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LIBRARY REQUIREMENT FOR GENERAL EDUCATION

Academic Senate Policy #F82-78

At its meeting of December 14, 1982, the Academic Senate approved a substitution to provision No. 4 of Library Requirements Policy #S81-78, and the revised policy reads as follows:

1. In both the Written and Oral Communication portion and the Critical Thinking and Quantitative Reasoning portion of Segment I, the sentence:

It is also expected that courses in this portion will introduce students to the principles of research basic to the discipline offering the course, involving them in rudimentary library searches and analysis of data.

should be changed to:

It is also expected that courses in this portion will introduce students to the principles of basic research, involving them in rudimentary library searches and analysis of data as appropriate.

2. In Segment II, a sentence should be inserted following the first sentence of the introductory paragraph, as follows:

It is expected that, wherever appropriate, courses in this portion will involve students to the principles of basic research, involving them in rudimentary library searches and analysis of data as appropriate.

3. To assure that all students have an opportunity to learn the basic undergraduate level library resources and strategies that will provide a basis for library use in Segment I and Segment II as specified above, each student should complete the self-paced instructional package prepared by the library faculty, or some equivalent library instruction, as part of the Basic Subjects requirement. To provide a checkpoint to assure that all students complete the package or equivalent, the package or equivalent will be required in all courses in the Oral Communication portion of Basic Subjects. Accordingly, in Segment I, a sentence should be added following the revised sentence in (1) above, stating that:

All sections of all courses offered to meet the requirements of the Oral Communication portion will include the self-paced instructional package prepared by the Library or other instruction on an equivalent level, to introduce students to basic undergraduate library resources and strategies.

1. 4. Effective Fall, 1981, all first-time freshmen must complete the library requirement as part of their Segment I oral Communications courses. Effective Fall, 1982, all students (including transfers and readmittees) who are subject to the 48 unit G.E. Program must complete the library requirement prior to graduation. This requirement may be fulfilled through completion of a Segment I Oral Communications course at SFSU, through completion of Library Resources: A Self-Paced Workbook, or through recognition of an acceptable equivalent course or experience. All students under the 48 unit G.E. Program will be checked for completion of the library skills requirement when a Petition for Graduation is officially filed. It is in the student's educational self-interest to fulfill the library requirement as early as possible.
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