

# Potential Approaches to the AKNS Requirement

Option 1: A New Baccalaureate and Associate Requirement

- Some AKNS courses are not classified as either Humanities or Social Science.
- This may be harder to petition, since GERs cannot be petitioned. Such petitions may require the Provost's approval or the creation of a special set of rules for petitioning the AKNS GERs.
- There may be confusion and/or disagreement on where to place cross-listed classes. This may also become a problem if/when cross-listed AKNS classes are petitioned.

#### Option 3: Create a new AKNS category within the GERs

This will take away the "wild card" category in the GERs. The categories will now be 6 credits of Social Sciences, 3 of Humanities, 3 of Fine Arts, and 3 of AKNS.

#### Merits:

- All Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, and (most) Baccalaureate students will be required to take such a course.
- This will sidestep the "must clearly fit in the Humanities, Social Sciences, or Fine Arts category" rule.
- This may also sidestep the "a course can only be listed in one category" rule. (E.g. ANS/FLPA 161X may appear in both the AKNS category and the Fine Arts category.)

#### Potential Problems:

- The rules for the AKNS group may have to be more flexible than those for the other categories. One or more of the following may have to be dropped:
  - the no more than 5 courses per acronym rule
  - the all courses must be at the 100- or 200-level rule
  - the no prerequisite other than ENGL/WRTG 111X rule
- This will likely prove detrimental to Humanities and Fine Arts since the "wild card" category, which provides the option for a second Humanities or Fine Arts course, will be taken away.
- This will de-incentivize students from taking two semesters of non-AKNS-designated language classes.
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are not clearly Humanities, Social Sciences, or Fine Arts (e.g. many of the RD courses).

Merits:

- This may prove a satisfying compromise to those who do not want to move AKNS-designated courses to a single GER category.
- There is the possibility of double-counting an existing GER as fulfilling the AKNS