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At its meeting of March 1, 1993, the Academic Senate approved the following Policy Recommendation presented by Kay Schwartz for the Curriculum and Research Committee.

B. Advanced General Education:

12 units of unique upper-division SJSU coursework dealing with writing skills and interdisciplinary societal-level issues which must be completed at SJSU by all students.

1. Areas

- a. Written Communication II: junior level writing courses focusing on advanced composition (3 units).
- b. Self and Society: topics dealing with the individual in relation to a larger group (3 units).
- c. Culture and Civilization: topics exploring an expression of human ideas over time (3 units).
- d. Earth and the Environment: issues concerning life forms and the physical universe (3 units).

Within or independently of the above areas, students must complete one course in each of the following areas:

- e. Human Understanding and Development: issues of human development across the life span.
- f. Cultural Pluralism: topics focusing on cultural diversity.

2. General Criteria

- a. Courses should be multicultural and integrative wherever possible.
- b. All courses shall require significant writing that could be used in Outcomes Assessment and shall have multiple assignments totaling at least 3,000 words in each course.
- c. Prerequisites for enrollment shall be upper-division standing and either a passing score on the writing proficiency screening exam or a passing grade in the lower-division course

alternative.

d. Written Communication II shall require progressive, sequential assignments totaling at least 8,000 words and shall be taught by instructors with demonstrated writing experience.

II. Exceptions

1. **High-unit majors:** Departments and schools will meet individually with the Board of General Studies to discuss appropriate modification of requirements to minimize possible adverse effects of increased units.

2. **Double-count:** Approved G.E. courses offered in a student's major department may count for Core G.E. Skills and U.S. Institutions requirement (no limit), Core Science/Humanities and Arts/Social Science (one course limit) and Advanced G.E. (one course plus Written Communication II limit).

3. Interdisciplinary programs

a. Programs that are team-taught with 6 or more units shall receive interim credit for all units in currently approved areas of the Core. Graduation requirement in U.S. Institutions may be satisfied within these units if both Core and Institutions criteria are met and course focuses on cultural pluralism.

b. Permanent approval of distribution of units will be discussed with the Board of General Studies after criteria are finalized.

III. U.S. History, Constitution and American Ideals

May be fulfilled at either SJSU
or at the originating institution
in a number of different ways:

a. Six units of
certified SJSU
Coursework

outside of
General
Education.

b. Completion
of a certified
SJSU
interdisciplinary
General
Education pro-

gram.

c. Completion
of certified
community
college or CSU
coursework.

d. Passage of
standardized
waiver exams.

IV. This General Education
Program will be reviewed in
the academic year 1995/96.

V. Those portions of UP S85-7
entitled "Undergraduate General
Education Requirements" and
"General Provisions" are superseded;
the portion entitled "Administrative
Structure" (as amended) remains in
effect.

ACTION BY THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT: Approved by President J. Handel Evans on March 8, 1993.