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GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

REPORT TO

THE ACADEMIC SENATE

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CLS 4820 – Study Abroad: International Field Work (GE C3 or D4)

General Education Committee

Date:

Executive Committee  
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Second Reading

TITLE OF REFERRAL: CLS 4820 – Study Abroad: International Field Work (GE Synthesis C3 or D4)

**BACKGROUND:**

The College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences seeks to introduce CLS 4820 as a new course. CLS 4820 was a course offered under the quarter system by multiple departments for their Study Abroad programs – Political Science, History, English & Modern Languages, Sociology, Education, Urban & Regional Planning, & Business. It allows departments to offer high impact, polytechnic international study programs.

Because no department had official ownership of the course, it fell through the cracks for semester-conversion. The referral for the course was initiated on 11/18/2020 and restarted on 9/27/2021. In the interim, a subcommittee of the GE Committee headed by Mary Yu Danico of Sociology worked with Drs. Sara Garver (interim dean of CLASS), Renford Reese (PS), and Kent Dickinson (EML) to revise the proposal to elaborate on intersections between the course SLOs and the SLOs for C3 and D4. Study Abroad classes that do not meet the SLOs for a C3 and D4 course are taught as CLS 4990.

**RESOURCES CONSULTED:**

Sara Garver, Interim Dean of CLASS  
Renford Reese, Political Science  
Kent Dickinson, English & Modern Languages

**DISCUSSION:** This is a successful class offered through several departments and is exactly the kind of polytechnic learning experience that exemplifies our university and the GE synthesis goals for Areas C and D. While we were curious about whether or not virtual study abroad programs could be offered as this course, it is clear from the course description that they could not.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The GE Committee unanimously recommends approval of CLS 4820 – Study Abroad: International Field Work (GE Synthesis C3 or D4).