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February 23, 2016

Judith H. Langlois  
Interim Executive Vice President and Provost  
The University of Texas at Austin  
MAI 201  
Campus Mail Code: G1000

Dear Dr. Langlois:

Enclosed for your consideration and action are proposed changes to the Skills and Experience Flag section in the School of Undergraduate Studies chapter in the *Undergraduate Catalog, 2016-2018* (D 14255-14257). The changes were classified as being of *general* interest to more than one college or school and were approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on February 18, 2016. The authority to grant final approval on these changes resides with UT System.

Please let me know if you have questions or if I can provide other information concerning this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hillary Hart".

Hillary Hart, Secretary  
General Faculty and Faculty Council

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Enclosures

xc: Gregory L. Fenves, president  
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ec: Brent Iverson, dean, undergraduate studies  
Larry Abraham, associate dean, undergraduate studies  
Jen Morgan, program manager, undergraduate studies  
Allen Walser, manager of reporting and analysis, IRRIS  
Brenda Schumann, associate registrar  
Lydia Cornell, Program Coordinator  
Michelle George, administrative manager for faculty affairs, provost's office

## DOCUMENTS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

**PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE FLAG SECTION IN THE COLLEGE OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES CHAPTER IN THE *UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG 2016-2018***

Dean Doug Dempster, in the College of Fine Arts has filed with the secretary of the Faculty Council the following changes to the *Undergraduate Catalog, 2016-2018*. The secretary has classified this proposal as legislation of *general* interest to more than one college or school.

The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the changes on February 3, 2016, and forwarded the proposal to the Office of the General Faculty. The Faculty Council has the authority to approve this legislation on behalf of the General Faculty. The authority to grant final approval on this legislation resides with UT System.

If no objection is filed with the Office of the General Faculty by the date specified below, the legislation will be held to have been approved by the Faculty Council. If an objection is filed within the prescribed period, the legislation will be presented to the Faculty Council at its next meeting. The objection, with reasons, must be signed by a member of the Faculty Council.

To be counted, a protest must be received in the Office of the General Faculty by February 18, 2016.



Hillary Hart, Secretary  
General Faculty and Faculty Council



- e. Does this proposal involve changes to the core curriculum or other basic education requirements (42-hour core, signature courses, flags)? If yes, explain: **No**  
**If yes, undergraduate studies must be informed of the proposed changes and their response included:**

Person communicated with:

Date of communication:

Response:

- f. Will this proposal change the number of hours required for degree completion? If yes, explain: **No**

##### 5. COLLEGE/SCHOOL APPROVAL PROCESS

College approval date: 12/2/15 Approved by whom: Undergraduate Studies Advisory Committee

Dean approval date: 12/2/15

Approved by whom: Dean Brent Iverson

#### PROPOSED NEW CATALOG TEXT:

##### Skills and Experience Flags

In the process of fulfilling the core curriculum and other degree requirements, all undergraduates are expected to complete courses with content in the following six areas:

- Writing: three flagged courses beyond Rhetoric and Writing 306 or its equivalent
- Quantitative reasoning: one flagged course
- Global cultures: one flagged course
- Cultural diversity in the United States: one flagged course
- Ethics and leadership: one flagged course
- Independent inquiry: one flagged course

Courses used to fulfill flag requirements must be taken for a letter grade unless the flagged course is only offered on a pass/fail basis; the minimum acceptable grade is *D-*. Individual degree plans may not require a higher minimum standard for flagged courses in general. However, individual degree plans may set a higher minimum grade standard for flagged courses that are also required in the major field or are required as prerequisites for courses in the major.

Courses with sufficient content in these areas will be identified in the *Course Schedule* by the appropriate flags. The School of Undergraduate Studies monitors flagged courses to ensure that they meet the guidelines set by the general faculty. When a course is approved to carry more than one flag, enrolled students may use all of those flags to fulfill degree requirements, except that the global cultures flag and the cultural diversity in the United States flag must be earned in separate courses.

While ~~many~~ all undergraduate degree programs require ~~all of these~~ the flags, some are still in the process of implementing ~~selected flag~~ the third Writing flag requirements. Students who choose to graduate according to the requirements of the ~~2014-2016~~ 2016-2018 *Undergraduate Catalog* should consult their advisers and the degree requirements listed in chapters 3 through 16 of this catalog to determine which of the flag requirements apply to them and how to integrate them into their degree plans.