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**

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* indicates languages and courses in translation.
Literature
CCLT - Common Course Literature*
CPLT - Comparative Literature
ENAM - American Literature to 1900
ENCR - Studies in Criticism
ENEC - Restoration and 18th 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 - 19th Century British Literature
ENRN - Renaissance Literature
ENSP - Special Topics in Literature
ENWR - English Writing

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

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
LNGS - 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