

The UAF Faculty Senate passed the following at Meeting #222 on April 3, 2017:

**MOTION:**

The UAF Faculty Senate moves to place the Ethics requirement under Baccalaureate Degree Requirements and the Library Science requirement under Associate Degree Requirements and Baccalaureate Degree Requirements and to remove Ethics and Library Science requirements from the General Education Requirements (GERs). Students pursuing Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degrees will no longer be required to take Ethics; however, they will need to fulfill the Library Science requirement as part of the Associate Degree Requirements. All students pursuing Baccalaureate degrees will be required to fulfill both the Ethics and Library Science requirements.

EFFECTIVE: Fall 2017

RATIONALE: The new classification list system for the General Education Requirements (GERs) implemented in 2016-2017 was intended to meet the charge to faculty across the UA system by the UA Board of Regents (BOR) to develop and adopt common GERs. (See BOR's resolution at the April 3-4, 2014 meeting.)

When the UAF Faculty Senate approved the criteria for courses within the GER lists on November 9, 2015, it also voted to retain the Ethics requirement.

The Ethics and Library Science requirements are UAF-specific requirements and do not have counterparts in the GERs of UAA or UAS and, therefore, the UAF GERs do not fully align with the other universities' GERs.

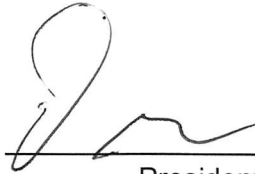
All Ethics courses are at the 300-level and require "junior standing", which demands that a student have at least 60 credits; this is also the minimum number of credits to complete an Associate degree. This may result in unintentional burdens on students seeking Associate degrees.

Library Science courses are at the 100-level and have no prerequisites, which make the Library Science requirement a reasonable expectation for both Associate and Baccalaureate degrees.

Furthermore, the placement of Library Sciences under the Associate Degree Requirements ensures that all transfer students who have completed the GERs at UAS or UAA or have completed equivalent courses at a college or university outside the UA system will still need to fulfill the Library Science requirement.

Finally, the placement of Ethics and Library Sciences under the Baccalaureate Degree Requirements ensures that all students, including transfer students and those who complete the GERs at UAS or UAA, will take courses which we see as essential for students pursuing Baccalaureate degrees at a research institution.

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