

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Action Item
April 11, 2014

SUBJECT: Approval of New Rule 6A.14.0303, General Education Core Course Options

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1007.25(3), Florida Statutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Sections 1001.02(6)(d)3. and 1007.25(7)-(8), Florida Statutes, require 36 hours of general education coursework as a part of an associate in arts or baccalaureate degree. Currently, it is at the discretion of each postsecondary institution to identify all courses that may be included in the 36-hour requirement.

Section 1007.25(3), Florida Statutes, was created in 2012, and revised in 2013, to require the identification of general education core course options. This core list would be made up of five courses in each of the five general education subject areas of communication, humanities, mathematics, natural science and social science. Additional courses could be added to a subject area if approved by both the Articulation Coordinating Committee and the State Board of Education.

The chairs of the State Board of Education and Board of Governors designated the Chancellors of the Florida College System (FCS) and State University System (SUS), respectively, to implement the directives of this legislation. The Chancellors then appointed a General Education Steering Committee made up of five FCS and SUS members each to oversee the project. The Steering Committee established faculty committees to identify postsecondary courses in each subject area, making up the general education core course options.

Starting in the Fall Term, 2015, and thereafter, prior to the award of an associate in arts or baccalaureate degree, first-time-in-college students at a Florida College System institution must complete at least one course in each of the general education subject areas. The remainder of the 36-hour general education requirement is at the discretion of the postsecondary institution.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6A-14.0303, General Education Core Course Options

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6A-14.0303 General Education Core Course Options

(1) Prior to the award of an associate in arts or baccalaureate degree, first-time-in-college students entering a Florida College System institution in the Fall Term, 2015, and thereafter must complete at least one (1) course from each of the general education subject areas listed in this section.

(a) Communication:

1. ENC X101 English Composition I; or
2. Any student who successfully completes a course with an ENC prefix for which ENC X101 is an immediate prerequisite shall be considered to have completed the communication core.

(b) Humanities:

1. ARH X000 Art Appreciation;
2. HUM X020 Introduction to Humanities;
3. LIT X000 Introduction to Literature;
4. MUL X010 Music Literature/Music Appreciation;
5. PHI X010 Introduction to Philosophy; or
6. THE X000 Theatre Appreciation.

(c) Mathematics:

1. MAC X105 College Algebra;
2. MAC X311 Calculus I;
3. MGF X106 Liberal Arts Mathematics I;
4. MGF X107 Liberal Arts Mathematics II;
5. STA X023 Statistical Methods; or
6. Any student who successfully completes a mathematics course for which one (1) of the general education core course options in mathematics is an immediate prerequisite shall be considered to have completed the mathematics core.

(d) Natural Sciences:

1. AST X002 Descriptive Astronomy;
2. BSC X005 General Biology;
3. BSC X010 General Biology I;
4. BSC X085 Anatomy and Physiology I;
5. CHM X020 Chemistry for Liberal Studies;
6. CHM X045 General Chemistry I;
7. ESC X000 Introduction to Earth Science;
8. EVR X001 Introduction to Environmental Science;
9. PHY X020 Fundamentals of Physics;

10. PHY X048 General Physics with Calculus;

11. PHY X053 General Physics I; or

12. Any student who successfully completes a natural science course for which one (1) of the general education core course options in natural science is an immediate prerequisite shall be considered to have completed the natural science core.

(e) Social Sciences:

1. AMH X020 Introductory Survey Since 1877;

2. ANT X000 Introduction to Anthropology;

3. ECO X013 Principles of Macroeconomics;

4. POS X041 American Government;

5. PSY X012 Introduction to Psychology; or

6. SYG X000 Principles of Sociology.

(f) Each institution may apply its own course titles to the general education core course options.

(2) Institutions shall report to the Statewide Course Numbering System, established in Section 1007.24, Florida Statutes, all courses used to fulfill subject area core course options. Any course recommended to be added to the list of general education core course options from subsection (1) of this rule shall be reported to the Office of K-20 Articulation at <http://fldoe.org/articulation> for review.

(3) Institutions must recognize credit earned through an acceleration mechanism in Section 1007.27, Florida Statutes, as meeting the related general education core course requirement.

(4) Institutions may grant a substitution or modification to the courses listed above for eligible disabled students, subject to Rule 6A-10.041, F.A.C.

(5) The remaining courses and credits, in addition to the core course options, to fulfill the total 36-hour general education requirement are at the discretion of the Florida College System institution. Rulemaking Authority 1001.02(1), (2)(n), (6)(d)3., 1007.25(3), FS. Law Implemented 1007.25(3), FS. History—
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