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WOU General Education Update

Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom.

George Washington Carver

Willamette Promise and General Education

The Willamette Promise expands opportunities to earn accelerated credit, enhance career-readiness and a college-going culture in Oregon's schools. Many of the Willamette Promise courses also meet General Education Requirements? Students can fulfill requirements in:

Foundations: Writing

- WR 121 College Writing
- WR 122 College Writing 2

Foundations: Mathematics

- MTH 111 College Algebra
- MTH 112 Elementary Functions
- MTH 251 Differential Calculus*

Foundations: Communication and Language

- COM 111 Principles of Public Speaking
- SPAN 101, 102, 103 First Year Spanish
- SPAN 201, 202, 203 Second Year Spanish

Foundations: Critical Thinking

CS 160 – Survey of Computer Science

Exploring Knowledge: Social, Historic and Civic Perspectives

- GEOG 106 Sustainable World
- PSY 201 General Psychology
- PSY 202 General Psychology 2
- HST 201 History of Western Civilization (Pre-Columbia to 1840)*
- HST 202 History of Western Civilization (1840-1899)*
- HST 203 History of Western Civilization (1900-present)*

Exploring Knowledge: Scientific Perspectives

- BI 101 General Biology: Diversity of Life
- BI 102 General Biology: Foundations of Life
- CH 104 Chemistry and the Environment

Find out more at <u>www.wou.edu/willamettepromise</u> or contact our office for more information.

*Transcripted through Oregon Tech



Catalog changes

Trying to figure out how completed LACC or BA/BS requirements might work for a student changing catalog years to the new General Education program? Check out our overview of course change alignments at http://www.wou.edu/gened/ gened-comparison/

(Thanks to Carol Harding for the initial development of this resource).

A day in the life of General Education

Ever wonder what the General Education Director does all day? Probably not, but to get a sense for all that's happening with General Education, here's what your General Education Director was doing on a typical day in April:

8:00 am – following up with students about the status of General Education petitions and making exceptions in Degree Tracks.

9:00 am – updating General Education website with advising information and overview of available online courses for General Education.

9:30 am - review of budget for FYS support needs.

10:30 am – Check in with General Education Committee Chair to discuss upcoming Faculty Senate agenda item and planning for General Education Committee.

11:00 am – review of Military Joint Service Transcripts for possible alignment to General Education criteria and organizing information for General Education Committee review.

12:00 pm – attend FYS preparation workshop for 2019-20 FYS instructors.

1:00 pm – Lunch break

1:30 pm – meeting with a student to review study abroad course options that might address General Education requirements.

2:00 pm – programming survey questions into Tk20 for General Education Assessment.

3:30 pm – meeting with a faculty member to discuss potential course alignment for General Education proposals.

4:00 pm - review of 2019-20 for needed edits related to General Education.

5:00 pm – follow up email to faculty member with questions about a particular General Education requirement and to faculty members requesting FYS budget support.



Getting ready for SOAR:

The General Education program is getting ready for SOAR. Thanks to our hard-working registrar's office, students can now search in the registration system for courses that meet their General Education requirements. We also have set up a searchable database on our website to help students find First Year Seminar Topics that interest them. And we're continuing to build our advising resources available on the General Education website. Can't find what you're looking for? Let us know. We'll point you in the right direction or work with you to get you the resources you need.

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