In response to the proposal made by the College of Engineering regarding the modification of the Humanities components of the General Education Core, the School of Arts and Communication, on behalf of the College of Psychology and Liberal Arts, offers a counterproposal that we believe best represents the interests of Florida Tech students in all disciplines. This proposal reflects the resolutions from the January 27, 2017, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (UGCC) meeting in sections I and II.

I. Students must complete one of the following three-credit courses:
   a. HUM 2051: Civilization 1: Ancient through Medieval
   b. HUM 2331: American History: Pre-Columbian to Civil War Era
   c. HUM 2211: British Literature and Culture (new)
   d. HUM 2212: British and American Literature
   e. HUM 2551: Survey of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (to be moved from 3000-level)
   f. HUM 2141: World Art History: Pre-History to Early Global Awareness

II. Students must also complete one of the following three-credit courses:
   a. HUM 2052: Civilization 2: Renaissance through Modern
   b. HUM 2332: American History: From Reconstruction to the Present
   c. HUM 2212: British and American Literature (cannot be repeated if selected from section 1)
   d. HUM 2213: British and American Literature 2
   e. HUM 2552: Survey of Modern and Contemporary Philosophy (to be moved from 3000-level)
   f. HUM 2142: World Art History 2: Early Modern to Post-Colonial

III. Students must complete three additional credits from any course at any level with the “HU” designation in its course description. However, it is strongly recommended that advisors encourage students to take a course at the 3000- or 4000-level that builds upon a sequence of knowledge established in their two courses from sections I and II.
a. Courses at the 1000-level with the HUM prefix will receive a “freshman or sophomore standing only” restriction. A waiver may be issued by the Humanities Program Chair and/or Head of the School of Arts and Communication only if the 1000-level course is required in the student’s program of study and is being used to satisfy this requirement.

b. The School of Arts and Communication recommends the UGCC resolve that the first of the 1000-level foreign language courses should not be used to satisfy the additional three-credit Humanities requirement. According to SACSCOC, in its interpretation of Core Requirement 2.7.3, “Courses in basic composition that do not contain a literature component, courses in oral communication, and introductory foreign language courses are skill courses and not pure humanities courses.” The introductory foreign language courses do not prepare a student to do more than converse at the most basic, elementary level and do not include the historical, literary, and/or philosophical lines of inquiry that are central to our Humanities electives. The School of Arts and Communication acknowledges that the second semester and higher levels of foreign language courses begin to impart the necessary historical, literary, and/or philosophical lines of inquiry that are consistent with those of the Humanities courses that fulfill Gen Ed Core requirements.

Therefore, the second semester of foreign language study satisfies the goal of moving towards proficiency in a second language and the additional three-credit Humanities requirement. If foreign language proficiency is considered essential for our students to succeed in a global marketplace, then programs should be opened up to allow for at least one full year of foreign language instruction.

IV. Transfer credits for the Humanities components of the Gen Ed Core should be handled separately on a case-by-case basis by the Humanities Program Chair and/or Head of the School of Arts and Communication.

a. Transfer credit may be substituted for one or both of the requirements listed in sections I and II only if the transferred course is consistent with the survey courses listed in sections I and II (history, literature, philosophy, art history or an interdisciplinary Civilization course) and the course is at the 2000-level or higher, with the exception of students who have completed A.A. or A.S. degrees.

b. Transfer credit for the additional three-credit Humanities requirement may be substituted with a Humanities course at the 2000-level or higher, with the exception of students who have completed A.A. or A.S. degrees and met this requirement.