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ACADEMIC SENATE

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

REPORT TO

THE ACADEMIC SENATE

GE-007-201

ENG 4220: Sociolinguistics (D4, New GE Course)

General Education Committee

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Executive Committee  
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Academic Senate

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TITLE OF REFERRAL: GE-007-201: ENG 4220: Sociolinguistics (D4, New Course)

BACKGROUND:

This is a request to covert an existing EML Major course to an Upper Division GE Synthesis course in D4. This would allow EML majors to double count the course as well as open it up for non-EML majors to take the course for Area D4.

RESOURCES CONSULTED:

Office of Academic Programs, SOC and EML Departments.

DISCUSSION:

This course came to the GE Committee seeking C3/D4 designations. After a thorough review by a subcommittee and then the entire GE committee, using the C3/D4 rubrics, it was determined that it satisfied D4 well, but not the C3. We sent it back to the EML Department and they decided to take off the C3 designation and run it as D4 only. Converting a major course to a GE course needs to make significant changes to satisfy the GE requirement. Broadly for D4, courses in this area need to do such things as focus on either a deeper or broader understanding of a set of concepts and their application in the solution of a variety of specific social problems; take a more integrative approach and examine the historical development and cross-cultural distribution of patterns of social behavior as well as different theories and approaches in the field. The expanded course outline for courses proposed for this area must clearly indicate an integration of themes and issues within the social sciences. The committee determined the course satisfied these requirements along with the others such as meaningful GE SLO mapping and significant writing requirements. The committee also believed it was beneficial for EML students to be able to double count the course and allow other students across campus to satisfy their Area D4 with this valuable course.

RECOMMENDATION:

The GE Committee recommends Senate pass the referral, GE-007-201: ENG 4220: Sociolinguistics (D4, New Course).