

**UC 8871 06S**

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To: Undergraduate Council  
From: Sarah Fishman, Core Committee  
RE: Writing in the Disciplines  
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On 23 February 2005, the Undergraduate Council approved UC 8483 05S. That proposal replaced the three hour Social Science Writing Intensive requirement with a new 3 hour requirement: Writing Intensive in the Disciplines. Although the new category made use of 3 of the 'Flex 6' Institutionally Designated hours available to the university, the Core Committee mistakenly believed that those hours had to be placed in one of the existing Core categories. Although the committee always considered the 3 hour WID to be an Institutionally Designated option, it recommended that the WID requirement be added to Communication, making the Communication requirement 9 hours total, 3 from WID. The Core Committee also recommended that courses designated SSWI be moved to that category. Every SSWI course had already been through a recent approval process to gain the SSWI designation.

Based on recent meeting with Catherine Parsonneault from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Core Committee proposes a nonsubstantive amendment to UC 8483 05S. The basic category, Writing Intensive in the Disciplines (WID), will not change, the Exemplary Educational Objectives will remain the same, and there will be no change to the courses already approved for the category, including SSWI courses. However, we recommend that WID be a separate category outside Communication (as Math Reasoning is handled separately from the Math requirement). It will be listed as an Institutionally Designated 3 hour requirement, like Math Reasoning.