

Dear University Core Curriculum Committee:

Please accept this as a letter of support for Jay Hawk for the HIST 245, American History that she completed at Home State Community College (HSCC) to count for KU Core Goal 4.1. The University of Kansas does not have an equivalent course so it transfers as HIST H. This class at HSCC meets their US Diversity educational outcome, Goal 2. HSCC's Goal 2 is outline below and can be found online at: <https://www.hscclcourse-descriptions/goal2>.

Courses and experiences within the U.S. should assist students in developing an awareness of self and others through scholarly study, research, and personal interaction. Students should be exposed to multiple perspectives about U.S. society and how group affiliation affects people's perceptions and experiences. For example, courses and experiences in this area should facilitate students learning to:

- Identify and discuss diverse perspectives and experiences as they examine U.S. institutions, practices, policies and influences from contemporary and/or historical viewpoints
- Exhibit knowledge and understanding of a variety of cultures in the U.S., including majority and non-majority groups, and their interconnectedness within U.S. society
- Think critically about issues such as identity, race, ethnicity, nationality, similarity/difference, prejudice and discrimination within a U.S. social and cultural context

Rationale: Within the diverse and pluralistic U.S. society, through interactions with each other, individuals often categorize people in terms of inclusion or exclusion from particular groups. To reduce unsubstantiated or false opinions or assumptions they have of "us" versus "them," students must examine the many patterns that characterize human groupings in U.S. culture.

As is evident by the description, HSCC's Goal 2 aligns closely with KU Core Goal 4.1. Jay Hawk successfully completed the course and demonstrated HSCC's learning outcomes for Goal 2. While this course did not transfer to KU as a preapproved course for Goal 4.1, it clearly meets the learning outcomes for Goal 4.1.

Please let me know if you have an additional questions.

Thank you,



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