

Waiver Policy for HUM 2305

Request:

Currently, AA transfers are not required to take HUM 2305 due to articulation that exempts them from satisfying any additional GE requirements for UF. Some colleges would like to extend this to all transfers with 60 credits. Specifically, they are requesting that UF:

- Waive the HUM 2305 requirement for all transfer students who bring in 60 or more transfer credits into UF, regardless of whether they obtained the AA before entering UF.

Reasoning

- The intent of HUM 2305 was to build a common experience among our freshmen and believe that all transfer students who enter with 60 hours, regardless of AA from a FL public institution, should be exempt.
- Transfer students often have difficulties completing their degree requirements in a timely fashion when they arrive at UF with more than 60 UF credits – some are under pressure from military programs to complete them in a specific time.

Response from HUM 2305 Steering Committee

- One of the purposes of HUM 2305 is to be a signature UF course that creates a common experience for all UF students. FTIC students are required to complete the course in their first year because HUM 2305 provides an excellent introduction to UF.
- Transfer students are required to complete the HUM 2305 requirement because it is important that they too participate in this unique UF experience that is to be a defining feature of the UF undergraduate education.
- At the same time, however, we appreciate the difficulties that transfer students may have completing degree requirements in a timely fashion when they arrive at UF with more than 60 UF credits. As a result the committee supports such an exception.

Particular examples from CALS

- 1) Students transferring from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, GA. We have a Joint Institutional Agreement with ABAC outlining how these students could be transfer eligible to select CALS majors while completing their Associate of Science degree at ABAC. The AS there is like the AA here and if the student follows our plan, they would meet all the Gen Ed requirements of the university. Of course, we developed this before HUM 2305 was even on the table. The majors the students transfer into have limited 'wiggle-room' in the upper-division for additional courses. Because these students are meeting the general education requirements of their university with the AS degree, I would like to be able to exempt them from HUM 2305.
- 2) Our Food Science and Human Nutrition major routinely work with a program through the US Army: the Long Term Health Education and Training Program. The students enter as transfer students and have 24 months to complete their bachelor's degree. Again, the curriculum requirements are packed and the students are well beyond the age of most of our undergraduate students – I don't believe they would gain significant benefit from the course at this stage of their education and career.