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GSR 150 grade - missing H on transcript

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20 April 2023 at 11:31

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Jennifer, Kirk, and Elice,

Ericka in Registrar told me to reach out to you as my transcript incorrectly notes that my GSR 150-class was just 150, not the Honors section I actually took. I noticed this error a little while after I was struck by a sheriff in October 2019, but couldn't reach out then for obvious reasons. My lawyer took a couple months to get a replaced powerchair, there was the pandemic, all that jazz (kudos for taking over the Honors program in the thick of things, you two).. Elice got my official transcript to Seattle Central by the end of the day the day after a holiday weekend (go Elice! PAH!). Someone at Seattle Central confirmed there is no H on GSR 150.

My best hearing friend at Gallaudet told me that she had to reach out as her transcript did not reflect her GSR 102H that Jennifer taught. I do have my final project for honors First Year Seminar/GSR-101H which lists 150H, as well as my final paper for you guys which says 150H.

Kirk, I do not believe you have any animosity towards me, and I hope you had a good Easter holiday. While I was at St. Elizabeths Hospital, in addition to reading all the hospital library-books and printing off Shakespeare plays from MIT to read when interpreters weren't provided, I was sexually assaulted. Jennifer was going to visit me and bring a literary anthology, but she didn't have time. I put you in an awkward position, having had inconsistent ASL interpreters and chemical castration seriously suggested to me after I was sexually assaulted. This is why I wasn't acting as I should have. I apologize that I over-estimated the boundaries of our (what I thought) was a friendship, since our professional student-teacher relationship had ended. Anyway, without going off on a theological tangent that would be purely an academic exercise: I am truly grateful for our work together; I only regret not saving more of my papers I did for you. Having read your dissertation and knowing you as a practical theologian, I suspect you'd prefer me stop punishing myself for that. But you are certainly owed an apology, just as much as I worked very hard to get A's in your classes. On that note, it is highly unlikely I will take substantive liberal arts courses as I did at Gallaudet. If I ask you or Jennifer to write a letter of recommendation, I hope one (or both) of you will, and that any letters will reflect my academic strengths rather than any iatrogenic boundary violation. I think every Deaf person can appreciate the effects/feelings of prolonged isolation, or as I call it, sign-hunger.

Please let me know if additional documentation is necessary. Have a great rest of the semester, full of classroom magic to Jennifer and Kirk. To Elice, although my contact at Seattle Central told me I didn't need a new transcript, I do hope the additional work I did in the Honors class will be accurately reflected when I transfer to a four-year school. I'd used priority registration my first semester, so I don't think you're at fault with the administrative oversight. As I've written elsewhere, you are a paragon of administrative action in my experience. When the previous Honors director found out, she simply called me a lucky boy and said she'd e-mail Jennifer and Kirk. I asked to be included; she said no. Bu the work I did for that class was fun! I forgot how much time I spent in the library until I found the paper.

Sincerely,
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Jennifer Nelson <jennifer.nelson@gallaudet.edu>

20 April 2023 at 11:33

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Hi all,

That class was indeed an H section. I was not the Honors Director then. But Dr. VanGilder and I taught it as a dedicated Honors section.

Thank you, Jennifer

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Thank you, Jennifer! Correct, Shirley Myers was Honors director then. Yes, you and Dr. VanGilder did a fantastic job teaching and grading copious amounts of work.

Is this all your department needs, Elice? If so, would you please send me a copy of the unofficial transcript to confirm the change was made (no need to include my teachers on this).

Thomas

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Elice Patterson <elice.patterson@gallaudet.edu>

24 April 2023 at 08:52

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Good morning all,

I need to clarify that the GSR 150 section that Thomas signed up for is in fact an honor course. It is labeled as GR 150.08H in Bison. However, sections are not printed on transcripts. Another option would be Honor's Option but it would show up as "honor credit for a regular course" which is not correct.

Elice

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25 April 2023 at 06:18

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Elice,

My contact at Seattle Central noted the GOV 101 - Honors option and asked if I did any other Honors work/ever part honors program. Surely participation in Honors coursework has to mean more than just being friendly or friends with Shirley Shultz Myers during her ascension and tenure as Honors Director. I certainly didn't do extra work for her.

You mentioned you appreciated my forthrightness when you got my official transcript back after a holiday weekend (hooray, effective college admins!). I don't know why Parchment's system made a delay for you and not Columbus State, but I'm glad you helped ferret out the Internet squirrel that caused the delay. I ask for another copy of the unofficial transcript when this is all sorted out just as I have got a free credit report after disputing medical debt I acquired when I was at Gallaudet, mostly from the medical emergency that made me withdraw. I'm very glad I'm still alive after that, and St. Elizabeths. Also happy to survive being hit by a sheriff on a sidewalk - closest I've come to dying.

As for St. Elizabeths, I am curious if you had any contact with the social workers, Moses Schapiro (e-mail: moses.schapiro@dc.gov) or Denise Brown (denise.brown@dc.gov) or Verne Hyde (verne.hyde@dc.gov), as there are inconsistencies in my medical records there about my student status. You would be the official who would write about that, wouldn't you? As you saw in my first e-mail, my self-accountability is a persistent character quality: I apologized to Kirk. He may have filtered my e-mails, and I don't expect him to reply. I would only expect a reply if I asked for copies of my papers. Those are my intellectual property, after all (A&O Manual 1.09). With time, I'm blaming myself less for being raped at St. Elizabeths. Rev. Dr. VanGilder has training in pastoral counselling. I imagine he would want that. I pray for his success and happiness regularly. Like most Jews (and most people), my relationship with God is tenuous at times, but nothing happens if we don't try.

Continue to fulfill your duties in service of the University's mission and lead Ericka and all to administrative excellence as you always have. Have a great day.

Sincerely,
Thomas

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19 May 2023 at 09:21

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Good day and Happy Friday, Elice, Jennifer and Kirk,

As I mentioned in my SignMail to Registrar, I know it's likely a hectic time for Elice and her staff (Ericka and the rest). Elice has always been a paragon of administrative efficacy.

I would like to note on my resume that I took Honors courses at Gallaudet (101H, 150H) and just want something official to note that. Jennifer's reply might count, but it would be more official if, like my AP score showing a 4 as Honors option, dedicated Honors classes were noted along with Honors option contract. Jennifer will also not always be there, and this will be a tremendous loss for students when she retires. So, too, for Kirk, without whose pastoral counselling I and rabbis I work with would be at a significant loss.

The faculty at Gallaudet are unmatched when it comes to dedication to students. I hope Elice can inspire her fellow admins to match her dedication to their office's mission.

Sincerely,
Thomas Muething
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19 May 2023 at 09:21

Hello! We have received your email but due to the high volume of requests, it may take up to two consecutive business days to get back to you. We will do our best to respond to you as quickly as possible.

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Elice Patterson <elice.patterson@gallaudet.edu> 19 May 2023 at 10:16
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Hi Thomas,

Thank you always for your kind words! Would a memo be sufficient for what you are requesting?

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Thomas Muething <thomas.a.muething@gmail.com> 19 May 2023 at 14:30
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By "memo", is this a line on the transcript, an additional document that would be appended to the official transcript, or something different?

Ideally, I would want something that would go in my official record, so I don't have to come back to you when I order my transcripts.

Finally, I looked through all my St. Elizabeths Hospital records; your name was never mentioned, nor was Registrar. Both my name and Gallaudet's was misspelled in several different ways. I don't have a lot of hope for hearing people about spelling Gallaudet, or hearing people about Deaf things generally. Your office only got my medical withdrawal form June 2019, which was not your fault.

Cheers,
Thomas
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Elice Patterson <elice.patterson@gallaudet.edu> 22 May 2023 at 13:15
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Hi Thomas,

As I mentioned in my previous email, the sections are not noted on transcripts. I have an idea and will check into this and get back to you.

Be in touch soon

Elice

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18 February 2024 at 16:28

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Elice,

Curious what your idea was. On Gallaudet faculty web pages, Honors sections, undergrad advice loads, postgraduate service, etc. is listed.

From Dr. Myers' old biography (https://web.archive.org/web/20120202234815/http://www.gallaudet.edu/Faculty-Staff/Honors/Myers_Shirley.html) and Whitebread's (https://web.archive.org/web/20140906191214/http://www.gallaudet.edu/faculty-staff/honors/whitebread_geoff.html) to Dr. Chris Haye's current biography (<https://gallaudet.edu/personnel/christopher-hayes/>), it *really* does look like for over 20 years, Dr. Myers primarily used the Honors program like a club to make friends. A secondary benefit to the University was in recruiting faculty, in the case of Dr. Hayes, or actively creating a faculty/administrative role in the case of Dr. Whitebread. I suppose at Myers' review meetings, she rattled those things off as part of her service requirements.

I did a lot of extra work for Dr. Whitebread, only to be personally insulted and have questions about why and how I could be homosexual *and* Orthodox months later. I know his successor will not do this, because Rev. Dr. VanGilder actively supported and challenged me about my theology appropriately, sharing about his own training in Colorado and impressing not to use my knowledge of Judaism to reinforce the abusive dichotomy of gay and religious. Most importantly, I know Dr. VanGilder will not do this because I know his first six years of postgraduate studies were not at Gallaudet U, as Dr. Whitebread's were. Ironically, I had my ACT scores sent to Ball State, U. of Cincinnati, and The Ohio State U. VanGilder went to Ball State. Perhaps if I had gone there, I would have consistently had my visual impairments accommodated consistently, and didn't have to rely on excellent teachers such as Sharon Pajka and excellent administrators such as yourself to ensure that I would have access to classes. Do you remember working with Dr. Pajka to move the ENG 208 room from HMB to J-SAC? I do, along with your many acts of service to me when I was blind (a lot more than I can say for OSWD). Thank you for that.

Continue to do your best to lead Ericka and the registration team to assist GU students and faculty in being an academic institution for all, not just a coterie for any one faculty member to make friends.

Attorneys Kuo and Patkin: I will be mailing something to another Congressional staffer Tuesday morning, and have included you on my follow-up to her.

Elice, it isn't related to this matter. Keep doing the great work!!! I'm very fortunate to have met you at Gallaudet. I wish Seattle Central College's registrar was as student-focused as you. Too bad the GU Registrar isn't on Facebook or Twitter so I could thank you publicly beyond being a highly effective college admin.

Thomas

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