


**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** May 8, 2018  
**TO:** Michael E. Spagna, Ph.D.  
Provost & VP of Academic Affairs  
**FROM:** Laura Talamante, Ph.D.   
Academic Senate Chair  
**RE:** \*W EPC 18-07 General Education Changes to Area A to Meet E.O. 1100 Requirements

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I am formally transmitting the attached resolution \*W EPC 18-07 General Education Changes to Area A to Meet E.O. 1100 Requirements.

The CSUDH Academic Senate passed the resolution on May 4, 2018 with 34 to approve, 0 against, and 3 abstentions. The resolution represents the work of the General Education Committee co-chaired by Dr. John Wilkins and Dr. Pat Kalayjian and forwarded to the Educational Policy Committee, chaired by Dr. Enrique Ortega. Meetings were also held with English faculty led by the Chair of English, Timothy Chin in the College of Arts and Humanities.

The resolution recommends the removal of English 111 as a second Area A2 Written Communication requirement to reduce Area A units to the required maximum of 9 units. In addition, the resolution recommends the removal of the optional Area A4 Objectives for Basic Library Skills. Explanations to the Academic Senate highlighted the current General Education Committee goal to embed information literacy skill development within lower-division General Education courses to better serve our students.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions regarding the resolution.

Sincerely,



Laura Talamante, Ph. D  
Chair, Academic Senate CSUDH

cc: President Willie J. Hagan  
AVP of Retention and Advising, Bridget Driscoll  
AVP for Student Success, Paz Oliverez  
AVP of Enrollment Management, Brandy McClelland  
All Deans  
All Faculty

**Approved:**

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Michael E. Spagna, Ph.D.  
Provost and VP of Academic Affairs



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**\*W EPC 18-07 General Education Changes to Area A  
to Meet Executive Order 1100 Requirements**

**M/S/P 05/04/18**

**34 in favor/0 against/3 abstentions**

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of California State Dominguez Hills (ASCSUDH) recommend that, effective Fall 2018, fulfillment of Area A: Communication in the English Language and Critical Thinking (9 units) may be achieved by students selecting: a 3-unit course from Subarea A1 (Oral Communication), a 3-unit course from Subarea A2 (Written Communication), and a 3-unit course from Subarea A3 (Critical Thinking); and be it further,

RESOLVED: That Subarea A4. Objectives for Basic Library Skills (optional) be removed from the General Education Program.

*Rationale:* The California State University (CSU) Chancellor's Office Executive Order EO 1100 states that CSU campus General Education (GE) requirements shall not exceed 39 lower-division and 9 upper-division semester-units in defined GE Areas. Further, EO 1100 states that Area A: English Language Communication and Critical Thinking must be fulfilled with a total of 9-semester units.

The ASCSUDH recommends reducing the current CSUDH GE Area A: Basic Skills Lower Division unit count to 9 in order to comply with the overall General Education Breadth requirements established in EO 1100. Campus representatives recommended achieving this Area unit-count reduction by removing ENG 111 from Subarea A1 and by removing Subarea A4. Objectives for Basic Library Skills (optional).

The removal of Subarea A4 is in response to The Memorandum to CSU Presidents and Provosts dated April 17, 2018 (Clarification on Executive Order 1100-Revised), which states that the Chancellor's Office supports campuses planning GE Area variations from the prescribed GE Breadth Areas or Subareas only if:

1. The course is an existing campus-wide graduation requirement (such as language other than English), is not an existing GE Area, and will be double counted within the discipline-appropriate EO 1100-R GE Area or campus-specific Subarea; or
2. The course is an existing Title 5 graduation requirement (such as American Institutions), and it will be double counted within the discipline-appropriate GE Area or campus-specific Subarea; or
3. For the purposes of directing students to take an upper-division course in satisfaction of the EO 1100-R requirements, campuses may add an upper-division Subarea in Areas B, C, and/or D.