MEMORANDUM

TO:

All Faculty

FROM:

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Vice President for Academic Affairs

SUBJECT:

New General Education options for students beginning Fall 2010

DATE:

June 21, 2010

This memo informs the whole campus community that new General Education course options are now available to students beginning Fall 2010.

In response to a recommendation from the ACCJC visiting team after the 2006 visit, the General Education Committee transmitted recommendations for general education requirements to my office last Spring. Following the Commission's suggestion, the committee added a section on humanities and fine arts and expanded and revised the other sections. The Faculty Senate subsequently sent the recommendations to the campus community for review and input. The Faculty Senate (FS) then conducted its own research, and discussed the input received by the campus community. The attached list is the final recommended version by the Faculty Senate.

Beginning Fall 2010, requirements for general education will follow the options described below. Students declared prior to Fall 2010 will follow the requirements indicated in the applicable catalog in which they first declared their major program.

Here are some additional notes on the new General Education Requirements that students need to know, so please communicate these reminders to our general student population:

 Students are advised to check the requirements for their specific programs before taking general education courses.

2. Courses chosen to meet the general education requirements may not be used to meet the technical requirements of a student's specific degree program.

3. The general education options list contains courses with pre-requisites, so students should make their choices carefully and thoughtfully. Students may consult a counselor or an addemic advisor for guidance in choosing any of the course options available to them.

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GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

1. English Composition: (3 credits from the following list)

EN110* - Freshman English (3)

EN111* - Writing for Research (3)

2. Mathematics: (3 credits from the following list)

MA110A* - Finite Mathematics (3)

MAI61A - College Algebra/Technical Mathematics (3)

MA161B - College Algebra & Trigonometry (3)

3. Natural & Physical Sciences: (4 credits from the following list)

SI103* - Introduction to Marine Biology (4)

SI110* – Environmental Biology (4)

S1130 - Anatomy & Physiology (4)

SI141 – Applied Physics I (4)

4. Social & Behavioral Sciences: (3 credits from the following list)

S0130* – Introduction to Sociology (3)

PY120* - General Psychology (3) PY125 - Interpersonal Relations (3)

PY100 - Personal Adjustment (3)

HI 121* - History of World Civilization 1 (3)

HI 122 - History of World Civilization II (3)

5. Computer Literacy: (3 credits from the following list)

CS151* –Windows Applications (3)

CS152 – Macintosh Applications (3)

6. Humanities and Fine Arts: (3-4 credits from the following list)

ASL 100* - American Sign Language I (4)

ASL 110* – American Sign Language II (4)

CH110 - Chamorro I (3)

CH111 -Chamorro II (3)

JA 110* - Beginning Japanese I (4)

JA111* - Beginning Japanese II (4)

EN 210* – Introduction to Literature (3)

HU120* - Pacific Cultures (3)

HU220 – Guam Cultures & Legends (3)

PI101*—Introduction to Philosophy (3)

VC101 – Introduction to Visual Communication (3)

TOTAL GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS: 19-20 Credits¹

*Courses articulate to the University of Guam

¹ Other major programs may have more general education credit requirements so students must always consult their specific major program's requirements prior to declaring a major.