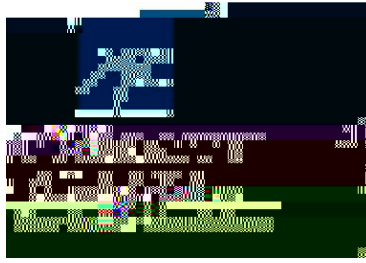


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To: Paul Layer
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Subject: dual-purpose credit

RE: Sharing GER and Major Degree Requirements

Dear VPASA Layer,

of academic courses. Allowing dual-purpose credit may ultimately lead to increased commitments to disciplinary minors and may facilitate the institutionalization of Alaska Native Studies GERs, especially for programs with limited options for additional credit requirements.

In cases where dual-purpose credit has associated special circumstances, program descriptions will be used to provide specific instructions. When dual-purpose credit is not allowed, as determined by faculty at the program level, limits will be enumerated in degree descriptions. Already existing dual-purpose credit constraints for given courses suggests that this practice is not burdensome to students. At UAA, those courses ineligible for dual-purpose credit are explicitly marked, usually with an asterisk and the notation "Must be taken in addition to General Education Requirements." (e.g., UAA BS Computer Science). Some UAF degree programs require dual-purpose credit wherein specific GERs are mandated with the phrase: "As part of the general education requirements, complete:" followed by a list of required courses (e.g., a specific math course for UAF BBA business administration, a math course for BS computer science, math and sciences courses for BS chemistry, several humanities requirements for BA elementary education, several requirements for BA social work, several requirements for BS wildlife biology, and many other degrees). Some UAS degrees are designed similarly to UAF stipulating "Complete all Gen ed requirements (40 credits) in addition to the major requirements." (e.g., UAS BS Wildlife Biology). Trpose