

Report from LLC Regarding Final Exams for ULLC 100

Background

Since the new curriculum does not have “distribution requirements,” the language regarding final examinations found in the Handbook 2006-2007 in Section IV, 18b,7a, needs to be examined.

Handbook:

“A final examination is required in each course that can be used to satisfy a distribution requirement unless exempted in advance in writing by the appropriate academic dean. Final examinations in all lower division courses are preferred by not required. Final examination in upper-level courses are at the discretion of the instructor unless majority departmental vote taken each year vests said discretion elsewhere.”

Decision

Since many of the courses in the Areas of Inquiry are “upper-level courses, the LLC discussed the problems with extending the requirement of a final exam to all courses in the Liberal Learning Core. Agreement was reached to limit the final exam requirement to just those courses listed under “Liberal Learning Foundations.”¹

The LLC, therefore, approved the following language and has forwarded its recommendation to the UCC.

“Unless exempted in advance in writing by the appropriate academic dean, each course that can be used to satisfy the Liberal Learning Foundations requirements requires a final exam or a similarly comprehensive assessment of a student’s ability to analyze and synthesize material presented over the entire semester.”

¹ ULLC 223 is an exception to this rule as it already has in its description a requirement for a formal, final oral presentation.