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Subject: Information item for CAA: Update to FAES curricula to provide flexibility in the GEN WIL
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Dear Dr. Smith,

In May 2023, the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences Committee on Academic Affairs submitted an information item to the Council on Academic Affairs regarding an update to the FAES BS curricula to provide greater flexibility in completing the GEN Writing and Information Literacy category by removing the specification of ENGLISH 1110 as a major requirement that would fulfill the WIL category. Subsequently, the faculty of the Agricultural Technical Institute (ATI) at the Wooster campus considered a similar change to the Associate of Science degree plans so that students starting the AS to BS pathway at Wooster would have an equal experience to their peers who start their majors at the Columbus campus.

As a result of these discussions, the ATI Committee on Academic Affairs determined that it is in the best interest of the students at ATI to remove the specification of ENGLISH 1110 as a major requirement that will fulfill the WIL category of the GEN and indicate this category as 'Student Choice' without the specification of a major requirement for the AS degree plans in alignment with the BS degree plans. This will have no negative impact on currently enrolled students but would provide greater flexibility to incoming students for AU24.

I have attached the proposal from Ohio State ATI, which includes a sample plan showing the revision to the Agriscience Education AS degree for your review. If acceptable, we would appreciate this being shared with the CAA at an upcoming meeting as an information item. We will be updating our published curricula plans and work with the Registrar to remove the specification for students who are enrolled in the GEN.

Please let me know if you need additional information or clarification.

Thank you,

Jeanne



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'Unexpected kindness is the most powerful, least costly, and most underrated agent of human change' (Bob Kerrey)



March 14, 2024

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Dear Ms. Osborne,

This letter is a request to remove English 1110 as the specified WIL category course in the GEN and replace it with “Student Choice” for the Associate of Science degree at Ohio State ATI.

To align the Associate of Science degree offered at Ohio State ATI with the corresponding Bachelor of Science degrees offered in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, the Ohio State ATI Academic Affairs Committee, in consultation with the faculty, has determined that it is in the best interest of our students to remove the specification of ENGLISH 1110 as a major requirement that will fulfill the WIL category of the GEN and indicate this category as ‘Student Choice’ without the specification of a major requirement. This will:

- increase flexibility for students
- provide options to explore other WIL offerings that might be a better fit for their interests and future writing in their disciplines
- have no negative impact on currently enrolled students but would provide greater flexibility to incoming students for AU24.

I have attached a sample of one of our AS majors (ASE) for your review:

- Current – curriculum plan and sample 2-year plan
- Current with edits - curriculum plan and sample 2-year plan with changes noted in red.
- Proposed – clean version of the updated curriculum plan and sample 2-year plan.

We will be update our published curricula plans and work with the Registrar to remove the specification for students who are enrolled in the GEN.

Please let me know if there are questions or if additional information or documentation is required to accompany this submission. We look forward to hearing from the FAES Academic Affairs Committee regarding next steps in the approval process.

Sincerely,

Carri A. Gerber

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Associate Director
Ohio State ATI

**ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE
AGRISCIENCE EDUCATION CURRICULUM PLAN**

General Education Requirements		
Requirement	Course Options	Hrs
GE Launch Seminar	<i>Student Choice</i>	1
Writing and Information Literacy	<i>Student Choice*</i>	3
Mathematical & Quantitative Reasoning OR Data Analysis	<i>Student Choice*</i>	4
Literary, Visual and Performing Arts	<i>Student Choice</i>	3
Historical and Cultural Studies	<i>Student Choice*</i>	3
Natural Science	<i>Student Choice*</i>	4-5
Social and Behavioral Sciences	<i>Student Choice*</i>	3
Race, Ethnic and Gender Diversity	<i>Student Choice</i>	3
General Education Credit Hours:		24-25*

Major Coursework		
Course	Title	Hrs
AGRCOMM 2330	Perceptions of Agricultural and Environmental Issues	4
ANIMSCI 2200.01	Introductory Animal Sciences	3
ANMLTEC 2200.02T	Introductory Animal Sciences Laboratory	1
ASE 2189	Early Experience in Agriscience Education	1
CHEM 1110 or 1210	Elementary Chemistry or General Chemistry I	5
COMLDR 2530	Introduction to Agricultural Communication, Education and Leadership	2
COMLDR 3537	Data Analysis in the Applied Sciences	3
ENGTECH 2240T	Welding Technology	3
HCS 2204	Ecology of Managed Plant Systems	3
HCS 2205	Ecology of Managed Plant Systems	1
PSYCH 1100	Introduction to Psychology	3
Credit Hours:		29

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BIOLOGY 1101 or 1113 (4)	Natural Science
COMLDR 3535 (3)	Historical and Cultural Studies
ENGLISH 1110 (3)	Writing and Information Literacy
MATH 1148 (4)	Mathematical & Quantitative Reasoning

	Hrs
General Education	24-25
Degree Requirements	7
Major	29
Total Credit Hours	60-61

Degree Requirements		
Requirement	Course Options	Hrs
College Orientation	GENSTDS 1201.01T	0.5
Major Orientation	GENCOMM 1201T	0.5
Oral Expression	AGRCOMM 3130	3
Additional Science	ENR 2100	3
Credit Hours:		7

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1st Year – Autumn Semester		
GE MATH - MATH 1148 ^a	College Algebra	4
GE WIL - ENGLISH 1110 ^a	First-Year English Composition	3
Degree: ENR 2100	Introduction to Environmental Science	3
Degree: GENCOMM 1201T	Exploring Agricultural Communication, Education and Leadership	0.5
Degree: GENSTDS 1201.01T	College Orientation	0.5
ANIMSCI 2200.01	Introductory Animal Sciences	3
ANMLTEC 2200.02T	Introductory Animal Sciences Laboratory	1
	Total:	15
1st Year – Spring Semester		
GE Launch Seminar – GENE 1201	GE Launch Seminar	1
GE Lit, Vis and Perf Arts	Student Choice	3
GE SBS - AEDECON 2001 ^a	Principles of Food and Resource Economics	3
Degree: AGRCOMM 3130	Oral Expression in Agriculture	3
CHEM 1110 or 1210	Elementary Chemistry or General Chemistry I	5
COMLDR 2530	Introduction to Agricultural Communication, Education and Leadership	2
	Total:	17
2nd Year – Autumn Semester		
GE Hist. & Cultural Studies - COMLDR 3535 ^a	Toward Cultural Proficiency	3
GE Nat Sci - BIOLOGY 1101 ^a	Introductory Biology	4-5
AGRCOMM 2330	Perceptions of Agricultural and Environmental Issues	4
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COMLDR 3537	Data Analysis in the Applied Sciences	3
	Total:	15-16
2nd Year – Spring Semester		
GE R.E. & G. Diversity	Student Choice	3
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HCS 2204	Ecology of Managed Plant Systems	3
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