

General Education Subcommittee – 2024-2025

Subcommittee Members:

Rodney Mauricio, Chair, College of Arts and Sciences
Harold Briggs, School of Social Work
Jonathan Evans, College of Arts and Sciences, absent
Susan Sanchez, College of Veterinary Medicine
David Spooner, College of Environment and Design
William Vencill, Ex-Officio

Attendees:

Brooke Daniel, Office of the Registrar
Crystal Graham, Office of the Registrar
Hannah Sikes, Office of the Registrar

The General Education Subcommittee of the University Curriculum Committee met on October 28, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in 315 New College.

The subcommittee unanimously approved the minutes of the September 23, 2024, General Education Subcommittee meeting.

The subcommittee discussed updating the language of the proposed framework of undergraduate education under the “Explore Human Connections” section to ensure a focus on making a connection to contemporary society.

The subcommittee discussed how the current Environmental Awareness University-Wide Requirement will be reflected in the proposed framework of undergraduate education. It was proposed that “Explore the Connection between Humans and the Environment, where the current Environmental Awareness courses are listed, be considered as imbedded in the curriculum instead of specifying a 3-credit hour requirement. There was discussion whether to leave the requirement listed within the proposed framework under “Explore Human Connections” or to move it to appear under the “Expand Your Horizons” section. Further discussion regarding this proposed change will be held between now and the next scheduled subcommittee meeting.

The subcommittee unanimously approved the following courses from the College of Arts and Sciences to be added to list of courses approved to satisfy Area V, Social Sciences, of the General Education Core Curriculum:

WMST 2020, Introduction to Transnational Women’s and Gender Studies
WMST 2300, Introduction to LGBTQ Studies

The subcommittee unanimously denied the following courses from the College of Arts and Sciences to be added to list of courses approved to satisfy Area IV, Humanities and the Arts, of the General Education Core Curriculum:

WMST 3010, Critical Feminist Readings

The subcommittee unanimously denied the following courses from the College of Arts and Sciences to be added to list of courses approved to satisfy Area V, Social Sciences, of the General Education Core Curriculum:

CLAS 3080, Classical Ethics: Informing Modern-Decision Making

The subcommittee approved the following course from School of Ecology to be added to list of courses approved to satisfy Area II, Life Sciences, of the General Education Core Curriculum:

ECOL 2000, Our Planet: Ecological Basis of Life and Death

The next meeting of the General Education Subcommittee is scheduled for Monday, November 18, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in 315 New College.

The meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.



Rodney Mauricio, Ph.D., Chair
General Education Subcommittee

Votes for the course that was not unanimous:

ECOL 2000, Our Planet: Ecological Basis of Life and Death

Yes	No
Susan Sanchez	Rodney Mauricio
Harold Briggs	
David Spooner	