

UC 10811 10S

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Degree Programs Committee: Programs

SUBJECT: UC 10785 10S: Request to Add American Humanics to Satisfy the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Degree Requirements

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The Committee met on Wednesday, April 7 to consider a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences to add American Humanics as an additional option for satisfying Requirement 4 of the College's Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degree requirements. Participating in the discussion were committee members Betty Barr, Roger Blakeney, Miranda Bennett, Debbie Hermann, Iain Morrison, and Richard Scamell. Jeanette Morales, Jyoti Cameron, and Sarah Fishman attended the meeting as guests.

Requirement 4 of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences degree requirements can currently be completed by satisfying one of the following five options:

- a. a second bachelor's degree
- b. a second major
- c. an approved minor
- d. a senior honors thesis
- e. teacher certification

The purpose of UC 10785 10S is to add option f: completion of the American Humanics Certificate Program.

The purpose of the American Humanics program is to prepare students for certification as nonprofit professionals through American Humanics, Inc. (AH), a national nonprofit organization founded in 1948. The program is administered through the Graduate School of Social Work and includes academic requirements and co-curricular requirements.

Academic Requirements

1. Child and Adult Development (completion of one of the following courses)
 - HDFS 2317: Introduction to Human Development
 - HDFS 4316: Development of Social Relations
 - PSYC 2350: Child Development
 - PSYC 2351: Adolescent Development
2. Historical and Philosophical Foundations
 - SOC 3318: Introduction to Social Work and Social Services
3. General Nonprofit Management
 - SOCW 3354: Nonprofit Management
4. Nonprofit Financial Management
 - SOCW 3330: Nonprofit Financial Management
5. Nonprofit Marketing/Public Relations (completion of one of the following courses)
 - MARK 3336: Elements of Marketing
 - COMM 3356: Business/Professional Communications

In addition, students must complete a 480 hour supervised internship in a nonprofit organization for certification over either one or two semesters. Students may receive course credit for this internship as part of their major requirement.

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Co-Curricular Requirements

Co-curricular requirements include: (a) attending a Fall Retreat, (b) attending the four monthly Fall Professional Workshop Series, (c) attending at least one of the January National American Humanics Management Institute meetings, (d) active participation in the American Humanics Student Organization, (e) participation in at least three nonprofit agency site visits, (f) attending eight four-hour workshops in the Development Workshop Series on Fridays during the Spring Semester, and (g) attending at least one annual recognition event.

Recommendation

The Committee notes that satisfactory completion of the academic and co-curricular requirements that accompany option f (the American Humanics Nonprofit Certificate Program) make this option one that might demand considerably more time than completion of some of the other options (e.g., an approved minor). Nonetheless, the Committee unanimously endorses UC 10785 10S as an excellent educational option for students seeking careers in social service organizations.