



# NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

## Memo

To: Board of Trustees  
From: Dr. Cristie Kedroski, Interim President  
Date: November 19, 2024  
Re: Statewide General Education Review Follow Up

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The Florida Department of Education, Division of Florida Colleges (DFC) has completed its initial review of each Florida College System (FCS) institution's general education program, which NWFSC submitted after Board review in August. The DFC review resulted in additional revisions being required by most, if not all, FCS institutions. Most revisions were due to additional criteria being imposed by the state that were outside of the initial purview of the review process. The DFC has asked NWFSC to make the following changes, which we are submitting to the Board of Trustees for approval:

1. Remove from our institutional General Education requirements the following courses:
  - AST 1005 Introduction to Astrobiology, ENG 1001 Research Papers, HUM 2700 Humanities Foreign Study, ISC 1003 Natural Disasters, LIS 1001 Library Skills, LIS 2004 Internet Research, SLS 1101 College Success, SYG 2010 Social Problems
  - These courses were removed from general education because either they (a) do not align with the five required disciplines of Communication, Mathematics, Humanities, Social Sciences, or Natural Sciences, (b) are considered to not have the rigor needed to count for general education credit, (c) are not "foundational," meaning that they build upon knowledge that can be gleaned from an introductory, foundational course, or (d) they are not taught frequently at other FCS or SUS institutions.
2. Revise the course description and learning outcomes to match exactly the state's course description and learning outcomes for the following courses:
  - ARH 1000 Art Appreciation, MGF 1130 Mathematical Thinking, MET 1010 Introduction to Meteorology, MUL 1010 Music Appreciation, PHIL 2010 Introduction to Philosophy, POS 1041 American Government, PSY 2012 Psychology, SPC 1006 Essentials of Speech, SYG 2000 Sociology, THE 2000 Theater Appreciation
  - After further consultation, departments elected to inactivate MET 1010 (low demand for course) and SPC 1006 (low demand and plan to offer 3-credit speech course instead of this one-credit course).
3. Revise the course description for REL 2300 Introduction to World Religions to better align with the statutory requirements for Humanities courses, which pertains to making the course description focus more on primary texts rather than a social sciences approach.
4. Update ASL 1140 American Sign Language 1 to count for the Humanities institutional General Education requirement.

5. ECO 2013 Economics I – Count course as Social Science for both General Education Core and Institutional General Education requirements.
6. GLY 2010 Principles of Geology & OCE 1001 Oceanography – Count courses as Natural Science for both General Education Core and Institutional General Education requirements.

The letter from the DFC has been provided as an attachment, along with a new certification form to be signed by Chair Kelley and Interim President Kedroski upon their review and approval. The original spreadsheet of courses that was approved by the Board of Trustees has also been included as an attachment, with all changes highlighted.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Board of Trustees approves the NWFSC General Education program, as presented.