

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FORM

REQUEST FOR "AREA D: SOCIAL SCIENCES" DESIGNATION

TO: Elizabeth McNie, Chair, Curriculum Committee
FROM: Sarah Senk, Chair, General Education Committee
DATE: 11/4/22
SUBJECT: Curriculum Change Request: GMA --- CIVIL CONFLICT

Proposed Course Subject: GMA
Proposed Course Title: Civil Conflict
Submitted by: Amy Skoll and Ryan Wade
Date Submitted: 10/26/22

GE COMMITTEE SUMMARY

In the space provided, please include the following information: when the committee met, who was in attendance, who was absent (and for what reason), a record of the vote/ decision, and a brief summary of the committee discussion (including justifications for decisions and dissenting opinions):

The General Education Committee met on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, to review two GSMA Curriculum Change Request forms and determine whether GMA --- ("Civil Conflict") should be designated as an Area D General Education course. (The course has been taught before as a GMA 395 Special Topics class, and the GSMA department would like to add the course to its list of permanent offerings.)

In attendance were voting committee members Sarah Senk (Chair), Julie Simons, Cynthia Trevisan, Laurie Borchard, and Aparna Sinha, as well as nonvoting members Jordan Taylor, Mike Strange, Julia Odom, and Graham Benton. Ryan Wade was absent due to a conflict and designated Amy Skoll as his proxy.

The committee offered some friendly amendments for revisions to course outcomes (to accord with Bloom's taxonomy and ensure outcomes were measurable). There was some discussion about whether the course contained sufficient emphasis on "human behavior" to satisfy GELO 10 ["Identify and explain the links between human social, political and economic institutions and behavior"]; ultimately, we agreed that this focus was implicit in the course description and outcomes.

After reviewing the course description, goals, competencies and list of potential texts, the General Education Committee voted unanimously to designate this course as an Area D General Education course.