

Title: General Education Program

Category: Academic Affairs

Responsible Cabinet Member: Provost

Purpose

The goal of the University's General Education Program is to provide all undergraduate students with a shared academic foundation that supports intellectual breadth, critical thinking, effective communication, quantitative reasoning and informed engagement with different perspectives. The program is designed to complement students' major fields of study by fostering transferable skills and knowledge essential for lifelong learning, civic participation and professional success. This policy establishes the framework for the oversight, review and continuous improvement of the General Education Program to ensure alignment with institutional learning outcomes and academic standards.

Scope

A committee led by the Office of the Provost, with representatives from each college with an undergraduate degree program, representatives from relevant administrative offices and two (2) students (selected by the Student Government Association [SGA]) will support and maintain UK's General Education Program.

This committee will:

- Review and approve Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) for courses to receive General Education designation.
- Maintain oversight of the program, including periodic course review and program assessment, to ensure that the program fulfills the learning outcomes.
- Recommend to the Office of the Provost the deletion of courses from the program that no longer seem appropriate to the program.
- Determine appropriate course substitutions.
- Determine all course waivers or substitutions for program requirements.

Curricular Review and Approval

Any new or revised general educational courses will go through the review process as described in the Curricular Review Policy. Prior to moving to the undergraduate council for review, the courses will be reviewed by an area expert in the relevant content area.

General Education Substitutions for Students with Disabilities

The Office for Student Success has the final approval when determining whether a course substitution is a reasonable accommodation for a student's disability or disabilities.

A student may request a course substitution from the Office for Student Success by contacting the Disability Resource Center (DRC). The DRC will determine if the student has a documented disability for which a course substitution of a UK general educational requirement is a reasonable accommodation. The DRC will share with the student the current list of approved substitutions. If the student would like to pursue a course that has not yet been approved, the director of the DRC will inform the Office of the Provost, which will make a determination regarding eligible course substitutions.