

Valencia's Gen Ed  
Communications and  
Planning Team  
and HB 7135

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# What is General Education?

- a program of education intended to
  - develop students' general knowledge, rather than training them to be specialists
  - transmit a common cultural heritage
  - develop critical thinking skills
  - develop well rounded students
  - reinforce basic skills

# Gen Ed and Accreditation

- SACS Core Requirement 2.7.3 In each undergraduate degree program, the institution requires the successful completion of a general education component at the collegiate level that
  - (1) is a substantial component of each undergraduate degree,
  - (2) ensures breadth of knowledge, and
  - (3) is based on a coherent rationale.
- For degree completion in associate programs, the component constitutes a minimum of 15 semester hours or the equivalent; for baccalaureate programs, a minimum of 30 semester hours or the equivalent.
- These credit hours are to be drawn from and include at least one course from each of the following areas: humanities/fine arts; social/behavioral sciences; and natural science/mathematics

# Current Valencia Gen Ed Requirements

Area 1. Communications	9
Area 2. Humanities	9
Area 3. Mathematics	6
Area 4. Science	6
Area 5. Social Sciences	6

**Total Credit Hours**                      **36**

## House Bill 7135- March 2012

- Reduced Gen Ed from 36 to 30 hours
- Required up to 5 common core courses in each Gen Ed area
- Required all institutions to offer and accept all courses in the common core
- Required an implementation date of August 2014/2015

# Valencia Gen Ed Communications and Planning Team Members

- Karen Borglum\*
- Falecia Williams
- Stacey Johnson
- Kathleen Plinske
- Susan Ledlow
- Joan Tiller
- Nasser Hedayat
- Kurt Ewen
- Lee Thomas
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- Dan Dutkofski
- Russell Takashima
- Melissa Pedone
- John Niss\*
- Diana Ciesko
- Mayra Holzer
- Kevin Mulholland\*
- Jackie Starren
- Irina Struganova
- Amy Bosley
- Cheryl Robinson
- Wendy Givoglu
- Rob McCaffrey

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## Valencia Gen Ed Communications and Planning Committee

- Made recommendations to the state for faculty work team members
- Hosted two state meetings
- Facilitated faculty conversations about Gen Ed
- Compiled faculty feedback on core course options

# Communication

- *Students will demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively.*
- *Students will demonstrate the ability to analyze communication critically.*
- ENC X101 English Composition I



# Humanities

- *Students will demonstrate interpretive ability and cultural literacy.*
- *Students will demonstrate competence in reflecting critically upon the human condition.*
  
- ARH X000 Art Appreciation
- HUM X020 Introduction to Humanities
- ~~LIT X100 Introduction to World Literature~~
- **LIT X000 Introduction to Literature**
- MUL X010 Introduction to Music Literature/Music Appreciation
- PHI X010 Introduction to Philosophy
- **THE X000 Theatre Appreciation**

- *Students will determine appropriate mathematical and computational models and methods in problem solving, and demonstrate an understanding of mathematical concepts.*
- *Students will apply appropriate mathematical and computational models and methods in problem solving.*
  
- MAC X105      College Algebra
- MAC X311      Calculus I\*
- STA X023      Statistical Methods
- MGF X106      Liberal Arts Mathematics I
- MGF X107      Liberal Arts Mathematics II

# Natural Science

- *Students will demonstrate the ability to critically examine and evaluate scientific observation, hypothesis, or model construction, and the use of scientific method to explain the natural world.*
- *Students will successfully recognize and comprehend fundamental concepts, principles, and processes about the natural world.*
- BSC X005            General Biology
- BSC X010            General Biology I\*
- BSC X085            Anatomy and Physiology I\*
- CHM X020            Chemistry for Liberal Studies
- CHM X045            General Chemistry I\*
- PHY X020            **Fundamentals of Physics**
- PHY X048            General Physics with Calculus\*
- PHY X053            General Physics I\*
- ESC X000            Introduction to Earth Science
- **EVR X001**            **Introduction to Environmental Science**
- **AST X002**            **Astronomy**

# Social Science

- *Students will demonstrate the ability to examine behavioral, social, and cultural issues from a variety of points of view.*
- *Students will demonstrate an understanding of basic social and behavioral science concepts and principles used in the analysis of behavioral, social, and cultural issues, past and present, local and global.*
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- PSY X012 Introduction to Psychology
- SYG X000 Principles of Sociology
- ~~WOH X040 20th Century World History~~
- AMH 2020 United States History 1877-Present
- ~~CPO X001 Comparative Politics~~
- POS 2041 U.S. Government
- ANT X000 Introduction to Anthropology
- ECO 2013 Principles of Economics - Macro
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# Amendments to House Bill 7135 through Senate Bill 1720

- To increase the Gen Ed credit hours back to 36
- To change the implementation date to 2015/2016
- To add, if needed, additional core options to Gen Ed (this is new)
- To require all institutions to accept the core, but not require them to offer all courses
- To have a provision for advanced level courses within the core options

# Proposed Valencia Gen Ed Requirements- 2015/2016

## Core Course Requirements

Communications	3
Humanities	3
Math	3
Natural Science	3
Social Science	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>

Communications	3
Humanities	3
Math	3
Natural Science	3
Social Science	3
SPC 1608/SPC 1017	3
NSE	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>

**Grand Total**      **36 Hours**

## Institutional Hours