

Approved by the Faculty Senate on February 11, 2015

Rationale for change to 8.4 (Proposal submitted by Mark Hayes, Study Abroad):

Conforms to the policy approved by the Faculty Senate in its December 3, 2014 meeting. Allow approved Study Abroad courses to count toward the General Education Requirements.

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