



November 18, 2024

TO: THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF VALENCIA COLLEGE

FROM: DR. KATHLEEN PLINSKE
President

RE: GENERAL EDUCATION COURSE OFFERINGS

As discussed with the District Board of Trustees (DBOT) at its December 7, 2023, Regular Meeting, given the recent adoption by the State Board of Education (SBOE) of Rule 6A-14.0303, which implements new statutory requirements (ss. 1007.24, 1007.25 and 1007.55, F.S.) enacted during the 2023 legislative session, each Florida College System institution board of trustees and president must annually review and approve, at a public meeting, the courses offered by the institution that meet general education course requirements.

At its May 9, 2024, Regular Meeting, the DBOT approved 28 courses for inclusion in Valencia College's institutional general education course offerings. On October 18, 2024, Valencia received notification from the Division of Florida Colleges that two of the 28 courses (SLS1122 and SYG2010) may not align with general education statutory requirements.

SLS1122 has been a general education graduation requirement for an Associate in Arts degree (and for many Associate in Science degrees) at Valencia since 2015. In Fall 2024, SLS1122 was the highest enrolled course at Valencia, with more than 10,000 students taking the course. In other words, one in five Valencia students in Fall 2024 is enrolled in SLS1122.

The removal of SLS1122 as a general education option created a significant capacity challenge and necessitated a redesign of Valencia's general education requirements. This redesign, facilitated through a collaborative process that engaged faculty and College leadership, was approved by the College Curriculum Committee on November 13, 2024. The need for this redesign effort also enabled the consideration of additional courses to fulfill general education requirements, as reflected in the attached list of proposed institutional general education courses. This is a necessary component of a multifaceted approach to create additional capacity in other general education courses to make up for the capacity lost by the removal of SLS1122.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The President recommends that the District Board of Trustees approve the general education courses, including courses previously approved by the Board and additional courses recommended for approval, as presented and attached, for submission to the State Articulation Coordinating Committee, leading to final consideration and approval of the State Board of Education.



President

Core General Education Courses (as established by the State of Florida)

For each proposed course, the total number of State University System and Florida College System institutions that offer the course as a general education option is listed in parentheses. The course level is represented by the first digit of the course number.

Communications

ENC 1101 Freshman Composition I (39)

Humanities

ARH 1000 Art Appreciation (36)
HUM 1020 Introduction to Humanities (34)
LIT 1000 Introduction to Literature (33)
MUL 1010 Music Appreciation (36)
PHI 2010 Philosophy (37)
THE 1000 Introduction to Theater (34)

Mathematics

MAC 1105 College Algebra (37)
MAC 2311 Calculus with Analytic Geometry I (36)
MGF 1130 Mathematical Thinking (new course in Core - expected to be offered at most institutions)
STA 2023 Statistical Methods (38)

Science

AST 1002 Astronomy (37)
BSC 1005 Biological Science (37)
BSC 1010C General Biology I (37)
BSC 2085C Anatomy & Physiology I (31)
CHM 1020 Chemistry in Everyday Life (30)
CHM 1045C General Chemistry with Qualitative Analysis I (38)
ESC 1000 Earth Sciences (28)
EVR 1001 Introduction to Environmental Science (35)
GLY 2010C Physical Geology (new course in Core - expected to be offered at most institutions)
OCE 1001 Introduction to Oceanography (new course in Core - expected to be offered at most institutions)
PHY 1020 Conceptual Physics (28)
PHY 2048C General Physics with Calculus I (36)
PHY 2053C College Physics with Algebra (36)

Social Science

AMH 2010 United States History to 1877 (new course in Core - expected to be offered at most institutions)
AMH 2020 U.S. History 1877 to Present (34)
ANT 2000 Introductory Anthropology (28)
ECO 2013 Principles of Economics – Macro (37)
POS 2041 U.S. Government (39)
PSY 2012 General Psychology (37)

Proposed Institutional General Education Courses

Communications	
Courses Approved by DBOT on May 9, 2024	Additional Courses Recommended for Approval
ENC1102 - Freshman Composition II (34) SPC1608 - Speech Communication (18) SPC 1017 - Interpersonal Communication (10)	ASL2140 - American Sign Language I (2) ASL2150 - American Sign Language II (2) FRE1120 - Elementary French I (1) FRE1121 - Elementary French II (1) GER1120 - Elementary German I (1) GER1121 - Elementary German II (1) POR1120 - Elementary Portuguese I (0) POR1121 - Elementary Portuguese II (1) SPN1120 - Elementary Spanish I (2) SPN1121 - Elementary Spanish II (2)
Humanities	
Courses Approved by DBOT on May 9, 2024	Additional Courses Recommended for Approval
ARH2050 - Art History I (27) ARH2051 - Art History II (25) HUM2210 - Ancient to Medieval (11) HUM2230 - Renaissance to Modern Period (11) HUM2250 - 20th/21st Centuries (12) PHI2600 - Ethics and Critical Thinking (13) REL2300 - World Religions (20)	FIL1000 – Introduction to Film (8) LAT1120 – Elementary Latin I (0) LAT1121 – Elementary Latin II (1)
Mathematics	
Courses Approved by DBOT on May 9, 2024	
MAC 1114 - College Trigonometry (27) MAC 1140 - Precalculus Algebra (28) MAC 2233 - Calculus for Business and Social Science (31) MAC 2312 - Calculus with Analytic Geometry II (29) MGF 1131 - Mathematical Thinking in Context (expected to be offered at most institutions)	
Science	
Courses Approved by DBOT on May 9, 2024	Additional Courses Recommended for Approval
BSC 1011C - General Biology II (23) BSC 2086C - Anatomy & Physiology II (19) CHM 1025C - Intro. to General Chemistry (13) CHM 1046C - General Chemistry with Qualitative Analysis II (23) PHY 2049C - General Physics II with Calculus (23) PHY 2054C - General Physics II with Algebra & Trigonometry (24)	HUN1201 – The Science of Nutrition (8) MCB2010C – Microbiology (14)
Social Science	
Courses Approved by DBOT on 5/9/2024	Additional Courses Recommended for Approval
EUH 2000 - Ancient and Medieval Western Civ. (12) EUH 2001 - Modern Western Civilization (15) INR 2002 - International Politics (18) POS 2112 - State and Local Government (15) SYG 2000 - Introductory Sociology (38)	CCJ1020 – Introduction to Criminal Justice (1) DEP2004 – Developmental Psychology (18) ECO2023 – Principles of Economics – Micro (24) EDF2005 – Introduction to Education (1) GEB1011 – Introduction to Business (1) WOH2012 – World History to 1500 (13) WOH2022 – World History Since 1500 (14)