

## 2023-2024 General Education Committee Update

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**Below is a summary of the GE Committee's primary responsibilities and work completed during this past fall semester:**

### ***I. Review and approve new course proposals for GE certification***

We are pleased to report that the committee has had the opportunity to review and approve the following courses for the new Justice, Reconciliation, and Diversity on Biblical and Theological Grounds (JRD-BTG) GE requirement:

- *SOC-001 Introduction to Sociology*
- *SOC-200 Understanding My Neighbor: Society, Culture, and Health*
- *HIS-008 United States from 1877*
- *POL-113 Race and Politics*

\*Note: We continue to invite and encourage more submissions from instructors teaching courses that would fulfill the new JRD-BTG criteria.

In addition to these JRD-BTG courses, a total of *three* other courses were reviewed and approved to fulfill other GE requirements.

### ***II. Facilitate program review and assessment of the GE program***

- The Working Artistically assessment that began last academic year was completed and submitted.
- The Understanding Society assessment that began last academic year was completed and submitted.

### ***III. Conduct periodic syllabus review***

- An audit of syllabi for Quantitative and Analytical Reasoning courses was completed.
- Helped conduct an on-going Writing-Intensive Course Syllabi Audit (led by Sarah Skripsky and in partnership with Leonor Elias and Theresa Covich)

### ***IV. Explore and propose changes to the GE program to the Academic Senate***

- A proposal was submitted to Senate regarding the revision of the Serving Society requirement: (a) to move Serving Society out of the GE curriculum and have it stand as a graduation requirement and (b) to remove Compassionate Action category from the GE curriculum
- Exploratory discussions were had about the parameters and constitution of courses fulfilling the Reasoning Abstractly GE requirement.

**For the upcoming spring semester, our additional goals include:**

- Completing a Thinking Globally Syllabi Audit
- Completing an on-going examination of the current P.E. requirement