

To: Oswego Faculty
From: The General Education Council
Re: General Education Course Review for Migration to SUNY GER
Date: March 2, 2022

The new SUNY General Education Requirement (or SUNY GE) begins with the opening of the 2023-2024 academic year. Because the student learning outcomes (LOs) in Fine and Performing Arts, Foreign Languages, Natural Sciences, and Social and Behavioral Sciences are unchanged, for many departments and programs the move to the SUNY GE will require no action.

We ask that departments and programs review their currently approved general education courses in categories other than the four identified above and determine which will meet the new learning outcomes without revision of its Course Outline. Departments/programs need simply send to the General Education Council a list of those courses that meet the new LOs; the move to the corresponding SUNY GE category will be seamless.

Departments and programs will need to send to the Council for review and approval **only** the Course Outlines that required revision in order to meet the new learning outcomes. Please bear in mind that all courses in a particular category "must contain" all its SUNY-GE learning outcomes. Additional local learning outcomes can be added, of course.

Under separate cover, individual department chairs and program directors will receive a memo that will contain the new learning outcomes for the SUNY-GE category or categories currently containing their offerings along with any guidance from System regarding them. Guidance from the Council will also be included to help you revise Course Outlines if necessary.

Departments and programs will also need to send to the Council a list of approved courses they wish not to migrate to the new SUNY GE.

Here is list of the categories with **unchanged** LOs [the System title for each is included in brackets]:

- Fine and Performing Arts [The Arts]
- Foreign Languages [World Languages]
- Natural Sciences [Natural Sciences (and Scientific Reasoning)]
- Social and Behavioral Sciences [Social Sciences] (note that System opted for simply the general "understanding of the methods" rather than including a list of those methods as is currently the case in the category)

Again, no action is required to have currently approved courses in these four categories migrate to the new SUNY-GE, although you might want to take this opportunity to add to a Course Outline's bibliography in order to help your faculty new to the course.

All departments and programs should take note that Western Civilization is not a category in the SUNY GE. Departments and Programs with approved Western Civilization courses should

review the LOs in the SUNY GE category of World History and Global Awareness to see if any of those courses could find a home in that category.