Policy for Upper Division Courses

Academic Senate Policy S87-136

At its meeting of February 18, 1986, the Academic Senate approved the following policy regarding upper division courses:

WHEREAS Each degree program at San Francisco State University assigns different roles to lower division and upper division courses; and

WHEREAS The University has not adopted a system for distinguishing upper division courses from lower division courses; therefore be it

RESOLVED That all newly proposed or substantially revised upper division course justifications specify that the course meets one or more of the following conditions:

1. The course has specific course prerequisites in the same or closely related subject matter areas.

2. The course has specific course prerequisites in supporting subject matter areas.

3. The course has prerequisites in General Education, such as composition, quantitative reasoning, critical thinking, oral communication, or some specified portion of Segment II.

4. Students in the course must have upper division standing.

5. Specific features of the course, such as syllabus or reading list or student performance level are appropriate for upper division work but not for a lower division course on the same topic; and be it further

RESOLVED That this policy does not abrogate the right of "consent of instructor".