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From the University Studies Advisory Committee

Approval of ---E 491 and ---E 498

- Whereas Explorations Beyond the Classroom is, as of fall 2012, a requirement of University Studies;
- Whereas many departments have submitted their DIS (491) and Internship (498) courses for approval as an Explorations experience; and
- Whereas students and their faculty mentors may desire the option of whether to count the DIS or Internship as an Explorations Experience,
- Resolved that the new blanket designations of ---E 491 and ---E 498 create that option across the campus.

Rationale:

For a DIS or an Internship to count as an Explorations experience, the faculty mentor must make certain that the student achieves three associated Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs):

1. Students will be able to articulate their expectations, the purpose, and/or the goals of the experience in terms of their personal educational development.
2. Students will synthesize knowledge drawn from their coursework to address the issues/challenges/questions involved in the experience.
3. Students will be able to communicate the impact or significance on their personal educational development *and* on others in the profession or in the field at the *conclusion* of the experience.

In the event that the student or the faculty member does not wish to incorporate these SLOs into the DIS or Internship experience, they can simply use the --- 491/498 currently on the books. Should the fulfillment of the Explorations requirement be a priority, however, the student can opt to enroll in ---E 491/498, thereby signaling to her/his faculty mentor an interest in achieving Explorations' SLOs.