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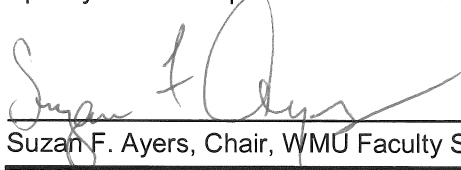
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Faculty Senate Executive Board

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March 16, 2018

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RECOMMENDATION:

Specify student requirements for matriculation through the WMU Essential Studies curriculum



Suzan F. Ayers, Chair, WMU Faculty Senate Executive Board

Date: March 16, 2018

Approve Disapprove Other Action
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Suzan F. Ayers, WMU Faculty Senate President

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RATIONALE

Based on MOA-17/05: Revision of WMU General Education Curriculum, the need to specify requirements for undergraduate students' matriculation through the WMU Essential Studies curriculum has been established. These requirements will replace those currently outlined in the General Education Policy (rev. fall 2012).

RECOMMENDATION

Specify student requirements for matriculation through the WMU Essential Studies curriculum.

ACTION

Each student must complete:

1. One course in every course category of the WMU Essential Studies curriculum.
2. One course that addresses the "develop sensitivity to diversity and inclusion" required student learning outcome.
3. One course that addresses the "develop practices for planetary sustainability" required student learning outcome.
4. Courses that meet the sequencing requirements:
 - a. Level I – Foundations course categories of *Writing and Inquiry and Engagement: Critical Thinking in the Arts and Humanities* must be completed as prerequisites for enrolling in Level II – Exploration and Discovery course category *Societies and Cultures*.
 - b. Level II – Exploration and Discovery course category *Societies and Cultures* must be completed as a prerequisite for enrolling in Level III – Connections course categories *Local and National Perspectives* and *Global Perspectives*.
5. No more than three courses from any one course prefix.

Students may receive credit in place of coursework, if the department offering the course provides credit by examination or an alternative demonstration of skills and knowledge, in accordance with the university's Credit by Examination Policy.