

University Senate
October 8, 2007

Oral Communications Suspension “Note” Language

At the Senate Council Meeting on Monday, September 17, the Senate Council unanimously voted to send the proposed changes to SR 5.4.3.3 (“University Studies Requirements”) to the Senate with a positive recommendation, to be effective immediately upon Senate approval.

Recommendation: that the Senate approve the proposed changes to SR 5.4.3.3 (“University Studies Requirements”) and make the changes effective immediately without further codification.

Proposal:

II. Proposed rule change to codify suspension of the oral communication requirement

At its Sept. 11, 2006 meeting, the Senate voted “to extend until Fall 2009 the suspension of the oral communications requirement.” To codify this action required working with Rule 5.4.3.3 in taking this temporary suspension from a “note” in the Rule and moving it to a place where it could be easily removed, as well as other miscellaneous changes which the Rules Committee believed required submission to the Senate Council. New language is indicated by underlining, deleted language is indicated by [brackets], and the column entitled “Notes” provides helpful background.

Proposal	Notes
<p>5.4.3.3 University Studies Requirements (US: 2/3/86; US: 3/8/04)</p> <p><u>A. Specific Requirements. Each undergraduate student must complete all five parts of the University Studies Requirements designated as I-V below:</u></p> <p>I. Basic Skills</p> <p>A Mathematics (College Algebra, or exam, or ACT 25, or Calculus)</p> <p>B Foreign Language (2 yrs high school/1 yr college)</p> <p>II. Inference and Communicative Skills</p> <p>A Calculus or Logic and Statistics 3-6 hours</p> <p>B University Writing Requirement (English) 4 hours</p> <p>C Oral Communication Requirement 3 hours</p> <p>[Note: The Oral Communications Requirement is suspended for new freshman and new transfer students entering the University for the first time, effective for the entering classes of 2004, 2005 and 2006 only. The University Studies Committee will develop guidelines to re-evaluate the Oral Communication requirement which the Senate will employ at the end of the three year suspension. (US: 4/12/04)]</p>	<p>Introductory language needs to be added, it was removed in the '06 recodification and the rule appears abrupt and not clear without it. This language is consistent with that appearing in the other parts of Rule 5.4.3. The A-B-C subparts are added to conform to the Senate Rules generally.</p> <p>The “note” will be updated and moved to a new Part (C) so that it can easily be removed when no longer applicable.</p>

<p>III Disciplinary Requirements</p> <p>A Natural Sciences (Two-sem. seq. in one discipline) 6 hours</p> <p>B Social Sciences (Single course in each of two separate disciplines) 6 hours</p> <p>C Humanities</p> <p>a. Survey from Greece to the Present, or</p> <p>b. Two courses in a single humanistic discipline, or</p> <p>c. Freshman Seminars (two) 6 hours</p> <p>In fulfilling requirement A, B, or C(b), a student may enroll in a Discovery Seminar as one of the required courses. The single- or multiple-discipline requirement will still apply. [US: 11/10/97]</p> <p>IV. Six hours of Electives [US: 4/23/01] Each student must take six hours of electives, with at least three hours taken in courses which do not satisfy the requirements of the student's major.[] 6 hours</p> <p>V. Cross-cultural Requirement Each student must take one course which deals primarily with the Third World or with a non-Western civilization. 3 hours</p> <p style="text-align: right;">TOTAL 39-42 hours</p>	<p>← There is a right bracket here which is a typo and should be removed.</p>
<p><u>B. Using Courses to Satisfy Multiple Requirements</u>[NOTE:] A course taken to satisfy a requirement in one area of University Studies cannot be used to satisfy a requirement in another except that (a) a single course in calculus may be used to satisfy the mathematics component in both I-A and II-A; and (b) courses approved as Clustered Courses[**] may be used to satisfy both the Cross-Disciplinary and designated Disciplinary requirements. [(US: 2/8/88)**] Clustered Courses must be composed of two or more sets of paired courses approved for the cross-disciplinary component of the University Studies Program. All clusters must be approved in accordance with the rules and procedures for including any course or sequence of courses in the University Studies Program. (US: 2/8/88)</p> <p><u>C. Suspension of Oral Communication Requirement.</u> <u>The Oral Communication Requirement (Part II-C) is suspended for students first entering the University as freshmen or new transfer students first matriculating from the Fall Semester 2004 through the Fall Semester 2009. (US 4/12/04; 9/11/06).</u></p>	<p>The new (B) heading is used to replace the current "Note." The Committee does not believe "notes" should appear in the Rules.</p> <p>The second change removes the ** "footnote" regarding "Clustered Courses."</p> <p>This is the action taken by the Senate, codified here in light of previous suspensions of the requirement for classes entering in 2004 and after. The subsection can be easily removed when it no longer applies.</p>