**8.005 General Education Course Options.**

(1) General education core courses. Courses listed in this subsection implement the required principles, standards, and content in accordance with section 1007.55, Florida Statutes. Prior to the award of an associate in arts or baccalaureate degree, a student entering a state university as a first-time-in-college student must complete at least one course from each of the general education subject areas listed in this section.

(a) Communication:
1. ENC X101 English Composition I; or
2. A course with an ENC prefix for which ENC X101 is a direct prerequisite.

(b) Humanities:
1. ARH X000 Art Appreciation;
2. HUM X020 Introduction to Humanities;
3. LIT X000 Introduction to Literature;
4. MUL X010 Introduction to Music Literature/Music Appreciation;
5. PHI X010 Introduction to Philosophy; or
6. THE X000 Theatre Appreciation.

(c) Mathematics for students entering in fall term 2015 through the 2023-2024 academic year:
1. MAC X105 College Algebra;
2. MAC X311 Calculus I;
3. MGF X106 Liberal Arts Mathematics I;
4. MGF X107 Liberal Arts Mathematics II;
5. STA X023 Statistical Methods; or
6. A mathematics course for which one of the above general education core course options in Mathematics is a direct prerequisite.

(d) Mathematics for students entering in the 2024-2025 academic year and thereafter:
1. MAC X105 College Algebra;
2. MAC X311 Calculus;
3. MGF X130 Mathematical Thinking;
4. STA X023 Statistical Methods; or
5. A mathematics course for which one of the above general education core course options in Mathematics is a direct prerequisite.

(e) Natural Sciences:
1. AST X002 Descriptive Astronomy;
2. BSC X005 General Biology;
3. BSC X010 General Biology I;
4. BSC X085 Anatomy and Physiology I;
5. CHM X020 Chemistry for Liberal Studies;
6. CHM X045 General Chemistry I;
7. ESC X000 Introduction to Earth Science;

8. EVR X001 Introduction to Environmental Science;
9. GLY X010 Introduction to Geology;
10. OCE X001 Introduction to Oceanography;
11. PHY X020 Fundamentals of Physics;
12. PHY X048 General Physics with Calculus;
13. PHY X053 General Physics I; or
14. A natural science course for which one of the above general education core course options in Natural Sciences is a direct prerequisite.

(f) Social Sciences:
1. AMH X010 Introductory Survey to 1877;
2. AMH X020 Introductory Survey Since 1877;
3. ANT X000 Introduction to Anthropology;
4. ECO X013 Macroeconomics;
5. POS X041 American Government; or
6. PSY X012 Introduction to Psychology.

(2) Other means by which students can satisfy general education core course requirements.

(a) A student who has completed an associate in arts or baccalaureate degree conferred by a Florida College System or State University System institution is considered to have met general education requirements, including requirements for general education core courses.

(b) Institutions must recognize credit earned through an acceleration mechanism in Section 1007.27, Florida Statutes, as meeting the related general education core course requirement as prescribed in Board of Governors Regulation 6.006, Acceleration Mechanisms.

(c) Institutions may grant a substitution or modification to the courses listed above for eligible students with disabilities, subject to Board of Governors Regulation 6.018, Substitution or Modification of Requirements for Program Admission, Undergraduate Transfer, and for Graduation by Students with Disabilities.

(d) Each institution must accept a student's courses taken at a public postsecondary educational institution as meeting general education core course requirements upon transfer, regardless of whether the receiving institution offers identical general education core courses.

(e) An institution receiving a student in transfer may not require the student to complete an additional course to meet a subject area requirement in subsection (1) that was completed by the student at a Florida College System institution or State University System institution with a course that has since been removed by the receiving institution as a general education core course.

(3) Institutional implementation and reporting of general education core courses. Institutions shall report to the Statewide Course Numbering System all courses used to fulfill subject area core course options. Any course recommended by the institution to be added to its list of general education core course options from section (1) must follow the statewide course description provided in the Statewide Course Numbering System and shall be reported to the Office of K-20 Articulation at Articulation@fldoe.org. Each institution may apply its own course titles to the general education core course options.

(4) Institutional general education course offerings and reporting. The remaining courses and credits, in addition to the core course options, to fulfill the total 36 credit hour general education requirement for associate in arts and baccalaureate degrees are provided by each State University System institution and approved by the Board of Governors. An institution may not require a student to take an additional course to meet a subject area requirement that was completed by the student with a course that has since been removed as a general education course.

(a) Each State University System institution's 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 in accordance with sections 1007.24, 1007.25, and 1007.55, Florida Statutes.

(b) Each institution must submit its approved list of general education courses to the Articulation Coordinating Committee no later than September 1 of each year by the course prefix and number in the Statewide Course Numbering System, including the institution's course title, the general education distribution area, the course level, and the number of public postsecondary institutions that offer the course. The list must be in a format prescribed by the Department of Education, Office of K-20 Articulation.

(c) The Articulation Coordinating Committee shall annually submit each institution's completed list of general education courses to the Board of Governors, along with the statewide data elements required in section 1007.55, Florida Statutes, no later than December 1 of each year.

(d) Using the criteria for general education course standards, principles, and content listed in section 1007.55, Florida Statutes, the Board of Governors must annually approve, reject, or amend each institution's list of general education course offerings.

1. If the Board of Governors rejects an institution's list of courses, the reason(s) for the rejection will be provided in writing to the institution, including any specific courses that were found to be not in compliance with the statute.

2. An institution whose list is rejected may resubmit its list to the Board of Governors for reconsideration at the next scheduled meeting. Until the new list is approved, the institution must continue to offer courses from the prior approved list.

(e) The Chancellor may approve an institution's request to add courses to its approved list of general education courses so long as the additional courses go through the required Board of Trustees process. The Chancellor may approve an institution’s request to remove courses from its approved list of general education courses.

(f) An institution that is not in compliance with the requirements of section 1007.55, Florida Statutes, may not be eligible to receive performance-based funding.

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