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2024-25 Annual Report of the Subcommittee on the Breadth
Requirement in American Cultures

In fulfilling its charge as established in the Bylaws of the Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate, the AMCULT carried out the following activities during the 2024-25 academic year. Professor Jun Sunseri (Anthropology) served as chair and as an ex-officio member on the Committee on Courses of Instruction for the 2024-2025 Academic Year.

The Subcommittee reviewed a total of 66 course and instructor proposals and student petitions for satisfaction of Berkeley Division Regulation 300, American Cultures Breadth Requirements. Subcommittee members evaluated proposals and petitions to ensure courses were integrative and comparative; addressed theoretical and analytical issues relevant to understanding race, culture, and ethnicity in American history and society; and, took substantial account of groups drawn from at least three of the following: African Americans, indigenous peoples of the United States, Asian Americans, Chicano/Latinos, and European Americans.

I. Finished Business

A. Actions on Course and Instruction Approvals and Student Petition Requests

The following chart summarizes the actions of the Subcommittee.

	Total	Approved	Denied	Pended or Tabled
New Berkeley Course	6	6	0	0
Review of New Instructor for Existing Berkeley Course	17	16	0	1
New Off-Campus Course	0	0	0	0
Student Petition (Berkeley Course)	4	1	3	0
Student Petition (Non-Berkeley Course)	39	17	22	0
TOTAL	66	40	25	1

B. Completed Issues

- AC Articulation Agreements with California Community Colleges: The Committee continued the conversation from the previous year regarding the potential end to articulation agreements for AC courses. As part of this discussion the Committee was provided with the following information: enrollment information to understand who would be affected

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by an end to articulation; how many students currently fulfill the requirement off campus; how many new AC seats would be needed to accommodate students who would have completed the requirement off campus; over enrollment of AC courses on campus; and how many students complete more than one AC course on campus. Sample articulation agreements were provided that showcase the amount of information provided about a syllabus in an articulation agreement (COR). This information was provided by The American Cultures Center, the Central Evaluation Unit in the Office of the Registrar, and the Office of Planning and Analysis. The Committee discussed this item on 01/17/25, 02/14/25, with a decision voted on 03/07/25. The Committee voted to keep the currently articulation agreements with community colleges.

II. AMCULT Correspondence for Review of Academic Senate Policies and Issues – NONE

III. Unfinished Business – NONE