POLICY RECOMMENDATION
Modification to General Education Area D

Legislative History:

Whereas: EO1100 specifies that Area D requires 9 lower division and 3 upper division semester units dealing with human social, political and economic institutions and behavior, and their historical background, and

Whereas: EO1100 specifies that students shall complete courses from at least two different disciplines, and

Whereas: EO1100 specifies that CSU campuses may permit up to 6 semester units taken to meet the United States History, Constitution and American Ideals Requirement (Title 5, Section 40404) to satisfy GE requirements, and

Whereas: The Chancellor’s Office has identified that SJSU currently is not compliant with EO1100 and has requested that SJSU become compliant for Fall 2019, and

Whereas: SJSU has a deadline of February 11, 2019 for completion of all catalog materials for the AY2019/20 catalog. Therefore, be it

Resolved: Effective Fall 2019, the following structure be recommended for General Education Area D, and be it further

Resolved: These recommendations will sunset by the start of Academic Year 2023/24 with the understanding that a complete review of the General Education Policy and Guidelines will occur by C&R in consultation with BOGS and the GE Task Force Committee.

Approved: 12/04/2018

Vote: 10-0-0

Present: Scott Heil, Winifred Schultz-Krohn, Susana Khavul, Toby Matoush, Thalia Anagnos, Pam Stacks, Peter Buzanski, Lynne Trulio, Brandon White, Cynthia Fernandez-Rios

Absent: Cara Maffini, Anand Ramasubramanian, Gwendolyn Mok
Workload Impact: Increased workload for certain programs that will require changes be made to Area D in course classification and catalog updates.

Financial Impact: None anticipated

GENERAL EDUCATION AREA D: SOCIAL SCIENCES

9 units lower division and 3 units upper division

Social Science courses should increase the student's understanding of human behavior and social interaction in the context of value systems, economic structures, political institutions, social groups, and natural environments.

Area D1: Social Sciences. Social Sciences courses will enable students to place contemporary developments in cultural, historical, environmental, and spatial contexts; identify the dynamics of various social identities, and draw on different points of view, and formulate applications appropriate to contemporary social issues.

Area D2: Social Sciences, US History. Courses in this area will enable students to describe the principal events, developments, ideas, politics, and international relations in all the territories now in the United States from the beginnings of this society until the present, including consideration of women and gender relations; the history and experience of racial and ethnic minorities; immigration to the United States and the experiences of immigrants; and patterns of race and class relations.

Area D3: Social Sciences, US and California Government. Courses in this area will enable students to explain how political decisions are made, their consequences for individuals and society, and how individuals and groups may affect the decision-making process.

Requirements: Students starting as freshmen at SJSU must complete a minimum of nine lower division units and three upper division units in Area D. The courses must be in at least two different areas.

The CSU American Institutions/US History and Government requirement (US1, US2, and US3) may be met either by examination (AP or CLEP) or by taking at least one course in both Areas D2 and D3 that has been designated as US1, US2 and US3.

Transfer students must complete a minimum of nine lower division and three upper division units in Area D. These students may transfer in with lower division Area D units
satisfied without completing the US History and US and California Government
requirements. Transfer students who have not met their US History (US1) and US and
California Government (US2 and US3) requirements must still complete these
requirements by taking American Institutions courses at the lower division or upper
division level or by examination.

The three 3 upper division units in Area D are satisfied by SJSU Studies Area S.