

State of Florida General Education Review

Board of Trustees Briefing

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General Education in Florida: A Review

- Students initially entering a Florida College System (FCS) or State University System (SUS) institution are **required to complete at least one general education core** course in each of the subject disciplines of communication, mathematics, social sciences, humanities and natural sciences (for a **total of 15 credits**). There are a **remaining 24 credits** required to fulfill General Education across FCS/SUS.
- The general education core course options are adopted in [State Board of Education \(SBOE\) Rule 6A-14.0303, Florida Administrative Code \(F.A.C.\)](#), and [Board of Governors \(BOG\) Regulation 8.005](#).
- In 2023, Senate Bill (SB) 266 modified [s. 1007.25, F.S.](#), creating content standards for each of the five disciplines.
- Additionally, the bill created [s. 1007.55, F.S.](#), to specify content, principles and standards for all general education—**every student should graduate as an informed citizen** participating in rigorous general education **courses that promote and preserve the constitutional republic** through traditional, historically accurate & high-quality coursework.



General Education in Florida: Continued

- [Section 1007.55, F.S.](#), now requires public postsecondary institution boards of trustees and presidents to **annually review and approve** general education course requirements offered at their respective institutions.
- Office of K-20 Articulation prepared an individualized report from the Statewide Course Numbering System for each FCS and SUS institution to certify their general education course requirements.
- **Each institution is responsible** for the **review and approval** of general education course requirements, at a public meeting, by their board of trustees and president, before submitting their proposed list of general education course requirements to the **ACC by September 1** of each year.
- Once reviewed, the institution lists are submitted to the SBOE or BOG, respectively, for review and approval each year by December 1.



New Standards for General Education Core

- May not distort significant historical events or include a curriculum that teaches identity politics, violates s. [1000.05](#), F.S., or is based on theories that systemic racism, sexism, oppression, and privilege are inherent in the institutions of the United States and were created to maintain social, political, and economic inequities.
- Emphasis on education for democratic citizenship and the grounding of students in the Western Tradition or “Great Books” curriculum.
- **Added** GLY X010 Introduction to Geology and OCE X001 Introduction to Oceanography as options for Natural Sciences Gen Ed Core.
- **Added** AMH X010 Introductory Survey to 1877 as an option to satisfy Social Sciences for Gen Ed Core and **removed** SYG X000 Principles of Sociology as a Gen Ed *Core* course.



New Standards for *all* General Education

- **Promote and preserve the Constitutional Republic** through traditional, historically accurate, and high-quality coursework.
- Whenever applicable, provide instruction on the historical background and **philosophical foundation of Western Civilization** and this nation's historical documents, such as the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, etc.
- Provide broad foundational knowledge to help students develop intellectual skills and habits that enable them to become more effective and lifelong learners.
- **Not include** a curriculum based on unproven, speculative, or exploratory content.



NWFSC Timeline

| Date | Task |
|-----------------|--|
| 4/2024 - 6/2024 | Review current SCNS entries for all General Education courses. Mack and Sheffield to do initial work and share process with faculty. Give faculty a window to review changes prior to curriculum committee meeting. |
| 6/11/2024 | June Curriculum Meeting - Bring curriculum updates for all General Education courses to Curriculum Committee for review. |
| 6/2024 | Ensure advisors are trained on relevant changes. |
| 6/2024 - 7/2024 | Prepare materials for BOT Meeting in August 2024. This involves completing the Excel spreadsheet created by the Office of K-20 Articulation . |
| 07/30/2024 | Institution contact to make all updates in SCNS (includes course requests, discontinuations, and updates). |
| 7/2024 - 8/2024 | Make updates to internal systems and processes. |
| 08/2024 | Board of Trustees Meeting (Official Review)– Exact date TBD: The BOT will review the institution’s general education course requirements to ensure alignment with ss. 1007.24 , 1007.25 , and 1007.55 . BOT Chair & President to sign the Institution Certification 2024 confirming that the SCNS has been updated and the articulation spreadsheet has been reviewed and approved. |

Deadline to submit materials to ACC: 9/1/2024



NWFSC Process

- VPAA/AVPAA will align all courses with state standards, course descriptions, and learning outcomes.
- Confirm alignment with faculty and discipline experts.

| D | E | F | G | H | I | J | K | L |
|---------------|-----|--------------|---|------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Course Number | Lab | Course Title | Date of Last Update | Credit | General Ed Core | General Ed Requirements | Course Review Status | General Education Updates |
| 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 42 | 053 | C | GENERAL PHYSICS WITHOUT CALCULUS I | 03/15/2016 | 4 | Natural Science | Natural Science | |
| 43 | 010 | C | PRINCIPLES OF BIOLOGY I | 08/01/2015 | 4 | Natural Science | Natural Science | |
| 44 | 600 | | INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS | 08/01/2012 | 3.0 | | Humanities | |
| 45 | 049 | C | GENERAL PHYSICS WITH CALCULUS II | 03/15/2016 | 4.0 | | Natural Science | |
| 46 | 020 | | CHEMICAL SCIENCE | 08/10/2018 | 3 | | Natural Science | |
| 47 | 140 | | PRECALCULUS ALGEBRA | 03/10/2009 | 3.0 | | Math | |
| 48 | 071 | | CINEMA APPRECIATION | 05/01/1993 | 3.0 | | Humanities | |
| 49 | 100 | | WORLD LITERATURE: ANTIQUITY THROUGH THE RENAISSANCE | 10/21/2019 | 3.0 | | Humanities | |
| 50 | 040 | | TWENTIETH CENTURY | 08/01/2002 | 3.0 | | Social Sciences | |
| 51 | 233 | | BUSINESS CALCULUS | 01/05/2014 | 3.0 | | Math | |
| 52 | 010 | C | BOTANY | 08/01/1996 | 4.0 | | Natural Science | |
| 53 | 090 | | CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE | 01/01/2014 | 3.0 | | Humanities | |
| 54 | 081 | | WELLNESS: PRACTICE AND THEORY | 05/01/1988 | 3.0 | | Natural Science | |
| 55 | 101 | | COLLEGE SUCCESS | 08/01/2004 | 3.0 | | Social Sciences | |
| 56 | 006 | | ESSENTIALS OF SPEECH | 08/01/2012 | 1.0 | | Communications | |
| 57 | 114 | | TRIGONOMETRY | 01/01/2015 | 3.0 | | Math | |
| 58 | 102 | | ENGLISH COMPOSITION II | 08/02/2016 | 3.0 | | Communications | |



NWFSC Process

- Academic Services to make all course changes in Statewide Course Numbering System and finalize institutional documents and course syllabi for compliance.

The screenshot displays a web browser window titled 'Course Request' with the URL 'https://flcns.flsoe.org/SaveCourseInquiry.aspx?i=change'. The page is divided into two main sections: a left-hand sidebar with labels and a right-hand form area.

Left-hand sidebar labels:

- Prefix
- Level
- Number
- Lab
- Course Title
- Honors Course
- Effective Date
- Term Type
- Course Credits
- Type of Credit
- Clock Hours
- General Education Core
- General Education Requirements

Form data:

- Prefix: ENC - ENGLISH COMPOSITION
- Level: 1
- Number: 101
- Lab: (empty)
- Course Title: ENGLISH COMPOSITION I
- Honors Course: NO
- Effective Date: 01/18/2024
- Term Type: SEMESTER
- Course Credits: 3
- Type of Credit: COLLEGE CREDIT
- Clock Hours: (empty)
- General Education Core: COMMUNICATIONS
- General Education Requirements: COMMUNICATIONS

Form controls:

- Buttons for 'View Statewide' (green) and 'Save' (orange).
- Checkboxes for General Education Core and Requirements: Communications (checked), Humanities, Math, Natural Science, Social Sciences.

