

**SAN JOSÉ STATE UNIVERSITY  
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**Amendment C to University Policy S14-5, Guidelines for  
General Education (GE), American Institutions (AI), and the  
Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR)**

**Amends: S14-5**

**Effective: Immediately**

**Legislative History:**

At its meeting of December 7, 2020, Senator White presented Amendment C to University Policy S14-5 for the Curriculum and Research Committee. Amendment C to University Policy S14-5, Guidelines for General Education (GE), American Institutions (AI), and the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR) requires the GE Guidelines to be updated to include a 3-unit Area F, Ethnic Studies requirement effective Academic Year 2021/22, and lower the Area D division requirements from 9 units to 6 units to be in alignment with Title 5.

**ACTION BY UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:**

**Approved and Signed by President  
Mary A. Papazian on  
December 8, 2020.**

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- Whereas:** CSU Policy on General Education Breadth (formerly EO1100 [Revised August 2017]), states “Each CSU campus shall define GE student learning outcomes within a programmatic structure”; and
- Whereas:** The Academic Senate endorses the long-standing principle that curricular standards are the responsibility of faculty as noted in the Sense of the Senate Resolution SS-F17-2; and
- Whereas:** On August 17, 2020 Governor Newsom signed into law Education Code Section 89032 mandating that the California State University require completion of a 3-unit course in ethnic studies as part of all undergraduate degrees, for students graduating in the 2024–25 academic year and beyond; and
- Whereas:** The law indicates that the learning outcomes for this ethnic studies course shall be developed through a consultative process of the Academic Senate of California State University, Chancellor’s Office, and the CSU Ethnic Studies Council; and
- Whereas:** On September 10, 2020 a memo from Executive Vice Chancellor Loren J. Blanchard indicates that “Campus Academic Senates finalize revisions to their campus GE programs based on the revised EO on CSU GE Breadth” and provided a specific timeline; and
- Whereas:** The CSU Board of Trustees has aligned Title 5 with the language required by the legislation; therefore be it
- Resolved:** That the SJSU GE Guidelines be updated to create a 3-unit Area F, Ethnic Studies requirement effective Academic Year 2021/22 to be in alignment with Title 5; and be it further
- Resolved:** That the GE Area D lower division requirements shall be reduced from 9 units to 6 units in accordance with the recent changes in Title 5; and be it further
- Resolved:** That the Curriculum and Research Committee will bring to the Academic Senate the complete and updated GE Guidelines for approval no later than May 10, 2021.

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

**Timeline and Implementation:**

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

**Approved:** 11/30/2020

**Vote:** 11-0-0

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

**Absent:** Stacks

**Guests:** Schraeder (recording)

**Workload impact:**

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

**Faculty impact:**

The creation of a new GE Area may require the hiring of additional faculty with expertise in ethnic studies (i.e., "Ethnic studies are an interdisciplinary and comparative study of race and ethnicity with special focus on four historically defined racialized core groups: Native Americans, African Americans, Asian Americans, and Latina and Latino Americans" - Education Code Section 89032 for AB 1460). In AY 2019/20 SJSU enrolled 3,964 first time freshmen, so the number of sections needed is substantial.

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

**Financial impact:**

It is unclear as to the total financial impact of this policy: potential recruitment of additional faculty to teach within the new GE Area and a reduction of faculty FTE teaching courses within Area D. C&R feels that these impacts as outlined are underestimated without additional information.