 1771 (Reading and Representing the Landscape; referral GE-045-156) and VCD 2370 (Visual Thinking; referral GE-079-178), while the Center for Regenerative studies requested the approval of a quarter course GE sub-area E, RS 111 (Introduction to Regenerative Studies; GE-004-123, approved on 5/14/2014), which was later converted into RS 1110 under same name with the same status.

The introduction of these courses reflected a consensus within the College that each discipline could offer a unique perspective at environmental design concerns, and that courses, reflective of these perspectives, would be most appropriate for the purpose of "life-long understanding and self-developing" general education courses, to be taken by respective ENV majors and non-major students alike. In this context, ENV 1010/1010L have de-facto become introduction-to-architecture courses. They have been taught, for the last two years, exclusively by architecture faculty, and, while attracting a large number of non-ENV students, have not had any student enrolled from other departments within the College.

Considering all of the above, the department of architecture requests the creation of this new E course ARC 1010, Introduction to Architectural Design Theories and Methods. The department of architecture also request to classify this new course as C-1 (large lecture). The course enrollment, in the last two years, has been 180-200 students, and there is a potential to grow. Breaking it into a lecture and lab or activity components has proven to be ineffective, and creates significant scheduling challenges.

RESOURCES CONSULTED:

Office of Academic Programs, ARC Chair and faculty.

DISCUSSION:

Modifications to SLOs were approved and updated to Curriculog since the referral came to the committee. The GE committee reviewed all the SLOs and determined that it meets the requirements of GE Area E

RECOMMENDATION:

The GE Committee recommends approval of GE-008-190: ARC 1010: Introduction to Architectural Design Theories and Methods (GE Area E).