FKL General Education Courses: Recertification Guide

Beginning spring 2016, the General Education Council will utilize new Global FKL criteria to recertify FKL general education courses in key core areas. The new criteria will infuse the learning outcomes of the Global Citizens Project into the FKL Core Curriculum, thereby introducing students to global competencies and content.

The new Global FKL criteria apply to courses in the following core areas:

- Social and Behavioral Sciences (CASB)
- Humanities (CAHU)
- Fine Arts (CAFA)
- Human and Cultural Diversity in a Global Context (CAGC)

All other general education courses are encouraged, but not required, to meet the Global FKL criteria.

Global FKL Criteria

1) CASB, CAHU, and CAFA courses must address either the FKL Human and Cultural Diversity dimension or the FKL Global Context dimension. (These dimensions align with the GCP learning outcomes. See figure 1.)
2) CAGC courses must address both the FKL Human and Cultural Diversity and the FKL Global Context dimensions.
3) The course syllabus must identify, in the FKL Syllabus Statement, which dimension(s) the course addresses.
4) The course syllabus must specify one or more course-specific learning outcomes that align with the GCP learning outcomes (Knowledge, Analysis, Synthesis) of the selected dimension. (Refer to figure 1.)
5) The course must integrate activities that require students to perform at least one GCP behavioral indicator from each of the three GCP learning outcomes of the selected dimension.
6) The course syllabus must identify one or more graded assignments that require students to perform the selected behavioral indicators. The assignment must be labeled “Global Citizens Assignment” in the syllabus and make clear to students the learning outcomes they are expected to demonstrate.
7) The department must commit to assessing student learning within the context of the proposed course using GCP assessment methods, upon request by the General Education Council and/or the Global Citizens Project.

Previously certified FKL courses may continue to be taught as elective courses, but only those courses in the designated areas that meet the above criteria will be recertified. Courses not meeting the above criteria will no longer have FKL certification and will no longer fulfill general education requirements.

Certification Process and Timeline

Review of general education courses using the above outlined Global FKL criteria will occur on the five-year recertification cycle. To learn when your FKL general education course is up for recertification, please view the Recertification Schedule. Departments will be notified by email about the submission process the semester before the course is scheduled for review. View the Recertification Proposal form.
Figure 1. Alignment of FKL Dimensions with GCP Learning Outcomes