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How do we change how students talk about General Education?

By changing how we, as a University, discuss General Education.
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
GENERAL EDUCATION

STRONG FOUNDATIONS
- Writing/Speaking (GWS)
- Quantification (GQ)

TRANSFORMATIVE EXPLORATIONS
- Health and Wellness (GHW)
- Natural Sciences (GN)
- Arts (GA)
- Humanities (GH)
- Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS)

INTEGRATIVE LEARNING
- Inter-domain courses
- Linked Courses
NEW REQUIREMENTS

**Foundation Courses**
(15 credits and *C or better*)

Quantification (GQ) – 6 credits
Writing and Speaking (GWS) – 9 credits

**Domain Courses**
(30 credits including *6 Integrative Studies credits*)

Arts (GA) – 6 credits
Humanities (GH) – 6 credits
Health and *Wellness (GHW)* – 3 credits
Natural Sciences (GN) – 9 credits
Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS) – 6 credits
INTEGRATIVE STUDIES REQUIREMENT
6 credits

Inter-domain Courses

• 3 credits each, students must take 2
• 2 domains represented in each course
• creates up to 6 credits of exploration in General Education because may count toward both domains
• 2 GX attributes and Inter-Domain attribute plus others as appropriate; N or Q (honors) Suffix

Linked Courses

• 2 courses that link in some substantial way
• each course used by a student is designated in a different domain
• may be used toward integrative studies requirement or regular domain course requirement if link is not taken
• One GX attribute and Linked attribute plus others as appropriate; Z Suffix
New Rules

- Three credits of each domain required
  - Single-domain vs. Inter-domain
- Move 3 replaces 3-6-9 (no domain can<3)
  - Students can have 6 GHW and as few as 6 GN.
- Still a substitution that requires approval from the college of graduation.
Transfer students? Re-enrolling students?

- Recommendation to academic units to allow transfer and re-enrolled students to opt into the old program for the next two years when necessary
- Not a blanket recommendation, students with approx. >45 credits
- Communicated via memo, posted on website for reference
- Developed in consultation with WC and OVPCC
- Restates existing flexibility but provides context
RESOURCES

BULLETIN

APPROVED COURSE LIST

AUDIT MANUAL

GENED.PSU.EDU WEBSITE
FOUNDATIONS
Writing, speaking, and quantification courses help develop the foundations to set forth oral and written arguments persuasively and apply mathematical and statistical skills in solving real-world problems.
15 credits total required and all must be completed with a grade of C or better. Credits completed at other institutions do not transfer unless a C or better was earned and therefore are acceptable.

Writing/Speaking
9 credits

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Quantification
6 credits

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BREADTH OF KNOWLEDGE
Each Knowledge Domain provides a unique framework to examine the world. 15 credits total required.
No Inter-Domain courses; no Move 3 or World Language substitutions.

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INTEGRATIVE STUDIES
Just as each Knowledge Domain provides a unique perspective to examine the world, there is additional value in being able to identify and synthesize information across domains.
Select 6 credits of either Inter-Domain coursework or Linked courses. Must select one or the other. Linked courses should be verified as an approved pair using the Linked Course search tool in LionPATH.

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**EXPLORATION**

Select additional courses to explore or satisfy other academic goals such as minors, certificates, etc.

Select 9 credits that may include up to 6 credits of GN and up to 3 credits of the other domains (GH, GA, GS, GHW). If a GN course is not listed in the Integrative Studies section, 3 credits of GN must be selected here.

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The General Education Knowledge Domain requirement (including Breadth of Knowledge, Integrative Studies, and Exploration) is: 9 credits GN, 6 credits GA, 6 credits GH, 6 credits GS, 3 credits GHW. Flexibility of the requirements, including upper-level substitution, world language substitution, or Move-3, can be discussed with your adviser. These substitutions require both approval by the college of graduation and a manual update to your degree audit.

**ADDITIONAL UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS**

9–12 credits required

- **United States Cultures**
  - US
  - 3 cr.
  - May double count in General Education, major, B.A. requirement, or elective.

- **International Cultures**
  - IL
  - 3 cr.
  - May double count in General Education, major, B.A. requirement (except Other Cultures), or as an elective. Study abroad courses often satisfy this requirement.

- **Writing Across the Curriculum**
  - 3 cr.
  - Typically prescribed in courses required for a major.

- **First-Year Experience**
  - 0–3 cr.
  - Requirement depends on which campus you first enrolled.
New General Education Audit Overview:
Friday, May 11 @ 10 am
OR
Tuesday, May 15 @ 2pm

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