



# Degree Evaluation Update

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Welcome back to school!

In an ongoing effort to keep you up to date on the issues that pop up relative to the degree evaluation, we proudly present...

## *"For Your Information..."*

- **AP/CLEP Credits.** Please be aware that AP/CLEP credits do not count towards the Residency degree requirement (i.e., those credits completed at WSU).
- **Transfer Credit Hour Calculations.** We've come across a few instances where the "Total Required" credit hour calculation on a degree evaluation is not the same as the "Earned Hours" calculation on the transcript. After reviewing the records, we realized that the students in question had transfer work that included developmental math classes. As you know, grades from developmental level classes at WSU appear with an "X" in front of the grade. This sets them apart from the grades for college-level course work. For example, MATH 0950 might show a grade of 'XC' on the transcript, indicating that the student received a 'C' grade in a developmental level course. However, transfer work is entered into WSU's system exactly as it appears on the original transcript. So, if another institution does not in some way designate a grade as developmental, it will appear the same as a grade for a college-level

class. What that means for advisors is... *be extremely careful when calculating transfer credits!* Look at the name, course number, and description of the class to determine whether or not it is developmental. If you come across this problem, please send the student's name and W# to Jane Stout (contact information below) so we can get it fixed.

- **Foreign Language Credit.** FYI – If a student tests out of the foreign language requirement for an AA or BA degree, the student **does not** get credit for FL HU2010. However, if a student takes an upper division FL class (3000 level or above) and then buys the lower division FL classes, the student will receive credit for FL HU2010 – as well as 1010, 1020 and 2020.

- **Duplication of Breadth Departments.** Please remind students during your advising sessions that *Breadth general education areas cannot be duplicated!* For example, if a student takes COMM HU2110 and MUSC CA1030, the student cannot take another COMM or MUSC class to complete the HU/CA requirement. This rule also applies *between* areas (e.g., if a student takes ANTH HU1040 and ANTH SS2010, only one of the classes will be allowed to count towards gen ed! Remember... the whole idea behind Breadth is to expose students to a wide variety of disciplines – hence, no duplication!

- **DV/SI Classes.** I have had a couple of emails over the past few weeks regarding DV and/or SI classes that are not slotting in their respective areas. If you run across this, check the catalog for the year the class was taken to see if it satisfied SI/DV at that time. If not, it does not meet the requirement.

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*"Education is when you read the fine print.  
Experience is what you get if you don't."*

Pete Seeger

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