

Guest Course Transfer Credits for Advanced Humanities and Advanced Social Science courses

As of **November 1st 2009**, Kettering University **no longer accepts** transfer credits to satisfy the advanced humanities and social science requirements for graduation if the courses do not satisfy our prerequisite requirements. Baker College's *American Ethnic Literature* (LIT-311) is an example of a course that does not meet these requirements; therefore, it will no longer be accepted as equivalent to our advanced humanities electives.

Why did this happen? We have taken this action to ensure that any upper division electives that Kettering University students take at other institutions are as rigorous as those we offer here. We have found that just because an institution assigns an upper division number to a course, it does not mean that the course is truly "advanced". At Kettering, our students must take both a writing course and introductory courses to be eligible to take advanced electives. This allows professors in these classes to have higher expectations for student comprehension and performance than if the class allowed less advanced students to enroll. This progression in expectations is a necessary part of preparing students for even higher expectations in the general education capstone course, *Senior Seminar: Leadership, Ethics and Contemporary Issues* (LS-489). The new policy requires that courses taken elsewhere must have prerequisites comparable to our own if they are to qualify for transfer credit. To count as equivalent to our advanced electives, the guest course must require a writing course and an additional lower division course in the discipline. This requirement will help us to maintain the university's reputation as an institution with high standards in all of its programs.

What if I see a course that looks to be equivalent? Humanities and social science courses from other universities may be considered for transfer credit. The course must qualify as advanced by the prerequisites it requires of its own students. Students may submit requests for transferability evaluation to Mike Mosher (mmosher@kettering.edu). Include the name of the college and course number, a course syllabus, and the catalog description showing the prerequisites.

What if I've already signed up to take a humanities or social science guest course? Guest Applications for newly-disqualified courses such as LIT-311 at Baker College submitted and processed before November 1, 2009, will be honored for transfer credits. *Only* students with approved guest applications on file will be able to receive transfer credits (having met all the qualifications).

Contact Mike Mosher, Transfer Coordinator, with any questions:
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