

1 **SAN JOSÉ STATE UNIVERSITY**
2 **Academic Senate**
3 **Curriculum and Research Committee**
4 **December 7, 2020**
5 **Final Reading**

AS 1798

6 **POLICY**
7 **RECOMMENDATION**
8 **Amendment C to University Policy S14-5,**
9 **Guidelines for General Education (GE),**
10 **American Institutions (AI), and the Graduation Writing**
11 **Assessment**
12 **Requirement (GWAR)**

13 **Whereas:** CSU Executive Order 1100 states “Each CSU campus shall define GE student-
14 learning outcomes within a programmatic structure”; and

15 **Whereas:** The Academic Senate endorses the long-standing principle that curricular
16 standards are the responsibility of faculty as noted in the Sense of the Senate
17 Resolution SS-F17-2; and

18 **Whereas:** On August 17, 2020 Governor Newsom signed into law Education Code Section
19 89032 mandating that the California State University require completion of a 3-
20 unit course in ethnic studies as part of all undergraduate degrees, for students
21 graduating in the 2024–25 academic year and beyond; and

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23 **Whereas:** The law indicates that the learning outcomes for this ethnic studies course shall
24 be developed through a consultative process of the Academic Senate of
25 California State University, Chancellor’s Office, and the CSU Ethnic Studies
26 Council; and

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28 **Whereas:** On September 10, 2020 a memo from Executive Vice Chancellor Loren J.
29 Blanchard indicates that “Campus Academic Senates finalize revisions to their
30 campus GE programs based on the revised EO on CSU GE Breadth” and
31 provided a specific timeline; and

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33 **Whereas:** The CSU Board of Trustees has aligned Title 5 with the language required by the
34 legislation; therefore be it

35 **Resolved:** That the SJSU GE Guidelines be updated to create a 3-unit Area F, Ethnic
36 Studies requirement effective Academic Year 2021/22 to be in alignment with
37 Title 5; and be it further

38 **Resolved:** That the GE Area D lower division requirements shall be reduced from 9 units to
39 6 units in accordance with the recent changes in Title 5; and be it further

40 **Resolved:** That the Curriculum and Research Committee will bring to the Academic Senate
41 the complete and updated GE Guidelines for approval no later than May 10,
42 2021.

43 **Rationale:** This modification to SJSU GE Guidelines puts San José State University in
44 compliance with the memo from the Chancellor's Office and changes within Title 5. It will also
45 give the Curriculum and Research Committee the time needed to engage in a consultative
46 process, as is the tradition of the Academic Senate, to appropriately update the GE Guidelines
47 with the necessary details in order to fully execute these changes for Academic Year 2021/22.

48 **Timeline and Implementation:** First Time Freshman entering SJSU AY 2021/22 will be subject
49 to the updates to Area D and new Area F. Current SJSU students and continuously enrolled
50 California Community College transfer students will be held to the GE Guidelines aligned with
51 their catalog rights.

52 **Approved:** 11/30/2020

53 **Vote:** 11-0-0

54 **Present:** Anagnos, Backer, d'Alarcao, Dudley, Hart, Kaur, Kitajima, Khavul, Maffini,
55 Masegian, White (chair)

56 **Absent:** Stacks

57 **Guests:** Schraeder (recording)

58 **Workload impact:** There will be a temporary increase in workload for: (1) the Curriculum and
59 Research Committee to update the GE guidelines, (2) the General
60 Education Advisory Committee (GEAC) and General Education Review
61 Panel to review, evaluate, and approve initial courses in GE AREA F for
62 AY 2021/22, (3) staff to make changes to the online catalog, degree
63 roadmaps, various websites, publications and PeopleSoft, (4) articulation
64 staff to work with community colleges, (5) department and college
65 curriculum committees to make changes to all degree programs, and (6)
66 advising and orientation personnel. The SJSU Catalog must contain the
67 updates to Area D and at least one course in the new Area F in order to
68 meet all catalog requirements and student rights. In order to accomplish
69 this at least one course for the new Area F must be reviewed and
70 approved by GEAC.

71 **Faculty impact:** The creation of a new GE Area may require the hiring of additional faculty
72 with expertise in ethnic studies (i.e., "Ethnic studies are an
73 interdisciplinary and comparative study of race and ethnicity with special
74 focus on four historically defined racialized core groups: Native
75 Americans, African Americans, Asian Americans, and Latina and Latino
76 Americans" - Education Code Section 89032 for AB 1460). In AY 2019/20

77 SJSU enrolled 3,964 first time freshmen, so the number of sections
78 needed is substantial.

79 Per Title 5, the lower division Area D requirement will be reduced from 9
80 to 6 units, and as such, there will be a significant impact on faculty and
81 FTES in that area. There is the potential for lecturers to lose their jobs as
82 a result. There may be a temporary increase in advising workload for
83 departments due to catalog rights of students who will continue to need 9
84 units to fulfill Area D requirements.

85 **Financial impact:** It is unclear as to the total financial impact of this policy: potential
86 recruitment of additional faculty to teach within the new GE Area and a
87 reduction of faculty FTE teaching courses within Area D.

88 C&R feels that these impacts as outlined are underestimated without
89 additional information.