

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

CERTIFICATION OF CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

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Effective Date **Fall 2014** Approved by EPC _____

Department **Office of Experiential Education and Civic Engagement**
College **US - Undergraduate Studies**
Proposal **Revise Policy**
Proposal Name **ELR: Non-Course Activity Approval and Study Abroad Course Designation**

Description of proposal:

The Office of Experiential Education and Civic Engagement (OEECE) propose two policy revisions to ensure that students seeking to fulfill the Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR) have an easily accessible path to completion. Two policy revisions are proposed:

1. Study Abroad Course: Study Abroad Courses OIA 10095 and National Student Exchange (NSE) 10095 will receive automatic ELR designation.

2. Non-Course Activity Approval: a) The Dean of Undergraduate Studies will be authorized to approve Non-Course Activity Applications of students enrolled in Undergraduate Studies and those enrolled in disciplines outside of Undergraduate Studies. b) Any full-time faculty member will be authorized to approve and supervise Non-Course Activity applications. The full-time faculty members need not have an appointment in the student's major department.

Describe impact on other programs, policies or procedures (e.g., duplication issues; enrollment and staffing considerations; need, audience)

Study Abroad courses OIA 10095 and NSE 10095 will receive automatic ELR designation. Spring of 2011 recognized five general categories of ELR: civic engagement, creative/artistic activities, practical experiences, undergraduate research, and study abroad/away. Early implementation of the ELR revealed that numerous courses by nature, engaged students beyond the classroom environment.

The Dean of Undergraduate Studies and full-time faculty members will be authorized to approve Non-Course Activity applications of students in any major. Authorizing the Dean of Undergraduate Studies and full-time faculty members to approve Non-Course Activities would reduce barriers to degree completion and expedite the application process for students.

Units consulted (other departments, programs or campuses affected by this proposal):

Office of Global Education, Curriculum Services, Office of the Registrar, URCC, and Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

REQUIRED ENDORSEMENTS

Department Chair / School Director

Campus Dean (for Regional Campuses proposals)

College Dean (or designee)

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Dean of Graduate Studies (for graduate proposals)

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Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs (or designee)

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