

## **Upper Division General Education Requirement**

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**Background:** Title V of the California Educational Code refers to General Education in the CSU as "General Education-Breadth Requirements," and states that

*"General education-breadth requirements in the California State University are so designed that, taken with the major depth program and elective credits presented by each candidate for the bachelor's degree, they will assure that graduates from the several campuses in the system have made noteworthy progress toward becoming truly educated persons..."*

Many students are taking Upper Division General Education (UDGE) courses in their own major area to satisfy the UDGE requirement, which goes against the intent of Title V as interpreted from the designation as "breadth requirements." In some majors, it has been found that three-quarters of the students take UDGE courses within their own major to fulfill the UDGE requirements, thus missing the breadth that UDGE is supposed to guarantee.

**Therefore, be it resolved that:**

- 1. No student may use a course from their major area to satisfy the UDGE requirements.**
- 2. For majors requiring courses from a variety of disciplines, students are only prohibited from using courses in their primary field within the interdisciplinary major to satisfy the UDGE requirements.**
- 3. This policy will go into effect in the Fall of 2004. (This will coincide with the publication of the next catalog.)**