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Curriculum Committee Proposal

Revision of the College Writing General Education Requirement

Current: The CW requirement is described in the current catalog as follows:

II.A. College Writing: *To understand the writing process through invention, organization, drafting, revising, and editing; and develop writers who can write about a range of ideas for a variety of readers.*

II.A. College Writing (CW)-One course.*

*This requirement may be fulfilled through exemption.

Proposed: The Curriculum Committee unanimously supports the replacement of the writing requirement as follows:

II.A. Writing for the Liberal Arts: *To learn the general conventions of academic writing, including analysis and argumentation; lay the foundation for learning conventions specific to individual disciplines; practice the writing process, especially revision; develop information literacy and understand research process.*

II.A. Writing for the Liberal Arts (WLA)-One course.

Rationale:

In open forums sponsored by the Curriculum Committee last year, faculty and students expressed concern that our students are not receiving sufficient writing instruction, nor are they consistently being given instruction in information literacy. Writing for the Liberal Arts is designed to ensure that the one-third of our students who do not currently enroll in College Writing do receive the instruction they need to produce academic prose in a variety of academic genres.