

Memorandum

TO: Dr. Francis Battisti, EVP, CAO

CC: Peggy Sniezek, Kenneth Mansfield

FROM: Kim McLain, Ph.D., General Education Committee Chair

DATE: November 16, 2017

RE: Review of CST 109

Dear Dr. Battisti,

After reviewing CST 109 using the General Education rubric for course proposals, the committee finds through a unanimous vote (6/0/0) that the course learning outcomes do not clearly align with the SUNY learning outcomes for American History, as referenced in the SUNY *Guidelines for the Approval of State University General Education Requirement Courses*:

- knowledge of a basic narrative of American history: political, economic, social, and cultural, including knowledge of unity and diversity in American society.
- knowledge of common institutions in American society and how they have affected different groups; and
- understanding of America's evolving relationship with the rest of the world.

While CST 109, *Computer and Malware History* is an excellent course with invaluable information for which any college student would benefit from learning, the scope of this course is not broad enough to provide the breadth of the American History narrative for which SUNY requires a General Education course to have. The committee felt that the specialized focus of this particular course would not transfer to other institutions as the students would not have gained the foundational knowledge that is meant to provide students in the General Education curriculum.

During the discussion about CST 109, Scott Corley offered, on behalf of the History, Philosophy, and Social Sciences Department, to collaborate with the Computer Science Department to develop a history course that could be potentially eligible for the American History General Education requirements in the future. It was also suggested that perhaps CST 109 is more in line with a possible consideration for a Social Science general education category. This idea was presented to Professor Sniezek.

The committee would like to thank Professor Sniezek for allowing us the opportunity to review this excellent course and hopes that she will consider some of the above suggestions to potentially again present this course to the committee at a future date.

The meeting minutes (11/14/17) that detail the discussion of this course can be found at:

<https://mycollege.sunybroome.edu/web/general-education-committee/home>

We look forward to your final review and decision regarding whether or not CST 109 will become a SUNY Broome Community College General Education courses.

Sincerely,

Kim McLain