General Education Committee
2016-2017

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The General Education Program at the University of Florida provides instruction in common collective knowledge about the world that enables students to communicate, to make informed decisions about many aspects of their lives, to understand and to participate fully as informed citizens in local, national and global matters.

Competency in composition, the humanities, physical and biological sciences, mathematics, and social and behavioral sciences enables students to better understand themselves, their neighbors, other cultures and times, and the principles governing the natural world and the universe. In general education courses, students gain fresh perspectives, methods, and tools for understanding the traditional and the newly-discovered.

**General Education Program Mission Statement**

- The General Education Program supports the mission of the University of Florida by providing undergraduate students with common collective knowledge about the world in which they live.
- The curriculum enables students to think creatively, reason critically, communicate effectively, and make informed decisions that affect all aspects of their lives.
- Through general education courses, students gain fresh perspectives and discover new approaches to intellectual inquiry that promote understanding of both the traditional and the newly discovered. To achieve these outcomes, the General Education Curriculum encompasses a breadth of knowledge in composition, diversity studies, international studies, humanities, mathematics, physical and biological sciences, and social and behavioral sciences.
- Ultimately, competence in these areas enables students to better understand themselves, their neighbors, other cultures and times, and the principles governing the natural world and the universe; and to participate fully and responsibly as informed citizens in local, national, and global matters.
**Subject Area Objectives**

**Biological Sciences (B)**
Biological science courses provide instruction in the basic concepts, theories and terms of the scientific method in the context of the life sciences. Courses focus on major scientific developments and their impacts on society, science and the environment, and the relevant processes that govern biological systems. Students will formulate empirically-testable hypotheses derived from the study of living things, apply logical reasoning skills through scientific criticism and argument, and apply techniques of discovery and critical thinking to evaluate outcomes of experiments.

**Composition (C)**
Composition courses provide instruction in the methods and conventions of standard written English (i.e. grammar, punctuation, usage) and the techniques that produce effective texts. Composition courses are writing intensive, require multiple drafts submitted to the instructor for feedback prior to final submission, and fulfill 6,000 of the university’s 24,000-word writing requirement. Course content must include multiple forms of effective writing, different writing styles, approaches and formats, and methods to adapt writing to different audiences, purposes and contexts. Students are expected to organize complex arguments in writing using thesis statements, claims and evidence, and to analyze writing for errors in logic.

**Diversity (D)**
Diversity courses provide instruction in the values, attitudes and norms that create cultural differences within the United States. These courses encourage students to recognize how social roles and status affect different groups in the United States. Students are expected to analyze and evaluate their own cultural norms and values in relation to those of other cultures, and to distinguish opportunities and constraints faced by other persons and groups. **This designation is always in conjunction with another category.**

**Humanities (H)**
Humanities courses provide instruction in the key themes, principles and terminology of a humanities discipline. These courses focus on the history, theory and methodologies used within that discipline, enabling students to identify and to analyze the key elements, biases and influences that shape thought. These courses emphasize clear and effective analysis and approach issues and problems from multiple perspectives.

**International (N)**
International courses provide instruction in the values, attitudes and norms that constitute the culture of countries outside the United States. These courses lead students to understand how geographic location and socioeconomic factors affect these cultures and the lives of citizens in other countries. Through analysis and evaluation of the students’ own cultural norms and values in relation to those held by the citizens of other counties, they will develop a cross-cultural understanding of the rest of the world. **This designation is always in conjunction with another category.**

**Mathematics (M)**
Courses in mathematics provide instruction in computational strategies in fundamental mathematics including at least one of the following: solving equations and inequalities,
logic, statistics, algebra, trigonometry, inductive and deductive reasoning. These courses include reasoning in abstract mathematical systems formulating mathematical models and arguments, using mathematical models to solve problems and applying mathematical concepts effectively to real-world situations.

**Physical Sciences (P)**
Physical science courses provide instruction in the basic concepts, theories and terms of the scientific method in the context of the physical sciences. Courses focus on major scientific developments and their impacts on society, science and the environment, and the relevant processes that govern physical systems. Students will formulate empirically-testable hypotheses derived from the study of physical processes, apply logical reasoning skills through scientific criticism and argument, and apply techniques of discovery and critical thinking to evaluate outcomes of experiments.

**Social and Behavioral Sciences (S)**
The social and behavioral sciences provide instruction in the key themes, principles and terminology of a social and behavioral science discipline of the student’s choice. These courses focus on the history, underlying theory and/or methodologies used in that discipline. Students will learn to identify, describe and explain social institutions, structures and processes. These courses emphasize the effective application of accepted problem-solving techniques. Students will apply formal and informal qualitative or quantitative analysis to examine the processes and mean by which individuals make personal and group decisions, as well as the evaluation of opinions and outcomes. Students are expected to access and analyze ethical perspectives in individual and societal decisions.
**General Education Requirement**

All undergraduate students (except those transferring to UF with an A.A. degree from a Florida public college or an A.A. certificate from a Florida public state university) are required to complete UF's general education requirement to graduate.

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**GENERAL EDUCATION SUBJECT AREA**

Credits must be taken from approved list for each area.

- One required course.
- Selected from any course approved for the area. *
- Must be completed with minimum grades of C; no S-U.

### Composition (C)

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What is the Good Life

- Taken from Humanities (H), Biological and Physical Sciences (B/P), and Social and Behavioral Sciences (S).
- A minimum of 6 credits from Humanities (H), Biological and Physical Sciences (B/P), and Social and Behavioral Sciences (S).

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### International (N) ***

- Met with any C, H, S, P, B course coded with N.
- One State Core Gen Ed course carries this code.
- 3
- In conjunction with another Gen Ed Area.

### Diversity (D) ***

- Met with any C, H, S, P, B course coded with D.
- Several State Core courses carry this code.
- 3
- In conjunction with another Gen Ed Area.
All general education courses are identified by letter in the course descriptions section of this catalog. The subject area letter designations appear at the end of the course description. For example: AMH 2010 United States to 1877 fulfills three credits in the Humanities (H) area.

The schedule of courses also includes a list of all courses that fulfill each Gen Ed subject area. In addition, course listings in every schedule identify whether a course section satisfies Gen Ed credit (refer to the G.E. column).

Three credits must be from a general education mathematics course with a prefix of MAC, MAP, MAS, MGF or MHF (a.k.a., 'pure math').

Some C, H, P, B and S general education courses carry the diversity (D) or international (N) designation. The latter can be assigned only to courses with the former designations. The general education program requires the completion of two 3-credit courses, one with the diversity (D) designation and the other with the international (N) designation.

Important Considerations
- A minimum grade of C is required for general education credit. Therefore, courses intended to satisfy the general education requirement cannot be taken S-U.
- Some majors require or recommend specific general education courses.
- Certain classes are approved to count for multiple general education program areas. Students can count a general education course toward one area only except for (D) and (N) credits, which must be earned concurrently with another area. For example, a course designated as HD can count toward both the H and D requirements, but a course designated CH can count only as C or H.
- Study abroad courses can fulfill international credit, in addition to fulfilling credit in other subject areas. Study abroad must be approved in advance by an academic advisor and the UF International Center.
**UF Writing Requirement**

The University of Florida requires that all students complete the Writing requirements described below. Students must earn a grade of C or higher in courses taken to fulfill the Writing Requirement. Such courses may not be taken S-U.

**To graduate, students must complete courses that involve substantial writing for a total of 24,000 words. Courses that count toward this requirement will be in one of three categories:**

E2: Coursework with at least 2,000 words;
E4: Coursework with at least 4,000 words;
E6: Coursework with at least 6,000 words.

1. The student must write a minimum of 2,000 - 6,000 words in the course (one double spaced, typed page in 12 point type is 300 words). The level of certification depends on the number of words.
2. This written work must be evaluated on the effectiveness, organization, clarity, and coherence of the writing as well as the grammar, punctuation and usage of standard written English.
3. The student must be provided feedback on the written work submitted.
4. Teamwork or writing done by a group or team, class notes, in-class essay examinations, and term papers submitted too late in the semester to be returned to students in class cannot be used to meet the minimum word requirement. Drafts cannot be counted separately from final drafts as part of the total number of words completed during the course.

**Note:**

- Effective Summer A/C 2009, an additional grading component has been added to successfully complete and receive word credit for courses that meet the university writing requirement (formerly Gordon Rule). Course grades now will have two components. Professors will indicate whether or not students met the writing requirement AND will assign a course grade. Therefore, to receive writing credit students must receive a grade of C or higher AND satisfactory completion of the writing component. It is possible not to meet the writing requirement and still pass the class. Students should review their degree audits after receiving their grades to verify receipt of credit for the writing component.

- Writing requirement credit can only be obtained once for a course. Once a student receives an S for satisfactorily meeting the writing requirement of a course the student cannot repeat the course in order to receive more writing requirement credit.

**Finding Appropriate Courses**

The Schedule of Courses lists the General Education courses offered in a specific term. Courses that meet the Writing Requirement are indicated by the code WR in the GE column.
Credit by Examination

Award of Incoming Credits

- Credit will be awarded only once for the same subject, whether from credit by examination, dual enrollment, transfer credit or UF course credit.
- UF course credit takes precedence over all other forms of credit for the same course.
- Credit awarded for acceptable dual enrollment or transfer courses takes precedence over credit by examination.
- If duplicate credit exists among AICE, AP, CLEP or IB, the exam yielding the most credit will be awarded.

Guidelines for credit awarded by AICE, AP, CLEP or IB examination programs:

- A maximum of 45 semester hours may be granted by combining AICE, AP, CLEP and IB credit.
- Students beginning in the fall or spring term must have taken the exams (AICE, AP, CLEP and IB) and have their scores reported to the university before the end of their first term of enrollment at UF.
- Students who begin in the Summer A term must have taken the exam(s) and had their scores reported to the university before the end of their first Summer B/C term.
- Students who begin in the Summer B term must have taken the exam(s) and had their scores reported to the university before the end of their first fall term.
- If a student submits appropriate scores, UF will grant credit for the UF course(s) that most closely match the content of the exam. His or her transcript will reflect the course(s) with grades of P (for Pass). P grades will not be calculated into your GPA.
- Equivalent courses earned by examination generally fulfill the same requirements that the UF course fulfills.
Exam Credit Information

AICE Exam Credit Information
Students completing approved AICE examinations with scores of A-E will earn UF credit.

Scores of E or higher on AICE French, German, Latin and Spanish examinations fulfill the foreign language proficiency requirement for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the College of Journalism and Communications and B.A. programs in the College of Fine Arts.

AP Exam Credit Information
Students completing approved AP examinations with scores of three or higher will earn UF credit.

Scores of three or higher on AP Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Russian and Spanish examinations fulfill the foreign language proficiency requirement for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the College of Journalism and Communications, and B.A. programs in the College of Fine Arts.

CLEP Exam Credit Information
CLEP examinations cover material that is taught in introductory-level courses at many colleges and universities.

IB Exam Credit Information
Students entering UF Summer B 2006 and after: You will receive credit for scores of 4 or higher on both higher-level and standard-level examinations.

Scores of 4 or higher on IB French B, German B, Classical Latin and Spanish B examinations fulfill the foreign language proficiency requirement for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the College of Journalism and Communications, and B.A. programs in the College of Fine Arts, regardless of whether you earned the IB diploma.
Statewide General Education Core Project

Florida Department of Education General Education Core Course Options:

The State of Florida Statute 1007.25 regarding General Education was revised in 2012 and again in 2013 to “improve articulation and reduce excess hours” for students entering the State University System (SUS) and Florida College System (FCS). Information on the statute, implementation process and decisions made is posted on the official website at http://www.fldoe.org/articulation/hb7135gep.asp.

The Board of Governors and Department of Education have established a process for determining the final list of core courses. The process is being directed (under guidance from the BoG and DoE) by a Steering Committee consisting of representatives from five SUS and five FCS institutions. In addition, five Faculty Committees were formed that made recommendations of the specific courses to be included in the core.

The bill revisions apply to students initially entering the SUS or FCS in the 2015-2016 academic year and thereafter (note that the earlier revision of the bill would have had a 2014-2015 start date). The bill in its current form requires that 15 of the 36 general education credits for all SUS and FCS students be chosen from a determined set of 23 courses (the General Education Core) in five categories. All SUS and FCS institutions must accept these courses for transfer credit, but no institution must offer all courses.
### The current list UF courses meeting the Statewide Education Core Requirements:

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The University of Florida General Education Program includes approximately 500 undergraduate courses in the program areas of composition, humanities, mathematics, biological science, physical science, and social and behavioral science, with many of these courses also having an international or diversity focus. Approximately 400 general education courses are offered in a typical fall or spring semester.

The General Education Program provides students with instruction that enables them to communicate, make informed decisions, and participate fully as informed citizens in local, national and global matters. General Education courses must be general in nature and not focus narrowly on those skills, techniques, and procedures specific to a particular occupation or profession. Any prerequisites for a General Education course must themselves be courses in the General Education Program. Courses approved for the General Education Program must be designed to meet specific university requirements, some of which differ from courses that are not part of the General Education Program.

The content of a course approved for a general education designation (i.e., B, C, D, H, N, M, P and S) must address the appropriate general education subject area objective, which describes the context within which the student learning outcomes (SLOs) are achieved, and the course should be designed to permit assessment of the SLOs. The course syllabus must meet GE syllabus requirements (in addition to the UF syllabus policy), and the assignments and assessments should conform to the general education grade integrity policy.

Existing general education courses are periodically evaluated for recertification, and new courses are rigorously reviewed for adherence to the policies established by the University of Florida, the General Education Committee and the University Curriculum Committee.

A list of current courses can be found at the ONE.UF schedule of courses: https://one.uf.edu/soc/

Select the semester and desired program (e.g. Fall 2016 and Campus/Web/Special Program), then select the desired General Education designation or Writing Requirement under the “Course Properties” category, and click the search button for results.
New Course Approvals

Developing a New Course and Preparing the Syllabus

General Education Courses: When developing a general education course and when preparing or revising a syllabus for a general education course, review the general education information, the program area objectives, the general education syllabus policy and UF syllabus policy, and the general education student learning outcomes and rubrics.

Writing Requirement Courses: When developing a writing requirement course, review the writing requirement information, the program area objectives (if applicable), the writing requirement syllabus policy and UF syllabus policy, the guidelines for UF writing requirement courses, and the sample writing assessment rubric.

Initiating the Approval Process for a New Course
The General Education Committee reviews all applications for General Education, and Writing Requirement courses.

To initiate the course approval process, complete the General Education and Writing Requirements Application on the UF Academic Approval Tracking site and follow the instructions for submission on that site.

Specific Notes about the Approval Process:
- Applications submitted less than two weeks prior the next scheduled meeting will be considered at the subsequent scheduled meeting.
- Course approvals are valid for all future semesters up to the semester when the course is scheduled for review, unless the course is a rotating topics course; rotating topics courses may only be considered for a one-time approval for a specific semester in the future.
- Approval for Writing Requirement (E2, E4, E6) is awarded to the course.
- New courses may be reviewed by the General Education Committee prior to receiving a permanent course number when documentation of approval from the University Curriculum Committee is submitted with the application.
- The syllabus must be in English (including foreign language courses).
UF Policy on Course Syllabi

To facilitate clear communication about courses between students and faculty, the University of Florida has adopted this policy requiring departments and course instructors to make available for free for each course, a syllabus containing specific information about the structure of the course. Instructors also must submit copies of course syllabi to the departmental office to document compliance with this syllabus policy.

Please note this policy is not course-content oriented. What individual instructors deem important as technical information in their courses and syllabi is a matter of academic freedom and best determined by that instructor. This university policy relates only to information that must appear in common in all course syllabi, independent of course level or discipline.

A. All UF course syllabi must contain:

1. Course title, instructor’s contact information including office location, telephone number, and email address; TA contact information if applicable
2. Office hours for the instructor (and TA if applicable) during which students may meet with the instructor(s)
3. Course objectives and/or goals
4. A weekly course schedule of topics and assignments
5. Methods by which students will be evaluated and their grade determined
6. A statement related to class attendance, make-up exams and other work such as: Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies that can be found in the online catalog at: https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx.
7. A statement related to accommodations for students with disabilities such as: Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the Disability Resource Center by providing appropriate documentation. Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter which must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodation. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.
8. A list of all required and recommended textbooks
9. Information on current UF grading policies for assigning grade points.
   This may be achieved by including a link to the appropriate undergraduate catalog web page https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx.
10. A statement informing students of the online course evaluation process such as: Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing online evaluations at https://evaluations.ufl.edu. Evaluations are typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester, but students will be given specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results/.
B. The following content is suggested:

1. Critical dates for exams or other work
2. Class demeanor expected by the professor (late to class, cell phones, etc.)
3. The university’s honesty policy regarding cheating, plagiarism, etc.
   Suggested wording: UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, “We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: “On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.” The Honor Code (http://www.dso.ufl.edu/secr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.
4. Contact information for the Counseling and Wellness Center:
   http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/Default.aspx; 392-1575
5. Contact information for the University Police Department:
   392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.

C. Additional Information:
Instructors are reminded that any use of students as subjects in research projects MUST receive clearance from the "human subjects" board PRIOR to beginning the project. This policy also includes any survey research or research done by undergraduate or graduate students for class assignments.

The syllabi for all courses and sections offered each semester must be posted on publicly accessible websites. A college may choose to meet this requirement by posting all its syllabi on a single site or on the web pages of individual departments. Syllabi must be posted at least three days prior to the first day of classes and must be retained on this site for at least three complete semesters (counting summer as a single semester).

General Education Course Syllabus Policy

General Education Syllabus Requirements
Every syllabus for a general education course must fully conform to the UF syllabus policy and also include the following five items:

1. a verbatim statement of the general education objectives for the relevant program areas;
2. an explanation of how the general education objectives will be accomplished;
3. a verbatim statement of the General Education Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs);
4. an explanation of how the SLOs will be assessed;
5. the statement “A minimum grade of C is required for general education credit.”;
6. a weekly course schedule (e.g., topics, assigned readings, other assignments, due dates, assessments) that includes sufficient detail for the General Education Committee to determine the appropriateness of the requested general education classification(s).
Writing Requirement Course Guidelines

Under the University of Florida Writing Requirement, all students must complete courses that involve substantial writing for a total of 24,000 words.

The content of a course approved for the UF Writing Requirement should meet the WR course guidelines, including assignments that contain extended analysis and develop original, sophisticated ideas. The course syllabus must meet the writing requirement syllabus policy (in addition to the UF syllabus policy), including a writing assessment rubric, and assignments and assessments should conform to the general education grade integrity policy. If the WR course also has a general education designation (i.e., B, C, D, H, N, M, P and S) it must also conform to the structure of a GE course.

Writing Requirement Objectives
Written assignments that count toward the University of Florida Writing Requirement should contain extended analysis and develop original, sophisticated ideas, not merely present hastily written or cursory thoughts. UF Writing Requirement assignments should include such elements as well-crafted paragraphs, a thesis or hypothesis, a persuasive organizational structure (e.g., introduction, body, conclusion; introduction, methods, results, discussion), well-supported claims, and appropriate and effective stylistic elements.

Procedures for Returning Graded Assignments

- Assignments must be returned to students with a grade and comments that address the student’s writing skills. Consequently, final writing assignments should be handed in before the last week of class to enable students to access feedback readily and meet with the instructor.
- The final paper may be submitted in the last week of class only if a student’s earlier draft has been returned with instructor feedback. However, the instructor should then facilitate meetings with the students so that they may benefit from discussion of the grade and evaluation.
- If papers are not returned by the last day of class, then comments must be returned electronically. In the case of electronic courses, the evaluation may be given after classes end but before the final grade is submitted.

Criteria for Graded Assignments

- **Bibliographies:** Extended annotated bibliographies may contribute to the word count if they evidence critical thinking and in-depth analysis. However, they may not be counted if they are simply bibliographies written for a paper or as an exercise to teach a specific disciplinary style, e.g., APA, MLA.
- **Brochures:** Brochures may not be counted if the assignment is mainly a design and layout exercise, using written information verbatim from another assignment or part of a paper. However, if the brochure is an independent assignment requiring separate research and writing, it may count for the Writing Requirement.
- **Drafts:** Drafts of papers and essays cannot be counted for the Writing Requirement. In addition, initial ideas expressed in pre-writing exercises, such as topic statements, free-writing, clustering, mind-mapping, outlining, may not count.
- **Extended writing projects:** Separate but related documents in an extended writing product (such as proposals, brochures, poster boards, progress reports) may contribute to the word count if they are not merely integrated verbatim into the final writing product.
- **In-class writing assignments, quizzes, class notes, in-class essay examinations:** may not be counted.
- **Journals, blogs, and reflection or reaction assignments**: May not be counted if they approximate free writing and lack organization, critical thinking focus, and integration of ideas into the disciplinary context.

- **Peer reviews**: While peer reviewing is a recognized and valuable editing skill, and instructors may evaluate such activities as part of the final class grade, peer reviews may not count towards the Writing Requirement word count.

- **Poster sessions**: Posters may not be counted if the information on the poster is merely copied from another document. However, if the poster presents new information specifically created for the poster, focused on a particular audience, purpose and context, and contains well-crafted sections of writing, then the poster may count for the Writing Requirement.

- **Team writing assignments**: Team-written documents may not be counted for credit unless clear individual sections are identified for grading, such that individual students’ writing may be evaluated and graded.

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**Writing Requirement Syllabus Policy**

Every syllabus for a course meeting the writing requirement must fully conform to the UF syllabus policy and also include the following exact statements:

- "The Writing Requirement (WR) ensures students both maintain their fluency in writing and use writing as a tool to facilitate learning."
- "Course grades have two components. To receive writing requirement credit, a student must receive a grade of C or higher and a satisfactory completion of the writing component of the course."

The syllabus must also include the following:

- a statement or statements indicating that the instructor will evaluate and provide feedback on the student's written assignments with respect to grammar, punctuation, clarity, coherence, and organization;
- assignment word counts and submission deadlines;
- a writing assessment rubric or detailed explanation of the evaluation criteria for written documents;
- information on, or a link to, the university’s Writing Studio;
- a recommendation of a writing or style manual.

Additionally, the syllabus must clearly show that the course meets the writing requirement to

- evaluate [2,000/4,000/6,000] written words in assignments during the semester,
- provide all feedback on assignments prior to the last class meeting.

Inclusion of the following syllabus item is strongly encouraged:

- recommended website(s) for writing support.

As noted in the Writing Requirement Course Guidelines, the following types of writing assignments **CANNOT** be used to meet the writing requirement: teamwork; exam essay questions; take-home exams; and informal, ungraded writing assignments.
# Sample Writing Assessment Rubric

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<td><strong>CONTENT</strong></td>
<td>Papers exhibit at least some evidence of ideas that respond to the topic with complexity, critically evaluating and synthesizing sources, and provide at least an adequate discussion with basic understanding of sources.</td>
<td>Papers either include a central idea(s) that is unclear or off-topic or provide only minimal or inadequate discussion of ideas. Papers may also lack sufficient or appropriate sources.</td>
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<td><strong>ORGANIZATION AND COHERENCE</strong></td>
<td>Documents and paragraphs exhibit at least some identifiable structure for topics, including a clear thesis statement but may require readers to work to follow progression of ideas.</td>
<td>Documents and paragraphs lack clearly identifiable organization, may lack any coherent sense of logic in associating and organizing ideas, and may also lack transitions and coherence to guide the reader.</td>
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<td><strong>ARGUMENT AND SUPPORT</strong></td>
<td>Documents use persuasive and confident presentation of ideas, strongly supported with evidence. At the weak end of the Satisfactory range, documents may provide only generalized discussion of ideas or may provide adequate discussion but rely on weak support for arguments.</td>
<td>Documents make only weak generalizations, providing little or no support, as in summaries or narratives that fail to provide critical analysis.</td>
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<td><strong>STYLE</strong></td>
<td>Documents use a writing style with word choice appropriate to the context, genre, and discipline. Sentences should display complexity and logical sentence structure. At a minimum, documents will display a less precise use of vocabulary and an uneven use of sentence structure or a writing style that occasionally veers away from word choice or tone appropriate to the context, genre, and discipline.</td>
<td>Documents rely on word usage that is inappropriate for the context, genre, or discipline. Sentences may be overly long or short with awkward construction. Documents may also use words incorrectly.</td>
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<td><strong>MECHANICS</strong></td>
<td>Papers will feature correct or error-free presentation of ideas. At the weak end of the Satisfactory range, papers may contain some spelling, punctuation, or grammatical errors that remain unobtrusive so they do not muddy the paper’s argument or points.</td>
<td>Papers contain so many mechanical or grammatical errors that they impede the reader’s understanding or severely undermine the writer’s credibility.</td>
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1. The student must earn a grade of C or better in the course. AND
2. The student must earn an S (satisfactory) evaluation on the writing requirements of the course.
Grade Integrity Policy

It is the responsibility of course instructors to ensure the integrity of the grades assigned in their courses. Consequently, instructors must take reasonable steps to ensure that the grades are an accurate reflection of the student’s mastery of the subject and performance in the course. In recognition of the fact that grades take many different types of work product into account, such as team projects, class participation, online discussion boards, homework, papers, quizzes, and exams, some of which are done without any face-to-face supervision, proctoring, or cheating/plagiarism-detection analysis, it is important to develop a policy that is flexible but at the same time provides a clear expectation of how to meet a minimum standard for the integrity of UF course grades. This policy covers all courses regardless of the format.

The term “assignment” here is used to cover all work which is graded and contributes to the final grade. In general, instructors are required to take reasonable steps to ensure the following:

a. The identity of the student claiming credit for the assignment  
b. The work that is graded is the student’s own work  
c. No student has an unfair advantage over other students by using outside assistance or tools not permitted under the rules of the assignment

In recognition of the difficulty in ensuring all these conditions are met, especially for term papers, and online quizzes and exams, this policy requires that:

- At least 50% of the course grade must be determined from assignments that are either completed in a proctored environment or are subject to cheating/anti-plagiarism analysis by an accepted tool such as TurnitIn
Approval System Process

Process
All requests for General Education (B, C, D, H, M, N, P, S) or Writing Requirement (E2, E4, E6) designations must be approved by departments, colleges, and the General Education committee prior to implementation. The UF Approval website is used to transmit the request through each stage of the approval process. All requests must be uploaded and submitted and all decisions will be communicated through approval.ufl.edu.

Anyone with a valid Gatorlink username and password can access approval.ufl.edu, however only those with “approver” access will be able to submit decisions. If you need to request or change approver access, you can email approval@ufl.edu. Instructions for uploading documents are found on the Approval website.

Levels of Approval
- REQUEST is uploaded on approval website
- DEPARTMENT reviews; if approved it is notated on Approval website and request moves forward
- COLLEGE reviews; if approved it is notated on Approval website and request moves forward
- GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE reviews; if approved it is notated in Approval website and request moves forward
- OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR implements decisions of GEC and notates on Approval website

Required Documents for All Requests
- Completed General Education and Writing Requirement application form
- Complete syllabus

Effective Date
An approved designation is for all future terms except for rotating topics courses which only can obtain a 1-time approval. The term and year requested for when the designation will first take effect. Designations cannot be implemented or changed retroactively; the actual effective term cannot be prior to current term, which must be obtained prior to the first day of classes for the effective term.

1-time Approval
Rotating topics courses may only be approved for the specific term in which it will be taught.
Course Recertification Procedures

Role of General Education Committee Chair

The chair of the General Education Committee (GEC) shall
1. In the Fall of each academic year, determine the courses that are to be evaluated for recertification each year. These courses should
   a. have had their last recertification at least THREE years prior;
   b. include a range of enrollment sizes;
   c. typically include courses with the International (N) and Diversity (D) designations.
2. Identify recertification reviewers, who shall be drawn from the regular members of the GEC.
3. Assign one recertification reviewer to each course that will be evaluated.
4. Send a letter explaining the recertification process to the chairs’ of the departments that offer the courses that will be evaluated.

Recertification Review Process

The recertification reviewer shall
1. Inform the course instructor of the evaluation process.
2. Request the current syllabus and supplementary course information.
3. Review the current syllabus and supplementary information to determine if the course meets the current standards for the assigned general education designation(s).
4. Set up an initial meeting with the instructor(s) to discuss the syllabus, course objectives and structure, and to describe the activities that will take place during the course review process.

If the recertification reviewer chooses to include a class visit the reviewer shall
1. With the instructor and, if appropriate, course coordinator, agree upon times to visit class (lecture and discussion sections, if applicable) and/or to review online course materials. Visits should not take place at the same time as class exams.
2. Attend class for at least one entire period and gather information that will help determine if the classes (lecture and, if applicable, discussion) are consistent with the syllabus and includes components appropriate to the general education designation(s).
3. Interview students to confirm their knowledge of the general education focus and requirements in the course.
4. For online classes, these “visits” should be done online.
5. Set up a second instructor meeting to discuss findings and any issues.

Report
1. The recertification reviewer shall prepare a brief report to the GEC. This report should include a summary of the findings and, if possible, a recommendation to the GEC regarding the General Education designation.
2. In all cases, the GEC shall make the final decision on the proposed action. This may include a decision to obtain further information on the course.

Instructor/Department Meeting
If the GEC decides to revoke the general education designation of a course, the GEC Chair and/or Co-Chair shall meet with the instructor and the Chair of the academic unit responsible for the course to discuss the report and the final decision.

Registrar
The GEC Chair shall inform the Registrar’s office of any action to be taken regarding each course.
Learning Outcomes and Performance Indicators

The General Education Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) describe the knowledge, skills and attitudes that students are expected to acquire while completing general education courses at the University of Florida. The SLOs fall into three areas: content, communication and critical thinking. Every general education course must address all three SLOs.

The General Education Student Performance Indicators are actions the student should be able to perform as a result of completion of the general education program. By focusing on specific expectations of the program, the performance indicators facilitate general education course and program assessment procedures.

### Student Learning Outcomes

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<td>CONTENT</td>
<td>Content is knowledge of the terminology, concepts, and methodologies used within the subject area.</td>
<td>Students demonstrate competence in the terminology, concepts, methodologies and theories used within the subject area.</td>
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<td>CRITICAL THINKING</td>
<td>Critical thinking is characterized by the comprehensive analysis of issues, ideas, and evidence before accepting or formulating an opinion or conclusion.</td>
<td>Students carefully and logically analyze information from multiple perspectives and develop reasoned solutions to problems.</td>
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<td>COMMUNICATION</td>
<td>Communication is the development and expression of ideas in written and oral forms.</td>
<td>Students clearly and effectively communicate knowledge, ideas, and reasoning in written or oral forms appropriate to the subject area.</td>
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**Performance Indicators**

The general education performance indicators are actions the student should be able to perform as a result of completing general education courses at the University of Florida. By focusing on specific expectations of the general education program, the performance indicators facilitate assessment procedures of general education courses and the general education program.

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<td>CONTENT</td>
<td>The student interprets and applies the terminology, concepts, methodologies and theories used within the subject area.</td>
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<td>COMMUNICATION</td>
<td>The student expresses ideas in a convincing, organized, clear, coherent manner that is nearly error free and uses a style and language appropriate to the subject area.</td>
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<td>CRITICAL THINKING</td>
<td>The student considers the issues from multiple perspectives, logically analyzes evidence from credible, relevant sources, and develops reasoned conclusions.</td>
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General Education Committee

The General Education Committee is a university committee, governed by Senate Bylaw 20(A)(2)(b)4 which results in the following operational rules.

Appointment: The President or the President’s designee shall appoint eight voting members from the majority of baccalaureate degree-granting colleges within the University. The Senate shall elect eight voting members from the faculty at large. Student Government shall select two non-voting members.

Chair: The non-voting chair shall be appointed by the President or the President’s designee. A co-chair who shall have the right to vote shall be elected by and from the Committee’s Senate representatives.

Responsibilities: The committee establishes a philosophy of what constitutes the general education component for baccalaureate degrees offered by the University. It reviews, in accordance with established criteria, all courses proposed to fulfill General Education and University Writing and Math requirements. It makes recommendations to the Curriculum Committee regarding the continued effectiveness of the general education program.

Term: 3 years
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Committee Meetings
Meetings will be held in Marston Library, bottom floor conference room (MSL L136) unless noted otherwise.

Fall 2016
- September 2, 2016: 9:00-10:30am
- October 7, 2016: 9:00-10:30am
- November 4, 2016: 9:00-10:30am
- December 2, 2016: 9:00-10:30am

Spring 2016
- January 6, 2017: 9:00-10:30am
- February 3, 2017: 9:00-10:30am
- March 3, 2017: 9:00-10:30am
- April 7, 2017: 9:00-10:30am
- May 5, 2017: 9:00-10:30am

Committee Procedures
1. Procedures of the committee shall follow *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* unless otherwise stated by these rules.

2. A quorum of the General Education Committee shall be the majority of the voting members.

3. Voting members shall be defined to be those 8 members of the committee appointed by the Provost together with those 8 members of the committee appointed by the Faculty Senate. Ex-officio members shall not participate in votes.

4. A non-voting chair shall be appointed by the President or the President’s designee. At the first meeting of each academic year, a co-chair shall be installed. The co-chair shall have the right to vote and shall be elected by and from the Committee’s Senate representatives. The co-chair shall be elected from those members whose term shall not expire during the next academic year.

5. All matters before the committee shall be voted on by those members present at a committee meeting unless a motion is made and passed to require a vote of all members, in which case, a by-mail vote shall be held. Such a motion to require vote of all members cannot be tabled.

Votes of all members shall be conducted by e-mail under the following rules:
1. All members of the committee shall be notified of the vote and furthermore shall confirm they have been notified.
2. Seven (7) days after all members have confirmed notification shall be provided to allow members to communicate their votes via e-mail.
3. Each member shall be notified upon receipt of their vote.
4. At the end of balloting, those members who have not voted shall be notified of the absence of their vote.

6. Guests of the committee and ex-officio members (ensemble referred to as non-voting members) provide expert advice that should be reflected in the minutes in the same manner as the comments from voting members. The non-voting members shall be...
Assessment of General Education

Assessment of General Education
The mission of the General Education Program at the University of Florida is to provide instruction in common collective knowledge about the world that enables students to communicate, to make informed decisions about many aspects of their lives, to understand and to participate fully as informed citizens in local, national and global matters. The assessment of general education at the University of Florida is an important measure of the university’s effectiveness in meeting this mission and the degree to which students master the student learning outcomes. These outcomes and their associated measurement rubrics are linked here.

The university employs a balanced assessment process that involves both a course embedded direct assessment and an indirect measure, the SERU survey.

**Direct assessment: Course embedded assessments**
In order to address achievement of the student learning outcomes in the context in which they are achieved in the university’s general education courses, course-embedded assessments serve as a direct measure of student work within the general education curriculum. Course-embedded assessments are specific to the general education areas of composition, humanities and the arts, mathematics, physical and biological sciences, and the social and behavioral sciences.

**Indirect assessment: Student Experience in the Research University (SERU) survey**
The SERU is administered by the Office of Institutional Planning and Research biennially to all undergraduate students at the University of Florida in the spring semester of the odd-numbered years. The survey addresses student perceptions and experiences at the university. There is no sampling procedure used for the SERU survey; this is sent to all University of Florida undergraduates.

The general education assessment schedule reflects the university’s transition to the Statewide General Education Core, effective Fall 2015, and the University of Florida’s Grand Challenges core, effective Fall 2017.

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