I. Course Title: Cultural Events Experience

II. Credit Hours: zero (credit/no credit) (6 semesters required)

III. Course Level: 1000

IV. Department or Departments responsible for teaching course: Departments/Units with quality cultural events pre-approved by the Cultural Events Experience (CCE) Committee and willing to follow procedures for documentation of student attendance.

V. Proposed Description: Attendance at two College of Arts and Sciences-approved cultural events in either Art, Music, Theatre, Film, or other Literary/World Cultures events.¹

VI. Core Curriculum Objectives:

1. Expose students to a wide variety of fine arts and cultural events on the Baylor campus and with Baylor-sponsored programs.
2. Allow for maturation and growth in a student’s reception, interpretation, and appreciation of the fine arts and cultural events over an extended period of time.
3. Foster cultural literacy, critical thinking, interpretive analysis, acceptable social interaction, human empathy, and patronage of the arts.

VII. Justification for course from A&S Core Curriculum Vision (using quotations): This course is a creativity companion piece to the Fine Arts/Performing Arts Distribution List. These 6 semesters of quality cultural events (12 events total in a 4-year residency)² will “provide meaningful experiences with art and literature,” giving students multiple opportunities to attend artistic and culture events, practice “critical language for discussing [fine arts] and literature,” and develop “skills for articulating their informed response to such works.”

¹ Events will be pre-approved as “CCE eligible” at the beginning of each academic year by a five-member Cultural Event Experiences Committee appointed by the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, made up of faculty representatives from the Art, English, Film and Digital Media, Theatre Arts, and the School of Music. Of the twelve culture events, two must be in each of the areas of Art, Music, Theatre, Film, or Literature/World Cultures. The final two events may come from any category.
² The CEE requirement is prorated to 5 total semesters for sophomore transfer students; prorated to 3 total semesters for junior transfer students.