

Mason Core Meeting

Thursday, November 21, 2024, from 1:30-3:00pm via Zoom

In Attendance: Keith Renshaw (Associate Provost, Co-Chair), Laura Poms (Mason Core Director), Courtney Wooten (Faculty Co-Chair), Megan Erb, Ana Stoerh, Michael Hunzeker, Shun Ye, Griffin Crouch (Student Representative), Jamie Clark, Abena Aidoo Hewton, Lauren Cattaneo, Samaine Lockwood, Tom Polk (ex-officio)

Guests: Bobbi Nelson, Liz Bartles

I. Welcome

II. Announcements

a. Course Updates:

- i. SOCI 377 removed Mason Apex and Synthesis designations, effective Spring 2025
- ii. BIOL 213 removed Natural Science with Lab designation, effective Fall 2025

III. Proposals

IV. Bylaws and Oral Communications Review

- a. The committee discussed potential revisions to the Oral Communications outcomes.

Proposals

Category	Title	Proposal Type
SBS	INTS 310: Violence, Gender, and Sexuality	The Committee is supportive of this course, but overall the assignments need revision to more adequately connect to the learning outcomes. Vote: Rollback
SBS	WMST 320: Violence, Gender, and Sexuality	Same feedback for INTS 310. Vote: Rollback
Global Contexts	INTS 406: Global Leadership	The revisions adequately addressed the committee's previous concerns. The committee voted to approve this course for Global Contexts. Vote: Approve

Just Societies	INTS 406: Global Leadership	<p>The revisions adequately addressed the committee's previous concerns. The committee voted to approve this course for Just Societies.</p> <p>Vote: Approve</p>
IT&C	COMM 320: Business and Professional Communication	<p>The committee appreciates the work gone into revising this course. However, the added components further illustrated that the issue of privacy is not being appropriately addressed in the course. Revisions are needed to ensure that component is accurately presented in the assignment.</p> <p>Vote: Rollback</p>
Global Contexts	MUSI 103: Musics of the World	<p>The committee is supportive of this course for the category, but there are concerns that the assignment for learning outcome 3 does not support students analyzing a global problem.</p> <p>Vote: Rollback</p>
Mason Apex	ELED 480: Practicum in Elementary Education	<p>The revisions adequately addressed the committee's previous concerns. The committee voted to approve this course for Mason Apex.</p> <p>Vote: Approve</p>
Natural Science Lab	CLIM 103: Global Warming: Weather, Climate, and Society Laboratory	<p>The committee was supportive of this course and voted to approve it for Natural Science with Lab.</p> <p>Vote: Approve</p>
Global Contexts	GOVT 132: Introduction to International Politics	<p>The revisions adequately addressed the committee's previous concerns. The committee voted to approve this course for Global Contexts.</p> <p>Vote: Approve</p>

Global Contexts	SOCL 120: Globalization and Society	<p>The committee is supportive of this course for Global Contexts, but revisions are needed to ensure learning outcomes 1 and 3 are being met by the provided assignments. Additionally, more oversight is needed on the course management plan.</p> <p>Vote: Rollback</p>
Global Contexts	ANTH 320: Global Africa	<p>The revisions adequately addressed the committee's previous concerns. The committee voted to approve this course for Global Contexts.</p> <p>Vote: Approve</p>
Global Contexts	FOLK 100: Global Folklore	<p>The revisions adequately addressed the committee's previous concerns. The committee voted to approve this course for Global Contexts.</p> <p>Vote: Approve</p>
Literature	RELI 338: Qur'an and Hadith	<p>The course overall is a good fit for the category. Some concern that learning outcome 5 is not being met as provided, but since the category only requires three learning outcomes, the course is approved pending the removal of that last outcome.</p> <p>Vote: Approve, pending administrative review</p>
Literature	HIST 403: Revolutionary Era in American History, 1763-1812	<p>The committee appreciates the revisions to learning outcome 5; however, the last part of that outcome, which is for students to evaluate a critical argument in their own writing, should be more clearly included in the assignment.</p> <p>Vote: Rollback</p>

