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GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

REPORT TO

THE ACADEMIC SENATE

GE-006-145

MU 424 Beatlemania

(GE Interdisciplinary Synthesis C4/D4)

General Education Committee

Date: 05/25/15

Executive Committee  
Received and Forwarded

Date: 6/10/15

Academic Senate

Date: 7/22/15  
FIRST READING

**BACKGROUND:**

This is a new course proposed for GE Synthesis C4 / D4.

**RESOURCES RECOMMENDED:**

- Dr. Daniel Lewis
- Dr. Claudia Pinter-Lucke
- Dr. Mario Guerrero

**RESOURCES CONSULTED:**

Of the recommended resources the GE Committee received responses from Dr. Daniel Lewis (Associate Dean of the College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences) and Dr. Mario Guerrero (Assistant Professor of Political Science). Dr. Lewis expressed his enthusiastic support of the course. Dr. Guerrero, while also generally supportive of the course, suggested that the course is too “Beatlecentric,” and provides only limited focus on the social science—as its designation for GE Subarea D requires.

**DISCUSSION:**

In addition to the above comments, the Committee stated that the ECO did not fully explain how its SLO’s meet those required for C4 and D4 courses, and the subarea that the course synthesizes.

In his response, Dr. David Koplín, the ECO’s author, indicated several important social, economic, and historic developments that are addressed by the course. He also indicated that the course will integrate and synthesize cultural studies (D-3), sociology including the psychology of groups and social movements in civilizations (D-3 and C-2), economics (D-2), history of post-WW II Europe/US (D-2), and philosophy and music (C-2 and C-1). Finally, Dr. Koplín emphasized that the course’s ethnomusicology research component that insures the synthesis of areas D-3, anthropology, and C-1, performing arts.

In the revised version of the ECO—especially in the Section III of the document--Dr. Koplín clearly demonstrated how the course’s SLO meet the requirements for D4 /C4 courses as stated in the Curriculum Guide. The revised version of Section VII (Course Outline) also introduces ethnography study readings at the earlier segment of the class, and mentioned guided field research practicum. These aspects of the course will ensure that the sociological and anthropological research is given proper attention

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The GE Committee finds that the revised version of MU 4240 meets GE Area C4/D4 requirements, and recommends it to be approved.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1 - Revised Expanded Course Outline