



May 9, 2024

TO: THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF VALENCIA COLLEGE

FROM: DR. KATHLEEN PLINSKE
President

RE: INSTITUTIONAL GENERAL EDUCATION COURSE OFFERINGS

As discussed with the Board at its December 7, 2023 regular meeting, given the recent adoption by the State Board of Education of Rule 6A-14.0303, which implements new statutory requirements (ss. 1007.24, 1007.25 and 1007.55, F.S.) enacted during the 2023 legislative session, each Florida College System institution board of trustees and president must annually review and approve, at a public meeting, the courses offered by the institution that meet general education course requirements.

The Board has recommended that the College observe certain principles in its review of institutional general education courses, in developing recommendations for the Board's review and approval:

- Reduce the number of institutional general education courses offered, with particular attention on current Valencia institutional general education courses that are offered by fewer than 10 other Florida College System institutions/State Universities.
- Ensure that Valencia's institutional general education course offerings reflect the broad, survey nature of general education, avoiding niche or boutique courses, with a focus on preparing students for success in the workforce and in baccalaureate programs.
- Ensure that Valencia's institutional general education course offerings meet the course standards outlined in 1007.25 F.S. and other requirements outlined in applicable law.
- Consider courses that most other FCS/SUS institutions offer in the review and updating of Valencia's institutional general education course offerings.

Twenty eight (28) institutional general education courses are recommended for approval, representing a 44% reduction in the number of institutional general education course options as currently offered by the College; and 96% of the recommended institutional general education courses (27 of 28) are also offered at 10 or more Florida College System institutions/State Universities.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The President recommends that the District Board of Trustees of Valencia College approve the institutional general education courses as recommended and presented, for submission to the State Articulation Coordinating Committee, leading to final consideration and approval of the State Board of Education.



President

Institutional General Education Courses per Distribution Area: Current & Proposed

**For each proposed course, we list the total number of State University System (SUS) and Florida College System (FCS) institutions that offer the course. The course level is represented by the course number and roughly corresponds to the year the course is taken. Per the FL course numbering system, a course that starts with a “1” is a 1st-year course; “2” signals a second-year course.*

CURRENT

Communications

ENC1102 - Freshman Composition II
SLS 1122 - New Student Experience
SPC1608 - Speech Communication
SPC 1017 - Interpersonal Communication

Humanities

ARC1701 - History of Architecture
ARH2051 - Art History II
HUM2220 - Greek and Roman Humanities
HUM2223 - Medieval Humanities
HUM2232 - Renaissance and Baroque Humanities
HUM2234 - 18th and 19th Century Humanities
HUM2250 - 20th and 21st Century Humanities
HUM2310 - Mythology
HUM2403 - Middle Eastern Humanities
HUM2410 - Asian Humanities
HUM2454 - African American Humanities
HUM2461 - Latin American Humanities
MUT1111 - Music Theory
PHI2600 - Ethics and Critical Thinking
REL2300 - World Religions

Mathematics

MAC 1114 - College Trigonometry
MAC 1140 - Precalculus Algebra
MAC 2233 - Calculus for Business and Social Science
MAC 2312 - Calculus with Analytic Geometry II

Science

BOT 2010C - Botany
BSC 1011C - General Biology II
BSC 1026 - Human Sexuality
BSC 2086C - Anatomy & Physiology II
BSC 2093C - Human Anatomy and Physiology I
BSC 2094C - Human Anatomy and Physiology II
BSC 1421C - Introduction to Biotechnology
BSC 1020 - Human Biology
CHM 1025C – Intro. to General Chemistry
CHM 1046C - Gen Chem with Qualitative Analysis II
GLY 2160 - Geology of National Parks
HUN 1201 - The Science of Nutrition
MCB 2010C - Microbiology
MET 1010 - Meteorology
OCB1000 - Introduction to Marine Biology
PHY 2049C - General Physics II with Calculus
PHY 2054C - General Physics II with Algebra & Trigonometry

Social Science

ANT 2410 - Cultural Anthropology
ASL 2510 - Deaf Culture
EUH 2000 - Ancient and Medieval Western Civilization
EUH 2001 - Modern Western Civilization
INR 2002 - International Politics
POS 2112 - State and Local Government
SYG 2000 - Introductory Sociology
SYG 2010 - Social Problems
WOH 2012 - World History to 1500
WOH 2022 - World History Since 1500

PROPOSED

Communications

ENC1102 - Freshman Composition II (34)
SLS 1122 - New Student Experience (4)
SPC1608 - Speech Communication (18)
SPC 1017 - Interpersonal Communication (10)

Humanities

ARH2050 - Art History I (27)
ARH2051 - Art History II (25)
HUM2210 - Ancient to Medieval (11)
HUM2230 - Renaissance to Modern Period (11)
HUM2250 - 20th/21st Centuries (12)
PHI2600 - Ethics and Critical Thinking (13)
REL2300 - World Religions (20)

Mathematics

MAC 1114 - College Trigonometry (27)
MAC 1140 - Precalculus Algebra (28)
MAC 2233 - Calculus for Business and Social Science (31)
MAC 2312 - Calculus with Analytic Geometry II (29)
MGF 1131 - Mathematical Thinking in Context (new course to be offered at most institutions)

Science

BSC 1011C - General Biology II (23)
BSC 2086C - Anatomy & Physiology II (19)
CHM 1025C - Intro. to General Chemistry (13)
CHM 1046C - General Chemistry with Qualitative Analysis II (23)
PHY 2049C - General Physics II with Calculus (23)
PHY 2054C - General Physics II with Algebra & Trigonometry (24)

Social Science

EUH 2000 - Ancient and Medieval Western Civ. (12)
EUH 2001 - Modern Western Civilization (15)
INR 2002 - International Politics (18)
POS 2112 - State and Local Government (15)
SYG 2000 - Introductory Sociology (38)
SYG 2010 - Social Problems (20)

Core General Education Courses per Distribution Area

(As established by the State of Florida)

Communications

ENC 1101 Freshman Composition I (39)

Humanities

ARH 1000 Art Appreciation (36)

HUM 1020 Introduction to Humanities (34)

LIT 1000 Introduction to Literature (33)

MUL 1010 Music Appreciation (36)

PHI 2010 Philosophy (37)

THE 1000 Introduction to Theater (34)

Mathematics

MAC 1105 College Algebra (37)

MAC 2311 Calculus with Analytic Geometry I (36)

MGF 1130 Mathematical Thinking (new course expected to be offered at most institutions)

STA 2023 Statistical Methods (38)

Science

AST 1002 Astronomy (37)

BSC 1005 Biological Science (37)

BSC 1010C General Biology I (37)

BSC 2085C Anatomy & Physiology I (31)

CHM 1020 Chemistry in Everyday Life (30)

CHM 1045C General Chemistry with Qualitative Analysis I (38)

ESC 1000 Earth Sciences (28)

EVR 1001 Introduction to Environmental Science (35)

GLY 2010C Physical Geology (new course in Core - expected to be offered at most institutions)

OCE 1001 Introduction to Oceanography (new course in Core - expected to be offered at most institutions)

PHY 1020 Conceptual Physics (28)

PHY 2048C General Physics with Calculus I (36)

PHY 2053C College Physics with Algebra (36)

Social Science

AMH 2010 United States History to 1877 (new course in Core - expected to be offered at most institutions)

AMH 2020 U.S. History 1877 to Present (34)

ANT 1000 Introductory Anthropology (28)

ECO 2013 Principles of Economics – Macro (37)

POS 2041 U.S. Government (39)

PSY 2012 General Psychology (37)



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(1) The Legislature finds it necessary to ensure that every undergraduate student of a Florida public postsecondary educational institution graduates as an informed citizen through participation in rigorous general education courses that promote and preserve the constitutional republic through traditional, historically accurate, and high-quality coursework. **General education courses should provide broad foundational knowledge to help students develop intellectual skills and habits that enable them to become more effective and lifelong learners.** Courses with a curriculum based on unproven, speculative, or exploratory content are best suited as elective or specific program prerequisite credit, not general education credit. General education courses must:

- (a) Meet the course standards as provided in s. 1007.25; and
- (b) 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 United States Constitution, the Bill of Rights and subsequent amendments, and the Federalist Papers.

(2) **Public postsecondary educational institution boards of trustees and presidents are responsible for annually reviewing and approving, at a public meeting, general education course requirements**, as authorized and approved in accordance with ss. 1007.24 and 1007.25 and this section, at their respective institutions.

(a) Each Florida College System institution board of trustees and president must annually review and approve, at a public meeting, the courses offered by the institution that meet general education course requirements in accordance with ss. 1007.24, 1007.25 and 1007.55, F.S.

The following must be included for each listed general education course:

- (a) The general education distribution area;
- (b) The number of state universities that offer the course and the number of Florida College System institutions that offer the course; and
- (c) The course level.

(b) Each institution must submit its approved list of general education courses to the Articulation Coordinating Committee no later than September 1 of each year by the course prefix and number in the Statewide Course Numbering System, including the institution's course title, the general education distribution area, the course level, and the number of public postsecondary institutions that offer the course in a format prescribed by the Department.

Summary of December 7, 2023, Board Discussion

The Board recommended that the College, in its review of its general education courses in preparation for the Board's review and approval at its May 2024 meeting:

1. Reduce the number of institutional general education courses offered, with particular emphasis on the courses that are offered by fewer than 10 FCS/SUS institutions.
2. Ensure that Valencia's institutional general education course offerings reflect the broad, survey nature of general education, avoiding niche or boutique courses, with a focus on preparing students for success in the workforce and in baccalaureate programs.
3. Ensure that Valencia's institutional general education course offerings meet the course standards outlined in 1007.25 F.S. and other requirements outlined in 1007.25 F.S. and 1007.55 F.S.
4. Consider courses that most other FCS/SUS institutions offer in the review and updating of Valencia's institutional general education course offerings.

Proposed Timeline for Implementation

December 2023	Initial discussions held with Board of Trustees, provosts, deans, and faculty.
January 2024	Invitation extended to faculty to serve on General Education ad hoc work team of the College Curriculum Committee.
February - March 2024	Ad hoc faculty work team develops recommendations for the courses to include in Institutional General Education options for Curriculum Committee's consideration.
April 2024	Curriculum Committee considers recommendations from faculty work team; presents a recommendation about courses to include in Institutional General Education options to President for consideration.
May 2024	President considers recommendation from Curriculum Committee; presents a recommendation to Board of Trustees for institutional approval at May District Board of Trustees meeting.
By September 1, 2024	College submits Board-approved list of Institutional General Education courses to statewide Articulation Coordinating Committee.
By December 1, 2024	Statewide Articulation Coordinating Committee forwards institutional recommendation to State Board of Education.
By March 1, 2025	State Board of Education considers institutional recommendation and notifies institution of approval or rejection.

Work Completed To-Date

An Ad Hoc committee – a subset of our College Curriculum Committee (CCC)

- ✓ met every Friday in the Spring 2024 semester (total of 10 meetings/~20 hours)
- ✓ reviewed data on the Gen Ed courses offered at FCS and SUS institutions
- ✓ facilitated additional discipline-specific faculty and dean meetings
- ✓ developed draft recommendations for review by Senior Team and college leaders & revised based on feedback
- ✓ presented list of recommended courses to CCC

Drs. Plinske and Artze-Vega examined the alignment among the recommendations and the criteria, accepting all but one of the proposed courses (28 of the 29).

General Education Recommendations

Overview of Recommendations

Criterion	Evidence of Alignment
Reduced total # of Gen Ed Institutional Courses	✓ 28 courses are proposed (compared to the current number: 50) - a 44% reduction
Consistency of Gen Ed Courses across FCS & SUS	✓ 96% of recommended courses (27/28) are offered at 10+ FL institutions ✓ 54% of recommended courses (15/28) are offered at 20+ institutions
Breadth of Gen Ed Course Content	✓ 100% of recommended courses reflect the broad, survey nature of Gen Ed ✓ 24 current courses identified as specialized and not proposed for inclusion
Course-level Curricular Adherence to New Disciplinary Standards	✓ Course outcomes and descriptions were reviewed by faculty and deans; updated as needed ✓ Deans confirmed the curriculum meets statutory requirements
Workforce Preparation	✓ Specific courses retained because they emphasize essential workplace competencies

Communications

CORE COURSES (State established)	RECOMMENDED INSTITUTIONAL COURSES
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. ENC 1101 – Freshman Composition I	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. ENC 1102 - Freshman Composition II2. SPC 1608 – Fundamentals of Speech3. SPC 1017 - Interpersonal Communication4. SLS 1122 - New Student Experience

Humanities

CORE COURSES (State established)	PROPOSED INSTITUTIONAL COURSES
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. ARH 1000 - Art Appreciation2. HUM 1020 - Introduction to Humanities3. LIT 1000 - Introduction to Literature4. MUL 1010 - Music Appreciation5. PHI 2010 - Philosophy6. THE 1000 - Introduction to Theater	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. HUM 2210 - Ancient to Medieval2. HUM 2230 - Renaissance to Modern3. HUM 2250 - 20th and 21st Centuries4. PHI 2600 - Ethics and Critical Thinking5. REL 2300 - World Religions6. ARH 2051 - Art History II7. ARH 2050 – Art History I

*Represents a 53% reduction (8 fewer courses)

Mathematics

CORE COURSES (State established)	PROPOSED INSTITUTIONAL COURSES
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. MAC 1105 - College Algebra2. MGF 1130 - Mathematical Thinking3. MAC 2311 - Calculus with Analytical Geometry4. STA 2023 - Statistical Methods	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. MAC 1114 - College Trigonometry2. MAC 1140 - Precalculus Algebra3. MAC 2233 - Calculus for Business and Social Science4. MAC 2312 - Calculus with Analytic Geometry II5. MGF 1131 - Mathematics in Context

Science

CORE COURSES (State established)	PROPOSED INSTITUTIONAL COURSES
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. AST 1002 - Astronomy2. BSC 1005 - Biological Science3. BSC 1010C - General Biology I4. BC 2085C - Anatomy & Physiology I5. CHM 1020 - Chemistry in Everyday Life6. CHM 1045C - General Chemistry with Qualitative Analysis I7. ESC 1000 - Earth Sciences8. EVR 1001 - Introduction to Environmental Sciences9. GLY 2010C - Physical Geology10. OCE 1001 - Introduction to Oceanography11. PHY 1020 - Conceptual Physics12. PHY 2048C - General Physics with Calculus I13. PHY 2053C - College Physics I with Algebra	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. BSC 1011C - General Biology II2. BSC 2086C - Anatomy & Physiology II3. CHM 1025C - Introduction to General Chemistry4. CHM 1046C - General Chemistry with Qualitative Analysis II5. PHY 2054C - General Physics II with Algebra & Trigonometry6. PHY 2049C - General Physics II with Calculus

*Represents a 67% reduction (12 fewer courses)

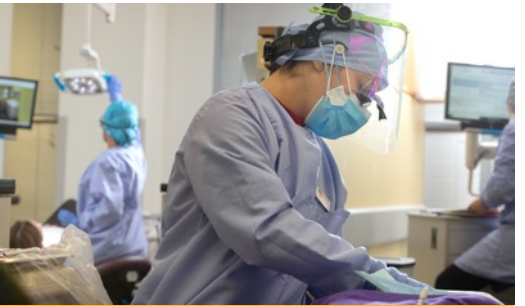
Social Science

CORE COURSES (State established)	PROPOSED INSTITUTIONAL COURSES
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. POS 2041- U.S. Government2. AMH 2010 - United States History to 18773. AMH 2020 - U.S. History1877 to Present4. ANT 2000 - Introductory Anthropology5. ECO 2013 - Principles of Economics - Macro6. PSY 2012 - General Psychology	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. EUH 2000 - Ancient and Medieval Western Civilization2. EUH 2001 - Modern Western Civilization3. INR 2002 - International Politics4. POS 2112 - State and Local Government5. SYG 2000 - Introductory Sociology6. SYG 2010 - Social Problems

*Represents a 33% reduction (3 fewer courses)



Questions?



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