BGS Proposal

Proposal:

Add the following requirements to BGS degree:

1. Quantitative - An additional course beyond the KU Core Quantitative Literacy goal with a pre-requisite of Math 101 or another course approved by CUSA.

2. Foreign Language - Two semesters in either one or two foreign languages.

3. Laboratory - An approved laboratory experience or field camp.

Background:

The BGS provides students with greater flexibility and currently serves students who have changed degree programs, or are completing multiple majors, minors, or degrees. The general education requirements for the BGS currently include:

Common Degree Requirements (27 hrs):
- English (3 courses)
- Argument & Reason (1 course)
- Mathematics (2 courses)
- Western Civilization (2 courses)
- Non-western Culture (1 course)

Principal Course Requirements (18 hrs)

Additional CLAS BGS requirements:

1. A CLAS-approved minor (see Minors on this page) or 2. A second major, co-major, or degree. B.G.S. majors are available in many but not all of the subjects in which a B.A. degree also may be earned.

Justification:

The BGS is advertised as providing students with greater flexibility. The KU Core will abolish the common degree and principal course requirements for the BGS degree, and provide flexibility for students who change degree programs or complete multiple majors, etc. CUSA decided that college-level math, language and laboratory skills are an essential part of undergraduate education and enhance post-graduate success. The proposed additional requirements to the BGS will add at most 18 hours to the BGS degree.