

Updates to General Education

University Advising Council

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General Education Learning Objectives

**EFFECTIVE
COMMUNICATION**

KEY LITERACIES
e.g. quantitative, health,
intercultural, historical,
aesthetic, linguistic, scientific

**CRITICAL AND
ANALYTICAL
THINKING**

**INTEGRATIVE
THINKING**

**CREATIVE
THINKING**

**GLOBAL
LEARNING**

**SOCIAL
RESPONSIBILITY
AND ETHICAL
REASONING**



In general, my Gen Ed classes...

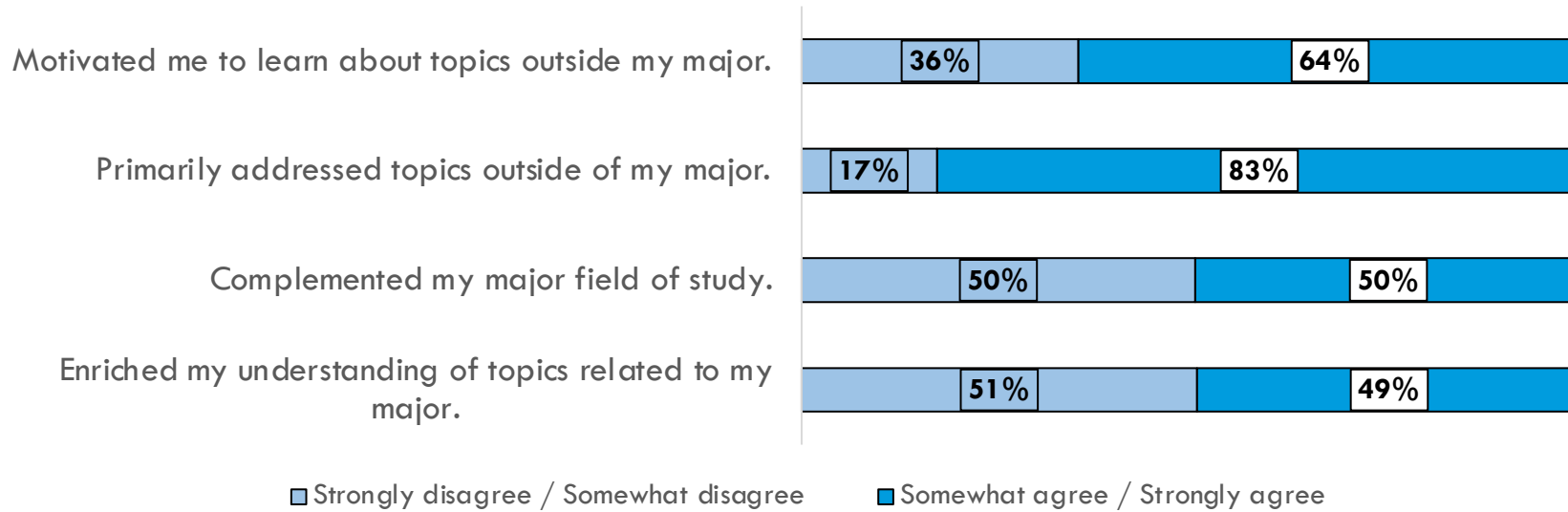
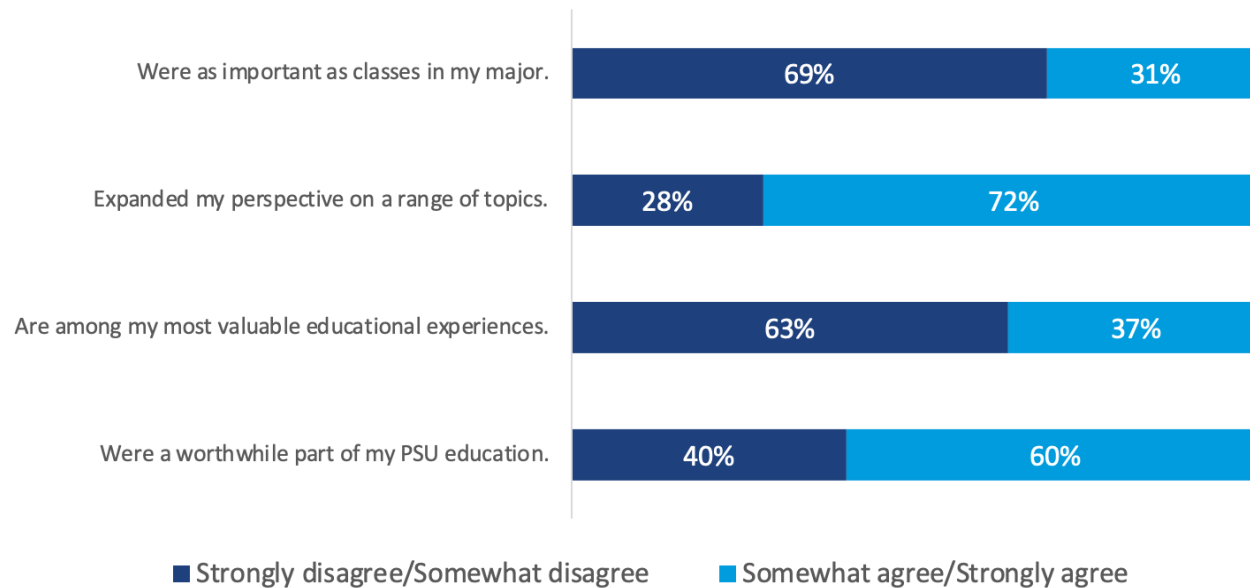


Figure 8. Perspectives on the importance and value of General Education courses



Finding Connection

changing from
checkbox to ways
of thinking

Practice sharing why the intended learning from your course is transferable

Challenge students to ask faculty why learning from their course is transferrable

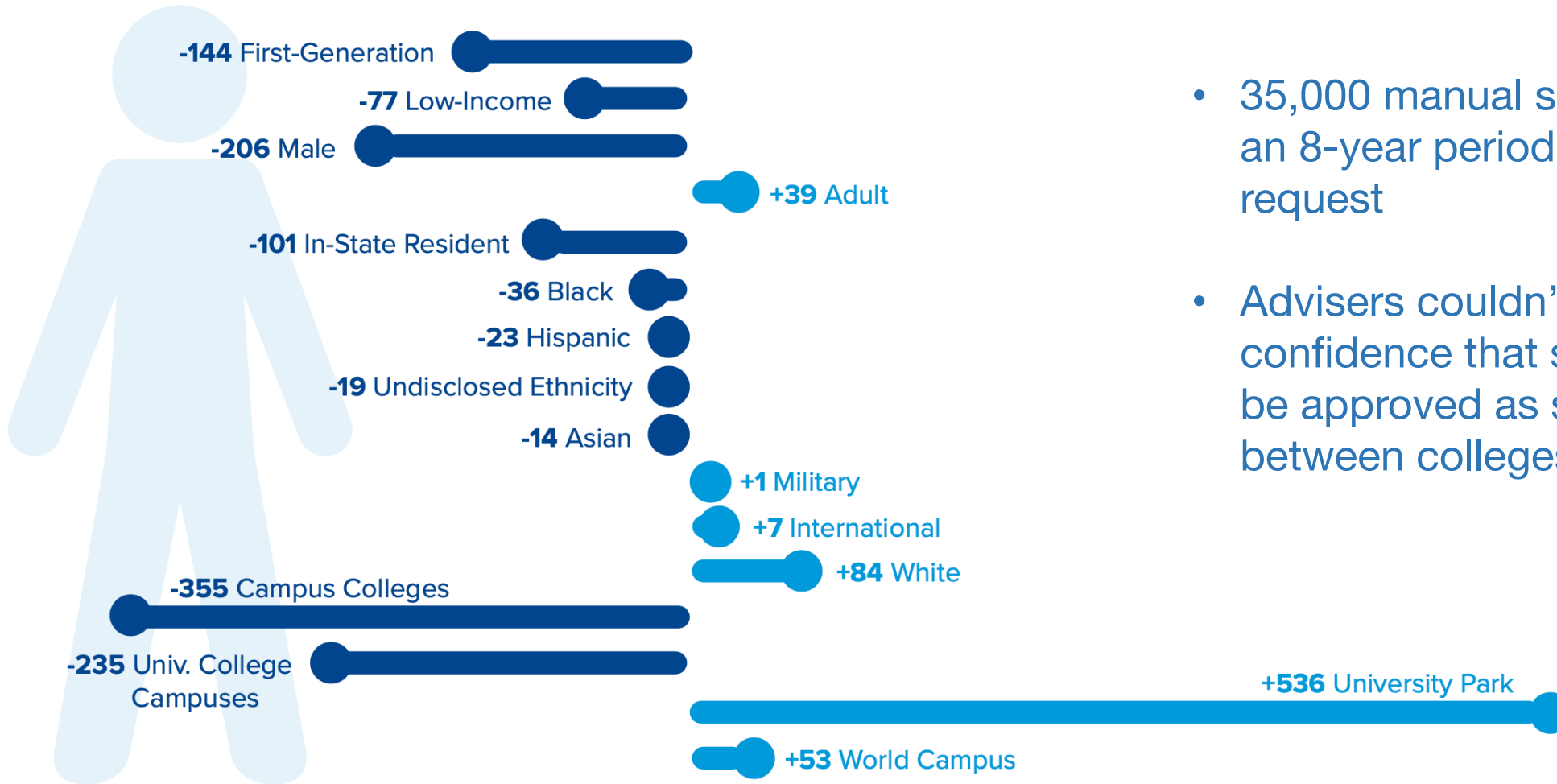
Creating explicit connections for students

Educating for life-long learning

Changing how we talk about GenEd



The following groups used Move-3 either **less** or **more** or than expected proportionally, on average over five fall semesters (2017–2021).



- 35,000 manual substitutions over an 8-year period just for this request
- Advisers couldn't advise with confidence that substitutions would be approved as students moved between colleges



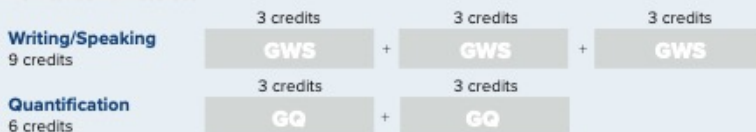
GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

BEGINNING SUMMER 2023 / 45 CREDITS

FOUNDATIONS

Build a basis of effective communication and quantitative literacy. **15 credits** are required with a minimum grade of C.

No Inter-domain courses.



BREADTH OF KNOWLEDGE

Practice applying a specific way of constructing knowledge to examine a topic. **15 credits** are required. **No Inter-domain courses.**



INTEGRATIVE STUDIES

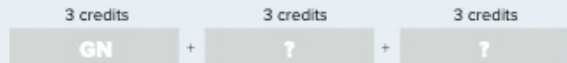
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These courses typically have a N or Q suffix.

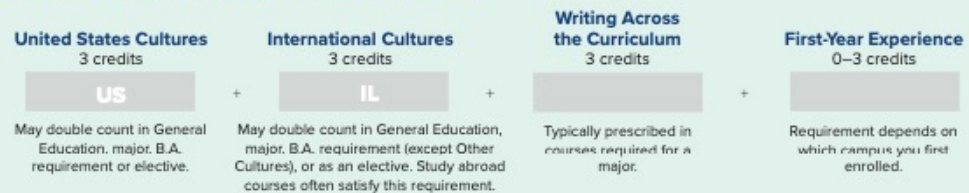


EXPLORATION

Follow intellectual curiosity to deepen or widen learning. Select additional courses to explore or satisfy other academic goals such as minors, certificates, etc. Select **9 credits** that **MUST** include 3 credits of Natural Sciences (GN) which may be Inter-domain. Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS), Arts (GA), Humanities (GH), and Inter-domain courses may be used. 3 credits of World Language beyond program requirements or minimally at the 12th unit (e.g. SPAN 3) level may also be used.



ADDITIONAL UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS



GenEd Re-Org – 45 units – SU 23

[Senate Report link](#)

Foundations (15 units)

- 9 units GWS
- 6 units GQ
- C or better required
- Inter-domain not allowed
- World Lang. sub (@12th credit level or greater) for 3 units, must be petitioned

Breadth (15 units)

- 3 units each GA, GH, GN, GS, GHW
- Inter-domain not allowed, must be single domain
- 200-400 level substitution is OK, must be petitioned
- Firewall/Intentional Breadth applies for student course selection

Integrative Studies (6 units)

- 6 units inter-domain, may include GQ and GWS now
- Any combination of domains is OK
- No Firewall; students MAY select courses with the prefix of their major
- May not be included in program GenEd statement for double-count

Exploration (9 units)

- 9 units, must include 3 units GN, which can be inter-domain
- May be GA, GH, GN, GS, Inter-D, World lang. (@12th cr. Level - 3 units max)
- 200-400 level substitution is OK, must be petitioned
- Firewall/Intentional Breadth applies for student course selection
- Programs with double-counted GenEd may reduce the credits in this section.

Move-3 is now embedded – it will no longer be an available petition for students in the NEW program.



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STEM/ENGR Example

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Writing/Speaking 9 credits: ENGL 15 (3 credits) + CAS 100A (3 credits) + ENGL 202C (3 credits)

Quantification 6 credits: MATH 140 (3 credits) + MATH 141 (3 credits)

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Arts 3 credits: GA + **Health & Wellness** 3 credits: GHW + **Humanities** 3 credits: GH + **Natural Sciences** 3 credits: CHEM 110 + **Social & Behavioral Sciences** 3 credits: ECON 102

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Inter-d (3 credits) + Inter-d (3 credits)

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PHYS 211 (3 credits) + PHYS 212 (3 credits) + ? (3 credits)

ADDITIONAL UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS

United States Cultures 3 credits: US + **International Cultures** 3 credits: IL + **Writing Across the Curriculum** 3 credits: [] + **First-Year Experience** 0-3 credits: []

May double count in General Education, major, B.A. requirement or elective. | May double count in General Education, major, B.A. requirement (except Other Cultures), or as an elective. Study abroad courses often satisfy this requirement. | Typically prescribed in courses required for a major. | Requirement depends on which campus you first enrolled.



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BSB- Example

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Quantification 6 credits: STAT 200 (3 credits) + MATH 110 (3 credits)

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GN (3 credits) + ECON 104 (3 credits) + ? (3 credits)

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GenEd Planning Tool

KNOWLEDGE DOMAINS AND INTEGRATIVE STUDIES

30 of 30 credits ✓ 100%

Knowledge Domains/Integrative Studies

Inter-domain courses may only be used in the Inter-domain and exploration categories.

<h4>Inter-Domain ?</h4> <p>Select 6 credits of Inter-Domain coursework.</p> <p>100%</p> <p>6 of 6 credits ✓</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">BBH 201N (3) [GA,GS,INTER-D] - ABCOMM 150N (3) [GA,GH,INTER-D] - AB <p>Inter-Domain Course Search</p>	<h4>Arts (GA) ?</h4> <p>100%</p> <p>3 of 3 credits ✓</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">INART 10 (3) [GA] - AB <p>Arts (GA) Course Search</p>	<h4>Health and Wellness (GHW) ?</h4> <p>100%</p> <p>3 of 3 credits ✓</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">KINES 81 (3) [GHW] - AB <p>Health and Wellness (GHW) Course Search</p>
<h4>Humanities (GH) ?</h4> <p>100%</p> <p>3 of 3 credits ✓</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">BIOET 100 (3) [GH] - AB <p>Humanities (GH) Course Search</p>	<h4>Natural Sciences (GN) ?</h4> <p>100%</p> <p>3 of 3 credits ✓</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">BIOL 155 (3) [GN] - AB <p>Natural Sciences (GN) Course Search</p>	<h4>Social and Behavioral (GS) ?</h4> <p>100%</p> <p>3 of 3 credits ✓</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">PSYCH 100 (3) [GS] - AB <p>Social and Behavioral (GS) Course Search</p>
<h4>Exploration(GA,GH,GN,GS,INTER-D)</h4> <p>100%</p> <p>9 of 9 credits ✓</p>		



Current students

- For the most part current students will be in the program in place when they started and their audit will reflect the SU18-SP23 program
- But.....most colleges have agreed to honor subs to reflect new program
- Yes, this will be lots of substitutions, but likely what we currently do.
- The new program is largely a codified version of the flexibility in the SU18-SP23 program



Linked course phase-out

- FA 23 is last semester Linked courses will be offered
- Working with faculty to update courses appropriately
- Even # changing to Inter-domain vs staying single domain
- Have a student with one linked course? Email me - we can find appropriate options.

Other topics arising

- One-time General Education offerings
 - XYZ 197G – One-time single-domain
 - XYZ 197N – One-time inter-domain
 - <https://senate.psu.edu/curriculum/one-semester-titles-request-form/>
- CAS 100 changes
 - CAS 100 will retain GWS and is now unschedulable
 - Major feeder transfer institutions get manually changed to CAS 100A
 - Articulation rules get updated over natural review cycle
 - SCCA/Registrar will work on prerequisite and equivalency issues



Questions and thank you.

Online Planning Tool | <https://genedplan.psu.edu>

Check sheets and other information as it becomes available | <https://gened.psu.edu/advising-resources>

Specific questions | gened@psu.edu



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