

## **AXLE Implementation Committee**

Policies regarding proposals to change the AXLE distribution category of an A&S course or to withdraw an A&S course from the AXLE curriculum

**Changing the AXLE category of a course** (approved by the AXLE Implementation Committee on February 12, 2008):

The AXLE Implementation Committee is disinclined to change the AXLE category of a course unless the instructor provides compelling reasons to show why the course no longer fulfills the original AXLE category. To be clear: as long as a course continues to fit its original AXLE category—regardless of whether or not it now fits another category as well or better—it will remain in the original category.

If the AXLE Implementation Committee approves a request to change the AXLE category of a course, the change would take effect one academic year after the change has been noted in the *Catalog*. In other words, after an approved change, the next year's *Catalog* will note that this is the last year in which the course will be in the *x* category and that next year it will be in the *y* category.

Departmental websites should state explicitly that the Vanderbilt *Catalog* is the official source of information regarding the classification of A&S courses into the AXLE liberal arts distribution categories.

**Withdrawing a course from AXLE** (approved by the AXLE Implementation Committee on October 3, 2008):

Courses withdrawn from AXLE by a department or program must remain undesignated for four years before being reclassified into an AXLE distribution category.