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REPORT TO

THE ACADEMIC SENATE

GE-021-201

LA 2250: The Japanese American Experience and the California Landscape (New Area F)

General Education Committee

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TITLE OF REFERRAL: GE-021-201: LA 2250: The Japanese American Experience and the California Landscape (New Area F)

BACKGROUND:

This is a new Area F course. For course information see Curriculog.

RESOURCES CONSULTED:

Office of Academic Programs, EWS Ethnic Studies Committee.

DISCUSSION:

This new Area F course from the Landscape Architecture Department investigates the intersection of ethnic studies and landscape architecture by exploring the relationship between the Japanese American community and place in the United States. It also examines topics that include immigration patterns, socio-economic and political factors shaping US immigration policies, racism and its connection to labor and employment practices with focus on landscape and agriculture, World War II internment, post-war era ethnic resilience, the role of environmental influences in individual well-being, and evaluation of cultural identity in the Japanese American community. The GE committee worked with the LA Department to get the course up to GE requirements. After the changes made, the Committee passed the referral unanimously. It fulfills the Area F requirement along with writing, assessment, and other requirements following the Area F rubric.

It does require field trips, which caused the Committee to contact the department about what that would entail. The LA Department stated that they would be willing to work with students to allow more local choices as needed. Of course, this will only be required as it is safe to do so during the Pandemic.

RECOMMENDATION:

The GE Committee recommends the Academic Senate adopt GE-021-201: LA 2250: The Japanese American Experience and the California Landscape (New Area F).