Proposal to Eliminate Major Admission Requirements – American Studies

We, the department of American Studies, propose to eliminate the admissions requirements for all of our degrees effective fall 2016. The degrees affected are B.A and B.G.S American Studies. The rationale for removing our admissions requirements is long and involved but simply put, the current system is cumbersome and confusing for students, students are unable to access useful information, and is challenging for the College and American Studies to administer.

Existing Language to be eliminated from the academic catalog:

Admission to the Major

Admission Requirements

Course Requirements

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<td>Critical Reading and Writing 1 Freshman Honors English</td>
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<td>AMS 110 or AMS 112</td>
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Total Hours 9

1 Unless the student has received a waiver or, for transfer students, an equivalent course.

Grade-Point Average Requirements

Minimum Admission Grade-Point Average

Satisfied by a minimum GPA in required admission courses designated above. University Course Repeat Policy will apply.

Admission Grade-Point Average Calculation

The admission grade-point average includes all admission courses above. KU’s course repeat policy applies to grade-point average calculation.

Application Term

Semester in which admission requirements will be completed, normally no later than 60 hours, or for transfer students, normally during the initial term at KU. Application to this major after completion of 60 hours, or the initial term for transfer students, will likely delay graduation.