

LCC A.A. Core Revision Committee  
Recommendations to the Faculty Senate

3/9/05

In the Spring of 2004 the Faculty Senate tasked Curriculum Committee Chair Paul Lococo to convene a committee to look into revising the core curriculum of Leeward Community College's Associate in Arts degree. The motivation for this review came from the significant changes made to UH-Manoa's GenEd core. Kapiolani Community College and Honolulu Community College have already aligned their AA core curriculum to match UH-Manoa's GenEd core.

Leeward Community College's AA Core Revision Committee was composed of two representatives from each division and several representatives from the Faculty Senate.

1. To accept the Categories and Hallmarks for the "Foundations" and "Diversification" categories of the UH-Manoa GenEd Core Curriculum.\* [see attached]
2. To re-align LCC course offerings to the new "Diversification: Arts & Humanities" sub-categories of "Arts," "Humanities," and "Literature and Language."
3. "Diversification: Natural Sciences" sub-categories will be "Physical Sciences," "Biological Sciences," and "Other Sciences," with only ICS courses listed in the "Other" sub-category.
4. Requirements for the "Diversification: Arts & Humanities" category will be 9 Credits, one course from each sub-category. Each course must be taken from a different discipline.
5. Requirements for the "Diversification: Natural Sciences" category will be 10 credits, one from the "Physical Sciences" sub-category, one from the "Biological Sciences" sub-category, and a third from any of the three sub-categories. At least one course must include a lab.
6. Requirements for the for "Diversification: Social Sciences" category will be 9 credits. Students must take courses from different disciplines, with only the following exception: students in the AA degree in Business may take both Econ 130 and Econ 131.
7. Courses which currently articulate to the UH-Manoa "Foundations" categories will fulfill LCC's new "Foundations" categories.
8. To maintain the current "Oral Communication" category, and the courses which at present fulfill that requirement.
9. To maintain the 2-course Writing Intensive designation.
10. To adopt the "Focus: Hawaiian, Asian, Pacific" (HAP) designation and hallmarks of UH-Manoa GenEd Core, which would follow the Writing Intensive model.
11. Students may "double-dip" from the same discipline in the "Foundations: Global/Multicultural" and "Diversifications" categories.

Attached to this memo see two items:

- A. Chart showing the new Categories and Credit requirements
- B. Spread-sheet with listing of all courses currently articulated with the UH-Manoa GenEd core\*\*

\* Once accepting these LCC would then set up a system for having boards for each. These boards would ensure that courses in the categories do meet the hallmarks, especially in the Foundations category. Also, once the boards have been established, Leeward will have representation on system-level boards (at present consisting of representatives of UH-Manoa, Kapiolani CC, and Honolulu CC).

\*\*As with the previous (and current LCC) core curriculum, Leeward may have courses which fulfill our requirements, but do not (yet) articulate with UH-Manoa. At present, KCC and HCC automatically articulate any courses from schools which have adopted the categories and hallmarks of the UH-Manoa GenEd core.