Operating Assumptions for UCC-21

In developing UCC-21, the University Core Curriculum-Task Force II has made the following operating assumptions:

1. In a given domain, a Tier 1 course must be taken before a Tier 2 course may be taken. The pedagogy of Experience to Action makes such a requirement necessary.
2. UCC Courses may have pre-requisites.
3. Foundation courses will have no WISER designation.
4. Tier 2 courses must carry at least one WISER designation.
5. Courses approved for a tier may include transformational goals beyond those specified for that tier.
6. The units responsible for Foundation courses are the following:
   a. Written Communication—Department of English
   b. Oral Communication—Department of Communication Studies
   c. Mathematics—Department of Mathematical Sciences
   d. History—Department of History
   e. Physical Wellness—CAST
   f. Personal Finance—MCOB, CAST, CSH
7. To conform to their unique expectations, modifications or exceptions may be needed for students in the Honors College or in the prison system.
8. It is assumed that the UCC-Subcommittee will be flexible with departments in approving a variety of experiences for Tier 3.
9. It is assumed that students’ ability to work in interdisciplinary contexts will be developed in some of the WISER courses.

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