

Mason Core Meeting

Thursday, October 17, 2024, from 1:30-3:00pm via Zoom

IN ATTENDANCE: Keith Renshaw (Associate Provost, Co-Chair), Courtney Adams Wooten (Co-Chair)
Laura Poms (Mason Core Director), Jamie Clark, Megan Erb, Liz White, Shun Ye, Samaine Lockwood, Ana Stoehr, Lauren Cattaneo, Abena Aidoo Hewton, Chris Lee (ex-officio), Tricia Wilson (recording secretary)

Guests: Bobbi Nelson, Liz Bartles

Welcome

I. Announcements

- a. DANC 391 requested removal of Arts designation, effective Spring 2025. The course remains part of Mason Core as a Writing Intensive course.
- b. HIST 364 was approved as Global Contexts after the catalog deadline due to delayed discussions.
- c. Reminder about working session for Mason Core Committee on October 31. This meeting will be hybrid.

II. Proposals

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Category	Title	Proposal Type	Note
Global Contexts	EDSE 204: Disability in Global Contexts	Resubmission	The committee remains supportive of this course for Global Contexts, but there are concerns that the assignments used for learning outcome 1 do not fully meet the outcome. Specifically, more direct attention is needed to ensure students will be looking at global connections across nations and/or cultures that create interdependence and inequality. Vote: Rollback
Global Contexts	HIST 317: Nazi Germany	Resubmission	The revisions adequately addressed the committee's previous concerns. The committee voted to approve this course for Global Contexts. Vote: Approved
Just Societies	HIST 317: Nazi Germany	Resubmission	Most of the original concerns have been addressed for this proposal. However, the midterm question provided for Just Societies learning outcome 1a does not explicitly require students to define key terms related to justice, equity, diversity and inclusion. Revisions are needed to ensure the assignment leads to an

			<p>assessable student artifact for the outcome.</p> <p>Vote: Rollback</p>
Global Contexts	PSYC 379: Applied Cross-Cultural Psychology	New	<p>The committee is supportive of this course for Global Contexts, but the assignments provided for learning outcomes 1 and 2 could be better mapped to ensure the entirety of each outcome is being addressed.</p> <p>Vote: Rollback</p>
Global Contexts	RELI 383: Holocaust: History and Meaning	New	<p>The committee is supportive of this course, but more clarity is needed on what students will submit for learning outcome 3. As provided, it seems like an in-class assignment, which is fine, but there is no clear identification of what students will submit for assessment purposes. Additionally, more detail is needed on the course management plan to ensure the course is a sustainable addition to Mason Core.</p> <p>Vote: Rollback</p>
Just Societies	RELI 383: Holocaust: History and Meaning	New	<p>The committee was impressed by the intentional integration of the definitions from learning outcome 1a into the assignment for 1b – great scaffolding! There is a small revision needed for the assignment used to support learning outcomes 1b for assessment purposes, as the assignment prompt for learning outcome 1b should more clearly include evidence that students' engagement with peers shaped their response.</p> <p>Vote: Rollback</p>
Global Contexts	HIST 318: Holocaust: History and Meaning	New	<p>Because HIST 318 is equivalent to RELI 383, the same feedback applies.</p> <p>Vote: Rollback</p>
Just Societies	HIST 318: Holocaust: History and Meaning	New	<p>Because HIST 318 is equivalent to RELI 383, the same feedback applies.</p> <p>Vote: Rollback</p>
Global Contexts	INYO 105: U.S. American Cultures	Resubmission	<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	DANC 118: Global Dance Perspectives I	New	Due to the nature of special topics courses, this course requires additional proposal elements and considerations. Vote: Rollback
Global Contexts	RELI 240: Death and the Afterlife in Religion	Resubmission	The committee appreciates the thoughtful revisions to this course, but the new assignment provided for learning outcome 1 was not a clear fit within the broader context of the course. Similarly, the syllabus had not been revised to include the assignment. More information is needed. Vote: Rollback
Mason Apex	CS 405: Synthesis of Ethics and Law for the Computing Professional	New	The committee was supportive of this course and voted to approve it for Mason Apex Vote: Approve
Global Contexts	HIST 378: History of Aviation	Resubmission	The revisions adequately addressed the committee's previous concerns. The committee voted to approve this course for Global Contexts. Vote: Approve
Just Societies	HIST 378: History of Aviation	Resubmission	The revisions adequately addressed the committee's previous concerns. The committee voted to approve this course for Just Societies. Vote: Approve
Global Contexts	FAVS 300: Global Horror Film	Resubmission	The revisions adequately addressed the committee's previous concerns. The committee voted to approve this course for Global Contexts. Vote: Approve

The following courses were not discussed due to timing constraints and will be rolled to the next meeting:

SBS	INTS 310: Violence, Gender, and Sexuality
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Global Contexts	INTS 406: Global Leadership
Just Societies	INTS 406: Global Leadership
Global Contexts	DANC 318: Global Dance Perspectives II
IT&C	COMM 320: Business and Professional Communication