Experimental Course Proposal
Curriculum Committee
(Graduate and Undergraduate)

Department: English
Discipline: English
Course Number:
Course Level (UG) ☒ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
Course Level (Grad) ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8
# of Credits: 4

Grading Mode: ☒ Letter Grade
☐ Pass/No Pass
Is this a variable credit course? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes, what range of credit?

Title Abbreviation for Transcript: (30 characters or fewer)
Curiosity, playfulness, and creativity

Full Title:
Curiosity, playfulness, and creativity

Catalog Description: (60 words or fewer)
Using meditation, contemplation, writing, and reflection, students will explore ways to approach work and life creatively. This writing-intensive course foregrounds playfulness, experimentation, and uselessness as key parts of the creative process. This course cultivates students’ curiosity, builds a sense of agency, and shows how creative enterprises can be a lasting and meaningful part of life. CTDI

Prerequisite:

Corequisite:

Attach course syllabus, prepared according to Curriculum Committee Syllabus Checklist:
http://www.plymouth.edu/committee/faculty/faculty-committees-and-appointed-groups/curriculum/forms-and-documents/

Justification: (Include justification to demonstrate that any curriculum changes align with the results of program reviews and Academic Plans)
In response to President’s Birx charge to create themed General Education courses with interdisciplinary connections and open lab experiences, the Contemplative Communities Cluster Project has created this suite of four General Education courses (SI, SS, PP, and CT Directions).

Was this course proposed before? ☒ Yes ☐ No
If yes, when? (Term/Year):

Did the course run? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, course enrollment:

Was an experimental course report submitted to the AVPAA? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If report was submitted, when? (Term, Year):

Attach experimental course report if requesting a second experimental offering.

Which student population(s) do you expect to attract?
First and second year General Education students

Additional Cost/s: Describe additional resources required such as facilities, supplies, equipment, etc. if applicable.

Staffing: Will adding this course require additional teaching resources (e.g. overload, teaching lecturer)? Please explain:

Yes ☐ No ☒

Dean Comments/Justification regarding change, especially if change requires additional teaching resources:

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**General Education:** Is there a general education attribute? If yes, please explain:  
Yes ☒ No ☐

This is a Creative Thought Directions course.

Please note: The instructor is expected to conduct a course evaluation at the close of the experimental course offering. An evaluation report will be required for a second or permanent offering of the course. If this is a second experimental offering, attach the report to this proposal. Without the evaluation report, a second or permanent offering cannot be considered.

Initial offering period of one semester.

English department vote:

In favor/Opposed/Abstain/Absent

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