

GER Course Approval Guide

Adding a Course

1. Both new and currently existing courses may be proposed for a GER category.
2. Each program will be able to have 5 courses total across the GER arts, humanities, and social sciences categories.
3. Course descriptions must reflect how the course meets the category as defined by University regulations.
 - a. Social Sciences: "Courses that fulfill this requirement are **broad survey courses** which provide the student with exposure to theory, methods, and data of the social sciences."
 - b. Arts: "Provide the student with an **introduction** to the visual arts and performing arts as **academic disciplines** as opposed to those that emphasize acquisition of skills."
 - c. Humanities: "**Introduce** the student to the humanistic fields of language, arts, literature, history, and philosophy."
4. Courses must be 100 or 200 level.
5. Courses must be currently designated a social science (s) or a humanities (h) for the purpose of the BA degree.
6. Course must be introductory, as indicated by the lack of prerequisites (except ENGL 111x).
7. Course should welcome all students (e.g. should not discourage non-majors).
8. Course must be offered regularly as described in the catalog (at least once per year).
9. Course instructors must agree to participate in UAF GER assessment activities.
10. If a program already has 5 courses in the arts, humanities, and social sciences GERs the program must remove a course to add the new course.

Removing a Course

1. Once a course gets an X designation that X is a permanent part of the course number. Courses (site):