

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

November 9, 2023

SUBJECT: Articulation Coordinating Committee's Recommendation for the General Education Core Course List

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consider approval of the Articulation Coordinating Committee's recommendation for the general education core course list.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Sections 1007.25 and 1007.55, Florida Statutes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

During the 2023 session, the legislature passed Senate Bill 266, which was signed into law on May 15, 2023. The law modifies section 1007.25, Florida Statutes, to require faculty committees appointed by the State Board of Education and Board of Governors to review and recommend changes to the general education core course options. The review must be completed by July 1, 2024, and every four years thereafter. Recommended changes to the core course options must be approved by the Articulation Coordinating Committee (ACC), the State Board of Education, and the Board of Governors. The law also establishes section 1007.55, Florida Statutes, to specify general education course principles, standards, and content.

To implement the law, the State Board of Education and Board of Governors appointed faculty to discipline committees to review the current general education core courses, content, and descriptions for compliance with sections 1007.25 and 1007.55, Florida Statutes. These committees met in late August to discuss the requirements for the core courses. The committees attended a face-to-face meeting in St. Petersburg on September 14, 2023, to review the core course options and draft recommendations for changes. The committees also reviewed and made changes to the course descriptions of the core courses and proposed learning outcomes. The recommendations from the faculty committees were published for public comment. The faculty committees reconvened on October 4, 2023, to review the public comment and to finalize recommendations. The committees convened once more on October 13, 2023, to review an additional core course for social sciences. The ACC approved the recommended list of general education core courses on October 13, 2023.

The recommended list of general education core courses includes three additional courses. Two courses are recommended to be added to the core for natural sciences, GLY X001 Elements of Earth Science and OCE X001 Introduction to Oceanography, and one course, AMH X010 Introductory Survey to 1877, to be added as a core course

option in the social sciences.

The general education core course list is ready for the Board of Governors and the State Board of Education to consider for approval. If approved by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, the general education core list will be forwarded to the full Board for consideration.