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RE: 2024 General Education Course Review

Dear President Kedroski:

The Florida Department of Education, Division of Florida Colleges (DFC), appreciates the assistance provided by Northwest Florida State College during the 2024 General Education Review, conducted in accordance with sections 1007.55 and 1007.25, Florida Statutes. The DFC has completed its review of the general education courses submitted by your college. The courses listed in this letter are flagged for four possible types of discrepancies and are grouped in sections accordingly. Some courses may be flagged for more than one discrepancy. The four sections are as follows.

1. Section one: courses flagged as not appropriate for general education.
2. Section two: courses flagged as requiring an amendment to the description, learning outcome(s), or choice of general education subject area to come into compliance with the statutory requirements.
3. Section three: courses flagged for technical errors, including but not limited to mislabeled course titles, inappropriate course designators, typographical errors, etc.
4. Section four: courses flagged for any discrepancies between the institution's submitted course list and what the institution entered in the Statewide Course Numbering System (SCNS). Examples include a course status of "updated" or "removed" on the course list, yet no change was submitted in the SCNS; or a course flagged for more than one general education subject area in the SCNS.

All changes made to courses, course descriptions or learning outcomes based on this review must be completed and submitted to the Office of Articulation by November 22, 2024. This due date includes all necessary revisions to SCNS and the reoption of your general education course list by your Board of Trustees, if the changes cause differences from the list already certified and submitted by your institution.

Please notify the Office of Articulation when you have completed all revisions based on the feedback below so that a final review by our staff may be completed.

Section 1: Courses Flagged by the DFC as Not Appropriate for General Education:

AST 1005 Introduction to Astrobiology

- The course may not align with general education statutory requirements.

ENG 1001 Research Papers

- The course may not align with general education statutory requirements.

HUM 2700 Humanities Foreign study

- The course may not align with general education statutory requirements.

ISC 1003 Natural Disasters: Causes, Consequences, Human Response

- The course may not align with general education statutory requirements.

LIS 1001 Library Skills

- The course may not align with general education statutory requirements.
- This course may not align with the indicated general education subject area.

LIS 2004 Internet Research

- The course may not align with general education statutory requirements.
- This course may not align with the indicated general education subject area.

SLS 1101 College Success

- The course may not align with general education statutory requirements.

SYG 2010 Social Problems

- The course may not align with general education statutory requirements.
- The learning outcomes may be out of alignment with statutory requirements.

Section 2: Courses Flagged by the DFC to Amend for Statutory Compliance:

ARH 1000 Art Appreciation

- The course description and learning outcomes are out of alignment with statutory requirements and State Board of Education Rule for General Education Core courses.

MGF 1130 Mathematical Thinking

- The course description and learning outcomes are out of alignment with statutory requirements and State Board of Education Rule for General Education Core courses.

MET 1010 Introduction to Meteorology (and the accompanying lab)

- The course description and/or learning outcomes may be out of alignment with statutory requirements.

MUL 1010 Music Appreciation

- The course description and learning outcomes are out of alignment with statutory requirements and State Board of Education Rule for General Education Core courses.

PHI 2010 Introduction to Philosophy

- The course description and learning outcomes are out of alignment with statutory requirements and State Board of Education Rule for General Education Core courses.

POS 1041 American Government

- The course description and learning outcomes are out of alignment with statutory requirements and State Board of Education Rule for General Education Core courses.

PSY 2012 Psychology

- The course description and learning outcomes are out of alignment with statutory requirements and State Board of Education Rule for General Education Core courses.

REL 2300 Introduction to World Religions

- This course may not align with the indicated general education subject area.

SPC 1006 Essentials of Speech

- The course description lacks sufficient details for determining statutory compliance.

SYG 2000 Sociology

- The course description and learning outcomes are out of alignment with statutory requirements and State Board of Education course description for this general education course.

THE 2000 Theatre Appreciation

- The course description and learning outcomes are out of alignment with statutory requirements and State Board of Education Rule for General Education Core courses.

Section 3: Courses Flagged by the DFC for Technical Errors:

- N/A

Section 4: Courses Flagged by the DFC for Discrepancies:

ASL 1140 American Sign Language 1

- The course list contains discrepancies with SCNS that require further review.
- No general education subject area is listed.

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ECO 2013 Economics 1

- Course appears on the list as a Social Science Core and a Humanities for Institutional Gen Ed. The course should be Social Science for both.

GLY 2010 Principles of Geology I

- The course is not labeled on the institution's course list as a core course; however, the course is recognized in 6A-14.0303 as a core course.

OCE 1001 Oceanography

- The course is not labeled on the institution's course list as a core course; however, the course is recognized in 6A-14.0303 as a core course.

Please remove “selections from Western canon” from all non-humanities designated course descriptions.

All courses marked as “Reviewed and Updated” should be updated in SCNS or have a pending effective date of Fall semester 2025.

Please remove any courses that were included in your submission that are “discontinued” in the SCNS.

All courses designated “Removed from General Education” on the institution's list must have the general education designation removed in SCNS immediately or submit a change request to remove it effective with the start date of the Fall semester 2025.

We congratulate you and your team on the outstanding work exemplified throughout your college's review of the general education courses. If the institution has any questions regarding this letter, please contact Dr. Clifford Humphrey, Executive Vice Chancellor, at Clifford.Humphrey@fldoe.org. Thank you again for your cooperation and prompt attention.

Sincerely,



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Chancellor

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Cc: Dr. Jenna Sheffield, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Northwest Florida State College