Category 3B: Literature, Philosophy, and Religion LAC 2014

ADVISING NOTES

Writing-enhanced sections of **ENGLISH 1120 Literature: (topic)** and **RELS 1020 Religions of the World** are opportunities for qualified students (ACT English score of 25 and above) to satisfy both LAC 1A: Reading and Writing and LAC 3B: Literature, Philosophy and Religion. Students receive 3 hours of credit for the writing-enhanced course, thus reducing their LAC requirements by 3 hours. Writing-enhanced sections are generally offered only in the fall.

All LAC related student requests should be sent directly to the Provost's Office.

REQUIREMENT: 3 CREDIT HOURS

ENGLISH 1120	Literature: (topic)	3 Hours
GER 1120	Introduction To German Literature In Translation	3 Hours
PHIL 1020	Philosophy: The Art of Thinking	3 Hours
RELS 1020	Religions of the World	3 Hours

IT TAKES MORE THAN A MAJOR

Eighty percent of employers list **critical thinking and analytical reasoning** as intellectual and practical skills of priority when hiring.

Source: Hart Research Association, *It Takes More than a Major: Employer Priorities for College Learning and Student Success,* (Washington D.C.: Association of American Colleges and Universities, 2013).

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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

ENGLISH 1120 Literature: (topic)—3 hrs. Developing ability to read perceptively and imaginatively by exploring a variety of literary texts in English and/or English translation in multiple genres such as nonfiction, poetry, drama, fiction, and/or film. Attention to understanding and appreciating creative uses of verbal resources and artful representations of human experience.

- Offered on specific topics listed in the Schedule of Classes.
- An option in the Liberal Arts Core; credit earned does not apply to departmental majors or minors unless specifically permitted.

GER 1120 Introduction to German Literature in Translation—3 hrs. Understanding and appreciating basic terms of German language literatures in English translation through close reading of literary texts.

PHIL 1020 Philosophy: The Art of Thinking—3 hrs. Introductory exploration of the Western philosophical tradition. Topics may include the nature of happiness, freedom & responsibility, truth & knowledge, faith & reason, and the self & personal identify. Emphasis on critical thinking, logical reasoning, careful reading, and effective writing.

RELS 1020 Religions of the World—3 hrs. Living religions with emphasis on texts, beliefs, tradition, values, and practices.

AS A RESULT OF THIS CATEGORY STUDENTS WILL …

Articulate an enhanced understanding of the fine arts and the study of literature, philosophy and/or religion.

Explain the nuances and meanings in a variety of works of artistic/creative expression.

Explain and support the values of studying and understanding artistic creative activity.

Explain the nuances and meanings in a variety of works of philosophic, literary, and/or religious texts.

Explain and support the values of studying and understanding literary, philosophic, and/or a diversity of religious texts.

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