# General Education Course Proposal

Proposed Course: Arm Prefix No Masterpiece	es of Armenian Culture Units 3 Title
Department: Armenian Studies Program S	chool: Arts & Humanities
GE Category (Indicate one category only):  Foundation: A1; A2; A3  Breadth: B1; B2; C1;  Integration: B; C_X; D;	
Existing Course, Revised Course; New Course Course Included in Current GE Program New courses require the Undergraduate Course Proposal form in addition to this form. Revised courses require the Undergraduate Course Change Request in addition to this form.	
<b>Proposed catalog description:</b> Limit course description prerequisite, limitations, lecture/lab hours. Indicate former course	
Masterpieces of Armenian Culture, Survey of outstanding examples of Armenian culture including literary works by Naregatsi, Toumanian, Siamanto, Varoujean, and others and a survey of Christian Armenian architecture and music.	
Enrollment limit per section: 25 Expected number of sections per semester - Year 1 1; Year 3 1	
Attachments:	,
<ol> <li>A Statement presenting the ways in which this c appropriate section of the General Education Po and Evaluation of General Education Courses.</li> </ol>	ourse meets the Specifications provided in the blicy as well as tin the Policies for Inclusion
<ol> <li>A statement of elements common to all sections required student activities, grading policy, repre- for the course. Required student activities inclu- homework, laboratory and/or studio performan- exams.</li> </ol>	esentative texts, and an approximate schedule ade such things as papers, research projects,
3. A typical syllabus for a particular offering of th	e course.
4. Any special cost factors associated with this course.	
Approval for Inclusion in General Education	on / · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
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School Dean Date G	eneral Education Subcommittee Date
Brandt Kehoe 9/17/99	
Associate Provost Date	

## Attachment #2: General Syllabus

Armenian Studies Program Spring 1998

Proposed Course: Armenian 148-Masterpieces of Armenian Culture

Arm 148 Masterpieces of Armenian Culture

Semester, Year

3 units.

Schedule #12345

Prerequisites-students must take a course in one of the Area C subareas, before taking an Integrative Upper Division course.

Catalog Description: Masterpieces of Armenian Culture. Survey of outstanding examples of Armenian culture including literary works by Naregatsi, Toumanian, Siamanto, Varoujean, and others and a survey of Christian Armenian architecture and music.

General Education: The course meets General Education requirements. For students with catalogs 1998-99 or earlier, it meets the requirement for GE Division 6. For all other students, it meets the requirement for Area C, Integrative Upper Division Course.

Instructor: Name

Office: Instructor's office

Office Hours: Instructor's office hours (minimum of five hours per week)
Phone/e-mail: Instructor's office phone/voice mail number; e-mail address
Armenian Studies Program office: Peters Business Building, Room 384

Program hours: M-F, 8-1200, 1300-1700. Armenian Studies Program phone: 278-2669

### Textbooks:

The following textbook and or booklet of readings is required for the course. They can be purchased at \_\_\_\_\_.

Author/editor. Title, publisher.

Fees: There are no fees attached to this course.

### Course Goals:

The course **Masterpieces of Armenian Culture** will survey Armenian literature, architecture, and art of various types and styles from a variety of historical periods including the fifth century "golden age" and literature of the 19th and 20th centuries. Armenian culture interacted with and was influenced by contemporary cultures and literatures. An understanding of Armenian culture will enable the student to understand the antecedents of contemporary cultures and civilizations.

At the successful completion of this course, the students should be able

1) to become familiar with major works of Armenian authors

- 2) to learn about the major influences on/by Armenian culture an neighboring cultures
- 3) to appreciate the significance of Armenian culture in a world context

4) to have a deeper understanding of Armenian culture

5) to utilize literary criticism as a tool for an understanding of literature.

## Course Topics:

- Topic 1. Pre-Christian Armenian Culture
  Discussion of the early culture in Armenia,
  examples of Armenian architecture.

  Approx. 1 week
- Topic 2. The Establishment of Christianity Approx. 2-3 weeks
  The impact of Christianity in the shaping of Armenian,
  culture. Impact on literature and art. Manuscripts
  and manuscript illumination.
- Topic 3. Oral Literature and Folk Tales
  The oral folk tradition of the Armenians explored through the popular oral epic David of Sassoun.

  Approx. 2 weeks
- Topic 4. Medieval Armenian Literature and Art Armenian art and literature under the influence of changes in world culture.

  Approx. 3-4 weeks
- Topic 5. The Armenian Renaissance Approx. 1-2 weeks
  Armenian art and literature undergoing a renaissance under the influence of surrounding cultures.
- Topic 6. Modern Armenian Culture

  Nineteenth and twentieth century works of Armenian literature and art.

  Approx. 3-4 weeks
- Topic 7. The Armenian Diaspora
  Armenian literature expressing the life of the Armenian Diaspora.

  Approx. 2-3 weeks

The order and emphasis in coverage of these topics may vary according to discretion of instructor and in light of specific textbook readings used.

## Assignments:

- 1. Homework/classwork. Students will be assigned readings for discussion in the next class period.
- 2. Quizzes. Quizzes/exams test memory and mastery of the material.
- **3. Paper(s)** The University General Education policy states that each course in upper division Integrative GE must have a 4,000 word writing requirement. Accordingly students will be assigned creative essays to complete the writing requirement.

Final Exam. Day, date, time, place.

Course Calendar. Approximate dates for topics to be covered, reading and assignments due.

**Note:** The schedule and procedures for this course indicated in the course calendar are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances.

Criteria for evaluating student work: Each syllabus will state the criteria which will be used in grading (assigning points) and the standards for high quality work.

Eligibility for a passing grade: Each syllabus will contain a statement of the necessary conditions for passing the course.

**Grades:** Each syllabus will contain a grading policy, which apportions points/credit to each assignment. Also, it will contain a grading scale and an explanation of how grades will be assigned.

### General Information:

- 1. Attendance Policy.
- 2. Missed quizzes, make-up work, late paper policy.
- 3. Cheating and plagiarism. University policy defines "cheating" as "the practice of fraudulent and deceptive acts for the purpose of improving a grade or obtaining course credit. Typically, such acts occur in relation to examinations. It is the intent of this definition that the term 'cheating' not be limited to examination situations only but that it include any and all actions by a student which are intended to gain an unearned academic advantage by fraudulent and deceptive means." University policy defines "plagiarism" as "a specific form of cheating which consist of misuse of the published and/or unpublished works of another by representing the material so used as one's own work." Cheating or plagiarism will not be tolerated in this course. Depending on the seriousness of the action, the student may be penalized by an "F" on the assignment to an "F" in the course and the filing of a Cheating/Plagiarism Report to be placed in the student's permanent academic record.
- **4. Student with disabilities.** If you are a disabled student, be sure to identify yourself to the University and the instructor so that reasonable accommodation for learning and evaluation within the course can be made. Contact Services for Students with Disabilities, Madden Library Room 1049, 278-2811.
- 5. Other specific policies for this course.

## Attachment #3: Typical Syllabus

Armenian Studies Program Spring 1998

Proposed Course: Armenian 148-Masterpieces of Armenian Culture

## Armenian 148 Masterpieces of Armenian Culture

Spring 1998

3 units

Schedule # 12345

Prerequisites-students must take a course in one of the Area C subareas, before taking an Integrative Upper Division course.

Catalog Description: Masterpieces of Armenian Culture. Survey of outstanding examples of Armenian culture including literary works by Naregatsi, Toumanian, Siamanto, Varoujean, and others and a survey of Christian Armenian architecture and music.

General Education: The course meets General Education requirements. For students with catalogs 1998-99 or earlier, it meets the requirement for GE Division 6. For all other students, it meets the requirement for Area C, Integrative Upper Division Course.

Instructor: Barlow Der Mugrdechian

Office: Peters Business Building, Room 331

Office Hours: Tuesdays 0900-1100; Wednesdays 1400-1700 Phone/e-mail: 278-4930; barlow\_dermugrdechian@csufresno.edu

Armenian Studies Program office: Peters Business Building, Room 384

Program hours: M-F, 8-1200, 1300-1700. Armenian Studies Program phone: 278-2669

### Textbooks:

The following textbook and or booklet of readings is required for the course. They can be purchased at Master Copy, 225-7814 located on the southeast corner of Cedar/Shaw.

Arm 148-Masterpieces of Armenian Culture reader

Fees: There are no fees attached to this course.

### Course Goals:

The course **Masterpieces of Armenian Culture** will survey Armenian literature, architecture, and art of various types and styles from a variety of historical periods including the fifth century "golden age" and literature of the 19th and 20th centuries. Armenian culture interacted with and was influenced by contemporary cultures and literatures. An understanding of Armenian culture will enable the student to understand the antecedents of contemporary cultures and civilizations.

At the successful completion of this course, the students should be able

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- 3) to appreciate the significance of Armenian culture in a world context
- 4) to have a deeper understanding of Armenian literature, architecture, and music
- 5) to utilize literary criticism as a tool for an understanding of literature.

### Assignments:

- 1. Homework/classwork. Students will be assigned readings for discussion in subsequent class periods.
- **2. Quizzes.** There are three examinations in the course. The exams are not cumulative. There may be short quizzes on topics discussed in class.
- **3. Paper(s)** The University General Education policy states that each course in upper division Integrative GE must have a 4,000 word writing requirement. Accordingly students will be assigned creative essays to complete the writing requirement.

Final Examination: Wednesday, May 21, 1997, 1:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. No books or notes may be used.

Course Calendar. Approximate dates for topics to be covered, reading and assignments due.

Week 1- Armenian Mythology and Folklore Early Folk Epics

Week 2- Establishment of Christianity, Discovery of the Armenian Alphabet

Feb. 3-7 The "Golden Age" of Armenian Culture

Week 3- Armenian manuscripts-art; Religious Literature

Feb. 10-14 Armenian spiritual hymns- "sharakans"

Week 4- The medieval poets- Naregatsi and Shnorhali Medieval Armenian architecture and art

Feb. 17- President's Day Holiday-Campus Closed
Feb. 19 and 21

Week 5- Review Feb. 24, 26

Feb. 28 Midterm 1

Week 6- Secular Armenian literature March 3-7

Week 7- Tales and Fables March 10-14

Week 8- Medieval folk songs and secular poetry March 17-21

March 24-28 SPRING RECESS

Week 9 David of Sassoun- The Armenian Oral Epic March 31-April 4

 Week 10 Review

 April 7, 9
 Midterm #2

Week 11-Modern Armenian culture;

Armenian secular poetry-Frik, Kouchak, and Sayat Nova

April 14-18

Week 12-The Armenian literary renaissance April 21-25 Classical Armenian vs. the vernacular

The Mekhitarists; Armenian Printing (books)

Week 13-

Modern Armenian Literature-Modern Armenian poetry and music

April 28-May 2

Week 14-Western Armenian Culture in the Diaspora in the 20th century

Satire and the short story

May 5-9 Toumanian, Tekeyan, Issahakian

Week 15-

May 12-14 Diaspora Culture

Selected Reading List:

Eghishe Charents, Across Two Worlds, (New York: Ashod Press, 1985) • Susie Hoogasian-Villa, 100 Armenian Tales, (Detroit: Wayne State Univ. Press, 1966) • Leon Surmelian, Daredevils of Sassoun, 1964 • Leon Surmelian, Apples of Immortality, 1968 • Vahan Tekeyan, Sacred Wrath, (New York: Ashod Press, 1982) • Aram Tolegian, Armenian Poetry Old and New, (Detroit, Wayne State Univ. Press, 1979) • Diana Der Hovannesian, Anthology of Armenian Poetry

Note: The schedule and procedures for this course indicated in the course calendar are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances.

Criteria for evaluating student work: The criteria for quality work will be specified in detail for each assignment.

Eligibility for a passing grade: To be eligible for a passing grade in this course, the student must 1) complete all exams for the course and 2) complete all writing assignments for the course.

**Grades:** Three examinations at 25% of grade for each for a total of 75%. There will be three exams in the class-the tests are not cumulative. Each exam will cover the material from the preceding five weeks of the course. One-two page writing assignments, quizzes, and research project- 25% of grade.

### General Information:

- 1. Attendance Policy. Attendance is encouraged in class.
- 2. Missed quizzes, make-up work, late paper policy. Quizzes or midterms which are missed by students may not be made up unless permission has been granted by the instructor prior to the quiz or midterm.

- 3. Cheating and plagiarism. University policy defines "cheating" as "the practice of fraudulent and deceptive acts for the purpose of improving a grade or obtaining course credit. Typically, such acts occur in relation to examinations. It is the intent of this definition that the term 'cheating' not be limited to examination situations only but that it include any and all actions by a student which are intended to gain an unearned academic advantage by fraudulent and deceptive means." University policy defines "plagiarism" as "a specific form of cheating which consist of misuse of the published and/or unpublished works of another by representing the material so used as one's own work." Cheating or plagiarism will not be tolerated in this course. Depending on the seriousness of the action, the student may be penalized by an "F" on the assignment to an "F" in the course and the filing of a Cheating/Plagiarism Report to be placed in the student's permanent academic record.
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**CALIFORNIA** 

STATE UNIVERSITY, **MEMORANDUM** 

FRESNO DATE:

September 1, 1999

TO:

Brandt Kehoe

Interim Associate Provost

FROM:

Dickran Kouymjian

Director, Armenian Studies Program

RE:

General Education Armenian 148

Following is the requested revised statement for the writing requirement for Armenian 148, (Area C Integration). The modifications conform to the new GE writing requirements, as outlined in the Dec. 9, 1998 memo of Pedro Amaral, Chair of the GE Subcommittee, sent to Brandt Kehoe, Interim Associate Provost.

3. Paper(s) The University General Education policy states that each course in upper division GE must have a 4,000 word writing requirement.

Each student will be required to complete writing assignments, consistent with the GE Policy, at a minimum of 4,000 words. There are two, eight-page papers assigned to meet the 4,000 word requirement (1 page = 250 words times 16 pages = 4,000 words). Papers are due at the end of the 8th and 15th weeks of instruction. Students will be evaluated and graded on the mechanics, grammar, and punctuation of the paper as well as on the ability to form coherent, sustained, and well developed arguments. Students will be expected to follow the MLA Handbook of Style for their papers. The assignments require the students to write on specific topics discussed in the course or on assigned research topics. Students will utilize analytical and critical methods in their writing, appropriate to a literature course.

cc:

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