

**SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY  
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**S12-9, Policy Recommendation, Temporary Suspension of Enforcement of the Requirement that Students must Enroll in Courses for Areas R, S, and V in SJSU Studies in three different departments**

**Legislative History:**

At its meeting of May 14, 2012, the Academic Senate approved the following policy recommendation presented by Senator Bros-Seemann for the Curriculum and Research Committee.

**Action by University President: Approved by President Qayoumi  
on June 12, 2012**

**Policy Recommendation  
Temporary Suspension of Enforcement of the Requirement  
that Students must Enroll in Courses for Areas R, S, and V in  
SJSU Studies in three different departments**

Whereas we believe there should be breadth in our general education SJSU Studies program for the liberal education of our students, consistent with (1) the University Mission Statement, (2) CSU Executive Order 1065, and (3) SS-S05-5; and

Whereas the 2005 revision to the GE Guidelines included (page 7), under the heading of Breadth, the statement "Courses taken to satisfy SJSU Studies Areas R, S, and V must be from three different departments"; and

Whereas many SJSU Studies courses are cross-listed among departments, students are signing up for courses with prefixes from different departments but are actually being taught by members of the same department thereby violating the spirit of the requirement; and

Whereas it is virtually impossible to determine if students are meeting the requirement through cross-listing or by actually taking courses in different disciplines, thereby making it impossible to fairly enforce the policies; and

- Whereas the petitioning process is time consuming on behalf of both students and administration; and
- Whereas the Curriculum and Research Committee and the Office of Undergraduate Studies have deliberated ways to remove this inherent unjust situation while alerting the SJSU community of the need to maintain breadth in the upper division SJSU Studies program; and
- Whereas the solution to resolving the issue is complex and will take a considerable amount of time to reconcile; therefore be it
- Resolved starting with the Fall 2012 semester, the Office of Undergraduate Studies be given approval to suspend the enforcement of S09-2 and S05-8 with respect to “Courses taken to satisfy SJSU Studies Areas R, S, and V must be from three different departments” until an appropriate process can be developed to ensure breadth in the SJSU Studies courses; and further be it
- Resolved that Curriculum and Research Committee be charged with seeking a long term solution which is fair to all students and still maintains the need for breadth requirements in the SJSU Studies program.

Approved: 5/1/12  
Vote: 11 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions  
Present: Shannon Bros-Seemann (Chair), Peter Buzanski, Peggy Cabrera, Jean-Luc Desalvo, Winncy Du, Annette Nellen, Lori Salazar, Wynn Schultz-Krohn, Pamela Stacks, Patricia Swanson, David Terry.  
Absent: Sutee Sujitparapitaya, Dennis Jaehne,  
Financial Impact: Very little financial impact is anticipated.  
Workload Impact: There will no longer be a need for students to petition for exceptions to the RSV prefix policy, thus saving student, advising and administrative time.