

To:	Cathlin Davis, Chair, University Educational Policy Committee (UEPC) 2020-2021
From:	Anysia Mayer, Chair, General Education Subcommittee
Date:	May 5, 2021
RE:	Annual Report of the GE Subcommittee 2020-2021

A. Membership

GE Membership Fall 2020

Anysia Mayer, (2) COEKSW
 Ellen Bell, (2) CAHSS
 (chair)
 Yili Lian, (1) CBA
 Mechelle Perea-Ryan, (2) COS
 Megan Thomas (1) member at large/library
 Stuart Wooley, Interim Faculty Director of GE, Ex-Officio

GE Membership Spring 2021

Anysia Mayer, (2) COEKSW (chair)
 Mary Roaf, (2) CAHSS
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B. Course Approvals

GE Sub reviewed and approved 14 courses under the current GE Goals. In addition to the approved courses listed below, the GE Sub also reviewed one additional course (NURS 3050) that is pending.

ACC 4140
 AGST2200
 ETHS3110
 GEND2110
 GEOG2300
 XXXX2300
 GEOG3540
 ETHS3250
 AGST1500
 ANTH3250
 ANTH3260
 NURS3400

KINS3900
MDIS1040
THEA4560
ETHS4560

C. APR Approvals (Evaluating the GE Portion)

GE Sub approved five APR (GE Portion) submissions:

English

Health Science

Special Majors

Applied Leadership

Sociology

The committee observed that it is common for programs to forget to address the question that asks programs to discuss, “How does the GE program contribute to your program’s learning objectives?” We would like to suggest UEPC consider modifying the APR template to help make this aspect of the APR document more effective.

D. Website Revisions

In 2020 academic year the university website was undergoing substantial revisions. Members of the committee reviewed the existing website. Members proposed revisions to Mandy Khaira in spring 2021. The goal of these revisions was to better communicate the goals of the GE program and to visually depict the GE course review/approval process to better assist faculty submitting courses for the GE program. We hope UEPC will review the revisions so that they will be implemented.

E. Policies: Ethnic Studies

On February 15, 2021 UEPC asked the ad-hoc committee and GE sub to consider the following items:

1. For the ad-hoc group, a list of current ETHS courses that meet the competencies, and possibly a list of courses in other departments that might also meet the competencies.
2. Potential catalog language for the new requirement (this should probably be discussed in the ad-hoc and GE sub). I know there was language suggested by the Council on Ethnic Studies, but it would be better if we could develop something that mirrors catalog language used on our campus (GE, American government, and multicultural requirements).
3. For GE-sub, possible ways to re-structure GE that would honor our current structure and course offerings, while also meeting the Chancellor's Office guidelines. UEPC wants to see if we can keep 12 units in D, or at the very least keep our sub-divisions. How are area D courses (and departments) going to be affected by any changes?

Members discussed this request, researched possible solutions, and presented their response to UEPC on 3.9.21.

GE Sub Committee Report to UEPC

Date: 3.9.21

RE: GE Program Revisions GE SubCommittee Response to Questions from UEPC

As requested by UEPC the GE SubCommittee is providing UEPC with feedback on GE Program revisions for 21-22 Catalog

Question	Response	Rationale
UEPC asked GE Sub to provide Catalog Language for next year.	<p>Proposed Catalog Language:</p> <p>Area D Social Sciences: 6 LD units and 3 UD units. Courses shall be completed in at least 2 different disciplines among the 9 required semester units (or 12 required quarter units).</p> <p>Area F Ethnic Studies: 3 units (Courses without ethnic studies prefixes may meet this requirement if cross-listed with a course with an ethnic studies prefix. Ethnic Studies courses approved for Area F and also fulfilling other program or university requirements shall double-count.</p>	<p>This catalog language aligns with the revisions to EO 1100 following Title V. Then we can have further discussions the following year to make further changes. Updating the catalog language for 21-22 to align with the policy will be important to maintain the path to graduation for transfer students and freshmen entering in 2021.</p> <p>We fully respect the position of many faculty that the CO once again mishandled this GE revision process, it was bad timing to make these changes to the GE program during the pandemic, and the timeline did not allow for buy-in.</p>
What courses might be included in Area F?	GE Sub Committee suggests that the 16 courses with an ETHS prefix currently in Area D could be moved from Area D to Area F.	It seems reasonable to move the 16 courses with the ETHS prefix from D to F since only courses with the ETHS prefix can be offered in Area F.

F. Policies: Consultation

The committee would like to recommend that UEPC develop a written policy that clearly articulates the course consultation process. To be effective this policy must identify the person or committee responsible for arbitrating decisions when the departments involved in the consultation process cannot come to an agreement.

G. Policies: Syllabus Requirements

The committee would like to recommend that UEPC approve changes to the application process that would make it a requirement that the syllabi for courses submitted include the applicant's response to: *2. b) For each GE outcome selected, write a paragraph identifying and describing course assignment(s) that can be used to assess progress towards achievement of that GE outcome.*

H. Need Upper-Division Policy for GE Courses

We need UEPC to develop a policy that prohibits upper division GE courses from having non-GE prerequisite courses.

I. On Going

GE Sub continues to work reviewing APRs and hopes to be able to approve a few more at our last meeting in mid-May.

GE Sub wishes to acknowledge and thank Whitney Placido, Recording Secretary for GESub, for the considerable time and effort she devotes to our work.

