Proposal for a new course

Bachelor of Liberal Studies (Arts)

Scoping Document

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1. Name of course
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2. Summary of completion requirements
To graduate, students must satisfactorily complete 192 points (normally equal to 24 subjects).

- Students must complete COM120, Reasoning, Values and Communication.
- No more than 10 level 1 subjects (80 points) may be counted towards the Bachelor of Liberal Studies (Arts).
- At least 5 subjects (40 points) must be taken at level 3.
- No more than 8 subjects (64 points) may be taken outside the Faculty of Arts.
- Some subjects require prior successful completion of other prerequisite subjects. These prerequisites may be determined from the subject descriptions in the handbook.

3. Indication of number of new subjects that would be required
No new subjects required. All subjects for this course will be drawn from existing subjects.

Aim
The University Course Planning Committee has approved the development of open-entry degrees. The Bachelor of Liberal Studies (Arts) is such a degree. It is modelled on pre-existing CSU open degrees such as the Bachelor of Business Studies, Bachelor of Educational Studies, Bachelor of General Studies (Science) Articulated Sets, with input from the Office of the Faculty of Arts.

The establishment of open-entry degrees is laid out in point 3 of the ‘Course Plan’ supporting Key Objective 1 of CSU’s University Strategy 2007-2011. It is hoped such degrees will enhance the marketing of and access to CSU’s distance education programs. It will also provide open access pathways to CSU degrees.

Students can study towards the Bachelor of Liberal Studies (Arts) under CSU’s new single subject study and open entry program. Under this program entry requirements to single subjects are open, which means there are no prerequisites for study. These single subjects can be built into a Bachelor of Liberal Studies (Arts).
This course aims to provide flexible course design options for undergraduate students of arts by providing access to a diverse pool of subjects requiring a wide range of skills for active and successful participation. The aim of this approach is to increase the potential for students to meet a wider range of vocational needs in an increasingly broad variety of environments.

Need and demand

The University Course Planning Committee has approved the development of open-entry degrees such as the Bachelor of Liberal Studies (Arts) course; as such, the need and demand for this course is established.

4. Resource Implications

There should be no major resource implications arising from this proposal.

5. When to be introduced

The program will commence at the beginning of 2010.

6. External bodies/individuals that will be, or have been, consulted

NA

7. CSU staff on the development panel

The following CSU staff members will be involved the course development process.

Professor Carmen Moran, Head of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences
Mr Robert Doubleday, Executive Officer, Faculty of Arts
Mr Andrew Cox, Administrative Officer, Faculty of Arts
Dr Morgan Luck, Senior Lecturer, School of Humanities and Social Sciences