

PROPOSAL FOR A CURRICULUM CHANGE

Georgia Southwestern State University

Select Area of Change:

☐ Core Curriculum

Specify: Area A,B,C,D,E

☒ Major Curriculum

☐ Graduate Curriculum

☐ Other Curriculum
(minor, certificate,
etc.)

Specify:

**Proposed Effective Date for
Curriculum Change:**
(Month/Year): 08/2015

Degree & Program Name: (e.g., BFA, Art): BA in English

Present Requirements:

Upper Division Core Requirements:

ENGL 3211 Intro to Study of Engl Lang
ENGL 3220 Advanced Composition
ENGL 4965 Senior Capstone Seminar
Upper-division English Elective
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Proposed Requirements (Underline changes after printing this form:

Upper Division Core Requirements:

~~ENGL 3211 Intro to Study of Engl Lang~~
ENGL 3100 Introduction to Literary and
Cultural Theory
ENGL 3220 Advanced Composition
ENGL 4965 Senior Capstone Seminar
Upper-division English Elective
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Justification:

Select one or more of the following to indicate why the proposed change will be beneficial, giving your justification. Include and/or append relevant supporting data.

☒ Improve student learning outcomes: Weakness in the area has been previously identified in our assessment procedure (i.e. through the MFT in English). A previous Assessment Report and MFT data are included.

☒ Adopting current best practice(s) in field: New GACE includes a section on literary theory, whereas linguistics is barely touched upon and is covered in other courses. Also, the vast majority of English departments offer this course.

☐ Meeting mandates of state/federal/outside accrediting agencies:

☐ Other:

Source of Data to Support Suggested Change:

- ☐ **Indirect measures:** Student Opinionnaires, student, employer, or alumni surveys, etc.
☒ **Direct measures:** Materials collected and evaluated for program assessment purposes (tests, portfolios, specific assignments, etc.) Results from Major Field Test with breakdown by Field.

Plan for assessing the effectiveness of the change in meeting program's learning outcomes (i.e., how do these changes fit within the current program assessment plan and what sorts of data will be collected and evaluated to determine if these changes are meeting stated program outcomes?).

Data Sources:

- ☐ **Indirect measures:** Student Opinionnaires; student, employer, or alumni surveys, etc.
☒ **Direct measures:** Materials collected and evaluated for program assessment purposes (tests, portfolios, specific assignments, etc.) We will monitor GACE scores as well as scores on the MFT in English to ensure improvement. We anticipate continued success in the affected learning outcomes.

****Attach a current curriculum sheet and proposed curriculum sheet.****

Submission for File Only:

Unit Head: *H. Bryan* Date: *10/29/14*

Reviewed By (necessary even for file submissions):

GSW SACSCOC Liaison Date:

Approvals (unnecessary for file submissions):

Unit Head: *H. Bryan* Date: *10/29/14*

Teacher Education Committee Chair: Date:

Committee on Academic Affairs Chair: Date:

Committee on Graduate Affairs Chair: Date:

Secretary of the Faculty Senate: Date: