

3.X GENERAL EDUCATION

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Policy

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- 2. Apply research techniques to locate and utilize valid sources of information. (Information Literacy)
- 3. Use technology in discipline-specific ways to further educational or occupational goals. (Technological Literacy)
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In order for a course to qualify as meeting an MCC Knowledge Area GELO, the following standards will be applied:

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Courses that qualify for SUNY-GER also meet the following MCC GELOs:

1. Mathematics (SUNY-M)

$Quantitative\ Literacy\ (QL)$

Critical Thinking (CT)

Technological Literacy (TL) - extension

Writing (BCW) – extension

2. Natural Sciences (SUNY-NS)

Scientific Reasoning (SCI)

Critical Thinking (CT)

Writing (BCW) - extension

Information Literacy (IL) - extension

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3. Social Science (SUNY-SS)

Social Science and Diversity (SSD)

Scientific Reasoning (SCI)

Critical Thinking (CT)

Writing (BCW) - extension

Values and Ethics (VE) - extension

Global Understanding (GLO) - extension

Information Literacy (IL) – extension

4. American History (SUNY-AH)

Social Science and Diversity (SSD)

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5. Western Civilization (SUNY-WC)

Social Science and Diversity (SSD)

Critical Thinking (CT)

Global Understanding (GLO)

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6. Other World Civilizations (SUNY-OWC)

Social Science and Diversity (SSD)

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Arts and Humanities (AH) - extension

Writing (BCW) - extension

7. Humanities (SUNY-H)

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Writing (BCW) - extension Global Understanding (GLO) - extension Information Literacy (IL) - extension Values and Ethics (VE) – extension

8. The Arts (SUNY-A)

Arts and Humanities (AH) Writing (BCW) - extension Speaking (BCO) - extension

9. Foreign Languages (SUNY-FL)

Arts and Humanities (AH)

Speaking (BCO)

Global Understanding (GLO) - extension

10. Basic Communication (SUNY-BC)

Writing (BCW)
Information Literacy (IL)
Speaking (BCO)
Critical Thinking (CT) - extension

To qualify for satisfaction of MCC GELOs, every course must be verified through the established curriculum proposal submission and review process. Although MCC GELOs indicated above in **bold** are assumed to be met by virtue of the course meeting SUNY-GER Student Learning Outcomes, confirmation and documentation through the established process is still required. In some cases, the SUNY-GER courses will qualify for satisfaction of additional MCC GELOs. These are indicated by the 'extension' tag in the list above.

Courses may also qualify as meeting other MCC GELOs than those noted above. Departments may provide evidence that a course meets other MCC GELOs through submission of information on the curriculum database form. This will allow courses to qualify for MCC GELOs on a case-by-case basis.

It is intended that courses normally meet only one SUNY-GER at a time, but there are circumstances under which a course may qualify as meeting two SUNY-GERs. In any case, once a given course is approved by SUNY as meeting a SUNY-GER, the attribute is never deleted from SUNY's database. If the department proposes that the course to meet a different SUNY-GER, removing the original SUNY-GER from local list of MCC Gen Eds would be inaccurate and potentially misleading to students. Likewise, although the intention is that an MCC GLO recognized as a Knowledge Area is would not fulfill a Skill and Competency (and vice versa), there could be exceptions. These exceptions must be approved by the Provost on a case-by-case basis, based on the documentation submitted by the Department.

Although most degree programs use program course requirements to satisfy the MCC GELOs and ILOs, programs may use any of the following methods to ensure that all MCC GELOs and ILOs are met:

1. Program content already meets MCC GELOs and ILOs through appropriate courses and SUNY-GER content. This will be verified by each department using the qualification criteria

for their program courses, submitted through a curriculum database form.

- 2. Alternative methods for ensuring students meet MCC GELOs and ILOs will include:
 - a. Administering a cumulative, capstone, or qualifying exam near the end of a student's program,
 - b. Mapping outcomes across courses throughout the program, rather than using a single course to deliver the content, or
 - c. Requiring a project or portfolio that provides evidence of cumulative skills/knowledge in an area.

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Capstone course: The capstone course is usually the last class in a program of study. It is called a capstone because it represents a crowning achievement as a capstone does in architecture.

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MCC General Education Policy

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MCC General Education Policy

Executive Summary of Feedback Received from the Policy Portal

Three individuals submitted comments in the policy portal during the General Education Policy and Procedure comment period. There were a total of 6 separate comments/questions that are addressed below.

1. Relationship to SUNY General Education

A question was raised as to whether SUNY General Education credits completed at other institutions would be added to the MCC transcript and/or the General Education Transcript Addendum (GETA).

Administrative Response:

Associate Director, Registration & Records, Taine Vinci, confirmed that even if the transfer equivalent at MCC is not a SUNY Gen Ed, the course would satisfy the SUNY Gen Ed since it did at the other institution. The course would be added to the GETA if the student obtained a passing grade (D- or higher). No changes to either the policy or procedure were made.

2. Confirmation of faculty role in development of the General Education Policy

One respondent commented about the various documents that define and outline the role of faculty in policy development and, in particular, policy related to curriculum.

Administrative Response: Development of this policy was led by the Faculty Senate through their existing processes and is compliant with other SUNY and MCC policies and contracts. No changes to either the policy or procedure were made.

3. Purpose of General Education

A suggestion was made to use the terminology from Middle States' Standard III in defining the purpose of General Education.

Administrative Response: The Policy Statement will be edited with the recommended change from Standard III as follows:

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4. Use of the term "Institutional Learning Outcomes":

One respondent noted that the term "Institutional Learning Outcome (ILO)" was no longer explicitly used in the relevant Middle States Standard and suggested that it be replaced with "clearly stated educational goals at the institution and degree/program levels."

Administrative Response: Although the ILO term is no longer explicitly stated within the Middle States Standard, it is still used by the vast majority of higher education institutions. This can be revisited at the next policy review to see if another term should be used. The documents will, however, be revised for consistency in the definition of ILO used in both the policy and procedure.

5. Requirement to repeat courses with similar curricular content

There was a request for confirmation that under "Transfer of the SUNY-GER—SUNY Trustees Resolution 2009-138," students transferring with or without a SUNY A.A. or A.S. degree will receive full credit for general education courses successfully completed (i.e., for which credit was awarded at the prior institution) and will not be required to repeat successfully completed courses with similar curricular content.

Administrative Response:

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Courses that qualify for SUNY-GER also meet the following MCC GELOs:

1. Mathematics (SUNY-M)

$Quantitative\ Literacy\ (QL)$

Critical Thinking (CT)

Technological Literacy (TL) - extension

Writing (BCW) – extension

2. Natural Sciences (SUNY-NS)

Scientific Reasoning (SCI)

 $Critical\ Thinking\ (CT)$

Writing (BCW) - extension

Information Literacy (IL) - extension

Technological Literacy (TL) – extension

3. Social Science (SUNY-SS)

Social Science and Diversity (SSD)

Scientific Reasoning (SCI)

Critical Thinking (CT)

Writing (BCW) - extension

Values and Ethics (VE) - extension

Global Understanding (GLO) - extension

Information Literacy (IL) – extension

4. American History (SUNY-AH)

Social Science and Diversity (SSD)

Writing (BCW) - extension

Values and Ethics (VE) - extension

5. Western Civilization (SUNY-WC)

Social Science and Diversity (SSD)

Critical Thinking (CT)

Global Understanding (GLO)

Writing (BCW) - extension

Values and Ethics (VE) – extension

6. Other World Civilizations (SUNY-OWC)

Social Science and Diversity (SSD)

Global Understanding (GLO)

Values and Ethics (VE) - extension

Arts and Humanities (AH) - extension

Writing (BCW) - extension

7. Humanities (SUNY-H)

Arts and Humanities (AH)

Writing (BCW) - extension Global Understanding (GLO) - extension Information Literacy (IL) - extension Values and Ethics (VE) – extension

8. The Arts (SUNY-A)

Arts and Humanities (AH) Writing (BCW) - extension Speaking (BCO) - extension

9. Foreign Languages (SUNY-FL)

Arts and Humanities (AH)

Speaking (BCO)

Global Understanding (GLO) - extension

10. Basic Communication (SUNY-BC)

Writing (BCW)
Information Literacy (IL)
Speaking (BCO)
Critical Thinking (CT) - extension

To qualify for satisfaction of MCC GELOs, every course must be verified through the established curriculum proposal submission and review process. Although MCC GELOs indicated above in **bold** are assumed to be met by virtue of the course meeting SUNY-GER Student Learning Outcomes, confirmation and documentation through the established process is still required. In some cases, the SUNY-GER courses will qualify for satisfaction of additional MCC GELOs. These are indicated by the 'extension' tag in the list above.

Courses may also qualify as meeting other MCC GELOs than those noted above. Departments may provide evidence that a course meets other MCC GELOs through submission of information on the curriculum database form. This will allow courses to qualify for MCC GELOs on a case-by-case basis.

It is intended that courses normally meet only one SUNY-GER at a time, but there are circumstances under which a course may qualify as meeting two SUNY-GERs. In any case, once a given course is approved by SUNY as meeting a SUNY-GER, the attribute is never deleted from SUNY's database. If the department proposes that the course to meet a different SUNY-GER, removing the original SUNY-GER from local list of MCC Gen Eds would be inaccurate and potentially misleading to students. Likewise, although the intention is that an MCC GLO recognized as a Knowledge Area is would not fulfill a Skill and Competency (and vice versa), there could be exceptions. These exceptions must be approved by the Provost on a case-by-case basis, based on the documentation submitted by the Department.

Although most degree programs use program course requirements to satisfy the MCC GELOs and ILOs, programs may use any of the following methods to ensure that all MCC GELOs and ILOs are met:

1. Program content already meets MCC GELOs and ILOs through appropriate courses and SUNY-GER content. This will be verified by each department using the qualification criteria

for their program courses, submitted through a curriculum database form.

- 2. Alternative methods for ensuring students meet MCC GELOs and ILOs will include:
 - a. Administering a cumulative, capstone, or qualifying exam near the end of a student's program,
 - b. Mapping outcomes across courses throughout the program, rather than using a single course to deliver the content, or
 - c. Requiring a project or portfolio that provides evidence of cumulative skills/knowledge in an area.

Assessment of ILOs shall be undertaken concurrently with assessment of the general education learning outcomes (GELOs).

Definitions:

General Education - An undergraduate curriculum of broad, high-quality courses that provides students with a set of non-specialized, coherent and focused educational experiences aimed at enabling students to acquire knowledge and skills that are useful and important for all educated persons regardless of their jobs or professions. (Source: SUNY Trustees Resolution 2010-006)

Institutional Learning Outcomes: - Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILOs) represent the knowledge, skills, abilities, and attitudes that a students has attained at the end (or are expected to develop as a result) of their engagement during their time at the institution. These skills are developed through intentional, guided, and iterative overall experiences across disciplines and programs and throughout students' time in college. with any aspect of the college, including courses, programs, and student services.

General Education Learning Outcomes: A statement that describes what a student should know or be able to do at the end of a general education course. General Education learning outcomes for a particular course are included in the course syllabus.

<u>Local General Education Requirements</u> - General education requirements established by individual SUNY campuses to either add specificity to the SUNY-GER (e.g., require specific SUNY-GER areas) or exceed the 30-credit SUNY-GER.

<u>Programmatic General Education Requirements</u> - Specific general education requirements associated with individual academic programs, such as requirements in programs leading to teacher certification that are externally mandated. These may be met within the 30-credit SUNY-GER, but they may also exceed the SUNY-GER (e.g., additional courses, minimum course grades).

Capstone course: The capstone course is usually the last class in a program of study. It is called a capstone because it represents a crowning achievement as a capstone does in architecture.

General Education Requirement: As a condition of graduation, all candidates for a specified degrees are required to complete an academically rigorous and comprehensive core General Education curriculum as set by SUNY and MCC.

Forms

MCC General Education New Outcomes Based Design.

MCC General Education Policy

SUNY General Education Requirements

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