

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORT ~ 2020-2021

1. The Committee met regularly in September, October, November, January, February, March, April, and May. In addition, the Committee met with campus stakeholders for a special 3-hour meeting in March to discuss broader scale curriculum issues that were brought to us.
2. The Committee reviewed 50 curriculum proposals for the General Education curriculum. The breakdown of proposals for the various content areas is shown below, with 80% of the proposals representing new courses to be added to the curriculum and 20% of the proposals representing modifications to existing courses.

General Education Curriculum Content Areas	Add to Gen Ed	Changes to Existing
Foundational Skills		
Writing		1
Mathematics		1
Communication & Language		1
Critical Thinking	4	2
Health Promotion	2	
First-Year Seminars		
FYS 107 - Writing Focused	4	
FYS 207 - Quantitative Focused	8	
Exploring Knowledge		
Lit and Aesthetic Perspectives		2
Scientific Perspectives		
Social, Historic, Civic Perspectives	1	2
Integrating Knowledge		
Cit, Social Resp, Global Awareness	14	
Science, Technology, Society	7	1
TOTAL PROPOSALS	40	10

3. The Committee provided oversight to the General Education program and continued to work with the campus community to ensure that WOU offers a comprehensive, accessible, and dynamic curriculum that is aligned with institutional learning outcomes. Notable actions in this regard included the following:
 - A. Approved a process to guide the Gen Ed Program Director in streamlining substitution requests for students with nearly completed transfer degrees but may be deficit in one credit or in one requirement.
 - B. Aligned new Honors curriculum with General Education Framework in consultation with Honors.
 - C. Worked with Library faculty members, Dr. Elizabeth Brookbank and Dr. Robert Monge, to implement strategies for enhancing information literacy in the General Education curriculum.
4. The Committee reviewed the processes for proposing courses for the General Education program and updated the application materials for both FYS and Non-FYS course proposals for the next academic year.
5. The Committee regularly assisted the General Education Director on matters pertaining to the General Education curriculum and transfer articulation. Along these lines, the Gen Ed Director consulted directly with the Committee via email, reviewing scores of petitions over the course of the academic year.
6. The Committee successfully recruited Dr. Leanne Merrill to serve as new First-Year Seminar Coordinator.