

MENU OF COURSES FOR BIBLE ELECTIVE IN THE CORE CURRICULUM

Abilene Christian University
Submitted to University General Education Council

In Spring 2010 UGEC determined that one of the tasks it needed to undertake was to review the courses listed as fulfilling various categories (Bible, Science, Social Science, and Social Science/Humanities/Fine Arts) within general education.

The Purpose

The purpose of undertaking this review is twofold: 1) to fulfill UGEC's charge to regularly review general education requirements and 2) to take this opportunity to verify whether the courses currently listed are appropriate courses to fulfill the category requirements and whether additional courses should be added. The purpose is not necessarily to increase or to decrease the number of courses in each category. UGEC has not undertaken such a systematic review in anyone's memory, and this seems to be an ideal time for such a review.

The Process

UGEC appointed four subcommittees for each discipline mentioned above and charged the following UGEC members, along with others from their department, to develop criteria for courses that students might select to meet their Gen Ed requirement: Bible: Dr. Jeanene Reese; Science: Dr. Josh Willis; Social Science: Dr. Mark Cullum; Social Science/Humanities/Fine Arts: Dr. Kenny Jones.

The proposal for the Bible elective were vetted by the Chair of the Dept. of Bible, Missions, and Ministry, the Associate Dean, and the full-time faculty.

Criteria for Gen Ed Bible elective:

Courses offered in this category will be included in the menu based on any of the following criteria:

1. Examine *biblical content* either not covered in the required foundational courses or go into greater detail on a particular topic of interest to students.
2. Expand *ministry knowledge and skills* that students are interested in pursuing and that might lead them into areas of service or leadership not previously considered.
3. Engage in *the study and practice of Christian spirituality and formation* not available in lower level gen. ed. courses or that may deepen a student's understanding and experience.
4. Explore *major topics pertinent to the field of religious studies* that will enhance a student's understanding of major developments in Christian History and Theology, as well as other World Religions.

Respectfully submitted: Dr. Jeanene Reese, subcommittee chair and associate chair of the DBMM.

Other members of sub-committee: Dr. Rodney Ashlock, chair of the DBMM

Ratified by the DBMM faculty: September 7, 2011