

General Education Reform
Expected Steps
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The following information:

- assumes that processes currently proposed by the Faculty Senate (FS) are ultimately approved by the FS and the Faculty at large
- has not been prepared by or approved by appropriate committees or the full FS
- includes a *tentative* expected timeline. This timeline is subject to change and is designed to keep us moving rapidly, but not so rapidly that mistakes are made or that Faculty workload becomes too great.

Step 1: FS receives proposed bylaws changes from ad hoc committee; FS and Faculty approve bylaws changes; a faculty-elected committee of the Faculty Senate, the General Education Oversight Committee (GEOC), is established to oversee general education reform (Fall 2021).

Step 2: Structure of GEOC advisory subcommittees established (Fall 2021-Spring 2022).

Step 3: GEOC, working with advisory subcommittees, proposes requirements/expectations for each category in the new general education program; requirements/expectations established by FS (Spring 2022).

Step 4: Proposal Forms created in Curriculog to facilitate general education approval for specific courses (Summer 2022).

Step 5: Faculty development opportunities established and provided related to general education requirements – especially in the themed areas (Diversity and Inclusion; Civic and Community Engagement; Environmental Sustainability) as well as the First Year Seminar (Summer 2022 - Spring 2023).

Step 6: Faculty develop and submit course proposals for approval in all categories of the new general education program (Summer 2022 - Summer 2023).

Step 7: Courses go through approval process (Fall 2022 - Fall 2023).

Step 8: Approved courses begin appearing in GullNet (Fall 2023 - Spring 2024).

Step 9: General education program description, checklists, and curriculum guides are updated in the online catalog (Fall 2023 - Spring 2024).

Step 10: Sessions for advising questions and tips are offered (Fall 2023 - Spring 2024).

Step 11: Appropriate number of courses in each category planned and offered (Spring 2024 – Fall 2024).

Step 12: Freshmen students required to complete new general education program; sophomores, juniors, and seniors have an opportunity to change to the new general education program (Fall 2024 forward).

Step 13: General Education continues under the new program with periodic review by GEOC reported to FS (Fall 2024 forward).