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EXP-0106: AUDITING FOR BREADTH

INFORMATION SHEET
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Auditing for Breadth is designed to provide students with an opportunity to broaden their education by attending courses which they would not otherwise enroll.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

A student may audit up to three courses and receive one Semester Hour Unit (SHU) per course, with a grade of "Pass." It is theoretically possible to audit any course offered at the university, so long as you receive permission from the instructor. Keep in mind, however, that certain courses lend themselves more easily to being audited. Ones where a high degree of participation is critical—a lab course or a seminar, for example—may *not* be appropriate. In all cases, it is up to the instructor to decide whether auditing a particular course makes sense.

HOW TO DO IT

1. Read this information sheet carefully.
2. For each course you audit, you need to get permission from the instructor and work out with him or her an arrangement covering your responsibilities. **Such arrangements begin with attending at least ninety percent of all classes.** Beyond that, depending upon the course in question, you may be asked to do some key reading, take part in certain class activities, see a film, and the like.
3. Each time you audit a course, you need to use an **AGREEMENT FORM**.
 - At the beginning of the semester, you fill out the top and, *along with the instructor*, answer the two procedural questions: a] Are there any additional requirements beyond regular attendance? b] How will attendance be monitored?
 - The instructor should sign where indicated, acknowledging that the agreement is in place
 - Return the form to the Experimental College **by the end of the second week of classes.**
 - Right before the last class, retrieve the form in order to have the instructor sign once again, this time indicating that you have met the terms of your agreement
 - Return the *completed* form to the Experimental College where it will be kept on file.
4. After the instructor signs the agreement form at the beginning of the semester, you will enroll in EXP-106: Auditing for Breadth. This is the mechanism by which you will receive credit. *The names of audited course will also appear in the Notes section of your transcript.*
5. The last requirement is a two-to-three-page **AUDITING REPORT** discussing your experience, what worked best, and what you got out of the program. *This report should be written and submitted by the end of classes during the semester of your audit.*

NOTES

- **DO NOT REGISTER for the courses you are auditing.**
- There are no penalties for failing to complete the program.