

## SEAS ELECTIVES POLICIES

### PURPOSE

Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) serve not only to meet the objectives of a broad education, but also to meet the objectives of the engineering profession. Such course work must meet the generally accepted definitions that the humanities are the branches of knowledge concerned with people and culture, while the social sciences are the studies of society. Examples of traditional subjects in these areas are philosophy, religion, history, literature, fine arts, sociology, psychology, political science, anthropology, economics, and foreign languages other than a student's native language(s). Non-traditional subjects are exemplified by courses such as technology and human affairs, history of technology, and professional ethics and social responsibility.

### APPROVED HSS ELECTIVES

In consultation with your advisor, you should select your HSS electives from the list of courses presented below. Courses that instill cultural values are acceptable while skills development courses are not. Consequently, courses that involve performance must be accompanied by theory or history of the subject. Courses on communication in the student's native language, regardless of their level, may not be used to satisfy any HSS requirement.

### UNRESTRICTED ELECTIVES

Unrestricted electives may be chosen from any graded course in the University except mathematics courses below MATH 1310; courses that substantially duplicate any others offered for the degree, including PHYS 2010, PHYS 2020, CS 1010, CS 1020; any introductory programming course; or SCPS courses (see below). APMA 1090 counts as a three credit unrestricted elective.

### PETITIONS

Students may petition the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs for approval as an HSS elective or other courses not on the approved list. Petition forms are available in A-122 Thornton Hall. Each petition should include the official catalog description for the course and a syllabus for the course. The justification should clearly state how the course meets the definition of an HSS elective.

### STS COURSES

In general, STS courses are acceptable as HSS electives. The four required STS courses (1500, 2xxx or 3xxx, 4500, 4600) cannot also be counted as HSS courses. But any STS courses taken beyond the four-course requirements can be used as HSS electives, except STS 4110.

### COMM COURSES

In general, courses taken for credit in the McIntire School of Commerce (COMM) are not acceptable for HSS credit. COMM courses (such as those used to satisfy the requirements of the Engineering Business Minor) will be counted as unrestricted electives.

### SCPS COURSES

Courses in the School of Continuing and Professional Studies (SCPS) cannot be used to satisfy any degree requirement in SEAS.

## HSS ELECTIVE OPTIONS

These course mnemonics are generally acceptable for HSS elective credit. A student may normally take any course under any one of these mnemonics, with the exception of those with specialized nature for majors in that field or because they are predominantly skills courses:

- ANTH: 1090, 3810, 3820, 4991, 4993, 4998, 4999, 5080, 5800, 5870, 5880, 5989
- ECON: 3710, 3720, 4010, 4350, 4710, 5090, 5100
- ENSP: 1600
- GDS: 1100, 4951, 4952
- MUSI: 1310, 1993, 2993, 3310, 3320, 3360, 3390, 3993, 4575
- PSYC: 2200, 2210, 2220, 2302, 3005, 3006, 3210, 3870, 3590, 4111, 4125, 4200, 4290, 4330, 4500, 4910, 4970, 4930, 4940, 4980, 5200, 5210, 5260, 5330, 5350, 5401
- SOC: 4800, 4810, 4820, 4970, 5100, 5110, 5120, 5595, 5596
- STS: 4110

## HUMANITIES ELECTIVES

### **Fine Arts**

ARH - Architectural History  
 ARTH - Art History  
 CCFA - Common Course Fine Arts\*  
 MDST - Media Studies  
 MUSI - Music

### **General**

PLPT - Political Theory  
 STS - Science, Technology, and Contemporary Issues

### **History**

HIAF - African History  
 HIEA - East Asian History  
 HIEU - European History  
 HILA - Latin American History  
 HIME - Middle Eastern History  
 HISA - South Asian History  
 HIST - General History  
 HIUS - United States History

### **Languages**

AMTR- Asian and Middle Eastern Language & Culture in Translation\*  
 ARAB- Arabic  
 ARTR- Arabic in Translation

### **Languages Cont'd**

ASL - American Sign Language  
 BENG - Bengali  
 CHIN - Chinese  
 CHTR - Chinese in Translation  
 CREO - Creole  
 CZ - Czech\*  
 FREN - French  
 FRTR - French in Translation  
 GERM - German  
 GETR - German in Translation  
 GREE - Greek  
 HEBR - Hebrew  
 HIND - Hindu  
 ITAL - Italian  
 ITTR - Italian in Translation  
 JAPN - Japanese  
 JPTR - Japanese in Translation  
 KOR - Korean  
 LATI - Latin  
 MEST - Asian & Middle Eastern Languages & Culture in Translation  
 PERS - Persian  
 PETR - Persian in Translation\*

### **Languages Cont'd**

POL - Polish  
 PORT - Portuguese  
 POTR - Portuguese in Translation\*  
 RUSS - Russian  
 RUTR - Russian in Translation  
 SANS - Sanskrit  
 SATR - South Asian in Translation  
 SCAN - Scandinavian\*  
 SLAV - Slavic  
 SLFK - Slavic Folklore and Literature  
 SLTR - Slavic in Translation\*  
 SPAN- Spanish  
 SPTR - Spanish in Translation  
 SRBC - Servo- Croatian\*  
 SWAH - Swahili  
 SWED - Swedish\*  
 TBTN - Tibetan  
 TURK - Turkish\*  
 UKR - Ukrainian\*  
 URDU - Urdu  
 YIDD - Yiddish\*

**Moral, Philosophical, & Religious  
Perspectives**

PHIL - Philosophy  
 RELA - African Religions  
 RELB - Buddhism  
 RELC - Christianity  
 RELG - General Religion  
 RELH - Hinduism  
 RELI - Islam  
 RELJ - Judaism  
 RELS - Special Topic in Religion

**Literature**

CCLT - Common Course  
Literature\*  
 CPLT - Comparative Literature  
 ENAM - American Literature to  
1900  
 ENCR - Studies in Criticism  
 ENEC - Restoration and 18<sup>th</sup>  
Century Literature  
 ENGL - Miscellaneous English  
 ENGN - Genre Studies\*  
 ENLS - Language Study\*

**Literature Cont'd**

ENLT - Introductory Seminar in  
Literature  
 ENMC - Modern and Contemporary  
Literature  
 ENMD - Medieval Studies  
 ENNC - 19<sup>th</sup> Century British  
Literature  
 ENRN - Renaissance Literature  
 ENSP - Special Topics in Literature  
 ENWR - English Writing

**SOCIAL SCIENCES ELECTIVES**

AAS - African American Studies  
 AMEL - Asian & Middle Eastern  
Language & Culture\*  
 AMST - American Studies  
 ANTH - Anthropology  
 CCSS - Common Course Social  
Science\*  
 COMM - Communications; Only  
COMM 2600, cross-listed as SOC  
2600  
 CLAS - Classics (Greek and Roman  
Studies)  
 EAST - East Asian Studies

EDLF - Education-Leadership,  
Foundations and Policy; Only EDLF  
5000, not EDLF 5001\*  
 ECON - Economics  
 ETP - Environmental Thought and  
Practice; Only ETP 2020, 2030,  
3870, 4800  
 GDS - Global Development Studies  
 LING - Linguistics  
 LNLS - General Linguistics  
 MESA - Middle Eastern and South  
Asian Studies  
 MSP - Medieval Studies

PLAD - Politics Department  
Seminar  
 PLAP - American Politics  
 PLCP - Comparative Politics  
 PLIR - International Relations  
 PSYC - Psychology  
 SAST - South Asian Studies  
 SOC - Sociology  
 WGS - Women, Gender and  
Sexuality

\*Not scheduled to be offered Fall 2015