

POLS RAC and E-Core 2/17/2021

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1. Description of E-Core (Jason Hewitt and Sarah Kuck, Christy Talley Smith, Wesley Steverson)

eCore courses are online general education courses offered through a cooperative arrangement among SACSCOC-accredited institutions of the University System of Georgia (USG). eCore courses are taught by instructors from USG institutions and are transferrable within the USG, as well as to most regionally accredited schools. Whether you are a working adult who wants to get back in school or a traditional college student who needs the flexibility of an online class—the public universities and colleges of the University System of Georgia are well within your reach through eCore.

2 questions: How do you choose what type of text you use in E-Core,

Open Stacks is the text used

Albany State uses it and loves it.

Discussion of getting people involved in updating OER materials (Open Educational Resources)

E-Core coordinated/managed at West Georgia

- explanation of how E-core works such as adding classes

- E-core classes revised every three years

Discussion of how POL 1101 and its covering the topics mandated by the legislature should tie into E-core

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Question: Who decides which faculty get to teach E-Core classes?

A: Unit must approve (Provost) and person must meet certain qualification standards.

A: Local units need to have sign-off to ensure teaching quality

Q: Is there a pol sci e-major?

A: There is an e-major that is relies a lot on pol sci classes even though it is not a pol sci major

Q: Is list of instructors publicly available

A: yes, one can search in a faculty factbook appendix

Q: E-core shell is robust; what flexibility exists for instructors?

A: furnished apartment analogy; there is some except for a couple of learning outcome components that are mandatory

Q: What are expectations for online education after Covid?

A: It will grow

Process is to get an approval for moving forward in revising E-core POL 1101 and to assemble subject matter experts. E-Core is evaluated every three years last evaluation was 2018 under Matthew Hipps.

The Political Science RAC will reach back out to eCore in March. At this point we hope to have sufficient feedback across campuses regarding support for the learning objectives in POLS 1101 in line with the legislative mandate.

Once eCore receives this information they will move forward through their processes regarding course modification.