



General Education News

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To all of my faithful gen ed readers since 2015!

I hope you have enjoyed my newsletters about General Education over the years. With the onset of the new program, the GE News will be moving to a new format facilitated through Trellis by our director of communications, Dr. Winet. I have enjoyed conversing with you over the years and will miss creating my masterpieces! Just kidding, but really, I hope all of you will support the new gen ed program and continue to read the new version of the GE News!

Elaine Marchello

Hooray! After two plus years of hard work by hundreds of faculty and staff, we have a new general education program! Our next step is take the program to ABOR for the final approval later this April. I know, you have tons of questions and a deep embedded fear of change, but the gen ed office staff is here to help you with the angst, answer your questions, and walk you through the process! You can start by checking out our website [here](#).

SOFT ROLLOUT IN SPRING, 2022

We are working closely with your Associate Deans to put forward a small number of initial courses that already align well with the new curriculum and need minor modifications for the spring 2022 semester. Because the number of first-year students is much lower in the spring, we are using this semester to work out the kinks of the new curriculum. Transitioning other existing GE courses, or new courses, into the new curriculum will kick into high gear this fall (2021) in preparation for the larger matriculating class in Fall 2022.

**Quick Start
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WHAT ABOUT MY CURRENT TIER ONE OR TWO COURSES?

Ah, fret not! We will still need the Tier courses for currently enrolled students. Over the next 5 years, the number of seats in the Tier courses will decrease as seat numbers in the Exploring Perspectives and Building Connections courses increase. Our team will be working collaboratively with departments to help manage this transition.

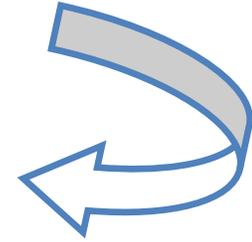


Check out our new GE [website](#) which will be routinely updated!

LOOKING TO LEARN ABOUT THE NEW GENERAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM?



GENERAL EDUCATION REFRESH QUICK START



The General Education Quick Start, launched by the Office of General Education, is a self-paced orientation to the new curriculum. Through this module-based D2L site, instructors will be introduced to the vision, curriculum and features of the new General Education program. It will also take you through the course proposal process. Self-registration through D2L is required for access ([Click here for instructions](#)). For more information about the Quick Start or Quick Start Live-Online, see the [General Education Instructional Support Menu](#).

Commercial break!



To our LADYCATS for a great Basketball season and Number 2 in the country!

GE OFFICE HOURS NOW OPEN!

The GE Office will be hosting virtual open office hours April-May, 2021. **Office hours will be held Tues-Fri 10am-3pm (Please fill out the [Google Form](#) to have access to the Zoom link.)** These are a drop-in space to come and ask questions of the faculty and staff of the GE Office.

While intended for instructors transitioning their courses to the new GE curriculum, anyone with questions about the GE program can stop by!





DEEP DIVE sessions

THE NEW GENERAL EDUCATION

The Office of General Education is excited to offer a series of Deep Dive webinar sessions about the new General Education curriculum. The series follows Deep Dives, in collaboration with [OIA](#) and the [Writing and Learning Project](#), on [Learning ePortfolios](#) and [Signature Assignments](#). These General Education Deep Dive sessions explore important elements of the new curriculum:

April 12, 2-3pm: [Building Connections](#)

April 15, 2-3pm: [Exploring Perspectives](#)

April 19, 1-2pm: [Reframing Diversity in General Education](#)

April 20, 1-2pm: [Writing in General Education](#)

April 22, 2-3pm: [Quantitative Reasoning in General Education](#)

Registration is required for participation. Please contact [Emily Jo Schwaller\(link sends e-mail\)](#) and/or [Katie Southard\(link sends e-mail\)](#) with any questions.

The entire GE office and refresh team would like to thank all of the hard-working faculty, staff and students who have worked so diligently on this project!



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