



SB266: General Education

March 14, 2024



(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.

(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.

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Update on General Education Ad Hoc

- Discipline-based sub-teams have:
 - facilitated discussions and sought input from faculty
 - reviewed data—both on the number of institutions in Florida that offer each of our Institutional General Education courses *and* which courses are widely offered at other FCS and SUS institutions but not part of our General Education
 - partnered with key colleagues in other areas (e.g., Science with Allied Health & Nursing)
 - begun generating draft recommendations and rationales for inclusion

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- Next Steps:
 - Discipline-based teams will submit draft recommendations this week
 - By March 29, proposed slate of General Education courses will be available for review by Senior Team and College leaders
 - Presentation of proposed slate of General Education courses to Collegewide Curriculum Committee on April 10
 - Presentation of recommendations and rationale to the District Board of Trustees on May 8



Discussion

