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School of General Studies may change requirements

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School of General Studies (GS) students will have to take tougher science courses and non-Western culture courses if new distribution requirements passed by the school's Committee of Instruction (COI) are approved by its faculty.

A list of newly-mandated courses was passed by the COI Feb. 9 and will go into effect next semester if the faculty gives it the nod at its next meeting, which GS Associate Dean Frank Wolf said will be in March or April.

The new science requirement calls for students to take two traditional science courses within the same department, such as chemistry, biology, or psychology, and to take one semester in fields varying from math and computer science to sociology or the history of science, according to Wolf.

Currently, GS students must take four semesters of science and can avoid traditional science courses, Wolf said.

The new cultural diversity require-

ment mandates at least one term of study of a culture, society, literature, or language of a nation or region outside North America or Europe.

GS students will be able to replace the required Fine Arts and Music course with a course in Oriental music.

The new list also splits the current Social Science and Philosophy requirement into two terms of Humanities courses—history, philosophy, Oriental civilizations, and religion—and two terms in Social and Behavioral Science courses: economics, political science, and social psychology. Students can now graduate without courses in both, Wolf said.

The COI also called for a scaled-back foreign language requirement that would be easier for transfer students to fulfill.

Current GS students can fulfill either the old or new requirements, Wolf said. They would also be able to fulfill more than one requirement with some courses, he added.



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READ ALL ABOUT IT: The Columbia AIDS Peer Educators (APE) held a protest rally at noon yesterday at the Barnard gates to let students know APE is conducting workshops under the auspices of Earl Hall. The group also wished to express concern that no adequate AIDS education is being provided on the Barnard campus, according to APE coordinator Leslie Kantor.