

SUNY Oswego Faculty Assembly Resolution FA 202303-2
Removals of the Western Civilization Category from the General
Education Requirements
(Effective Fall 2023)
Submitted by the General Education Council

Rationale

Beginning in Fall 2023, Western Civilization is no longer a category in the new SUNY General Education Program (SUNY GE). The following "Whereas" statement articulates why it is best for our students to remove the category from our General Education program as well.

Motion

WHEREAS, the State University of New York (SUNY) has approved the adoption of a new system-wide general education requirement (identified as SUNY GE) consisting of thirty (30) credit hours in a minimum of seven of ten categories as well as the core competencies of critical thinking and information literacy, to begin with the opening of the 2023-2024 academic year; and

WHEREAS, as a unit in the SUNY system the State University of New York (SUNY) at Oswego is obligated to provide its students with a general education requirement that at a minimum includes the SUNY GE; and

WHEREAS, as a unit in the SUNY system the State University of New York (SUNY) at Oswego is committed to SUNY's seamless transfer policy in order to facilitate student mobility within the system and progress to undergraduate degree completion in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the SUNY GE does not include the Western Civilization category currently in the SUNY GER; and

WHEREAS, Oswego students who take a Western Civilization course after AY 2022-2023 as part of their Oswego general education would likely be short general education credit hours and categories if they transfer to another SUNY unit;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State University of New York (SUNY) at Oswego will cease to include the general education Western Civilization category beginning with the 2023-2024 academic year.

and, furthermore, that any student having successfully completed an approved Western Civilization course or courses prior to fall 2023 will be able to continue to use that course as part of their general education requirement.