

Policy Revision

Policy Title	Substitutions for Approved General Education Courses		
Policy URL	https://catalog.arizona.edu/policy/program-graduation/general-education/substitutions		
Suggested updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Include the Office of General Education as approver for General Education course substitutions - Remove option for denying previously approved substitutions -Add reference to existing transfer credit policy regarding applicability of transfer credit for individual GE courses -Remove reference to previous GE tier system -Remove requirement that substitutions must be approved prior to completion of the course 		
Rationale for updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Having a central approver for GE course substitutions will create a consistent experience around what types of courses are approved -Students' approved substitutions will not uncomplete requirements when changing majors -Flexibility on timing of approval of substitutions will support student success and timely graduation 		
Policy Sponsor	Greg Heileman, Vice Provost Academic Affairs		
Responsible Unit	Undergraduate Education General Education	URL	https://undergraduate.arizona.edu/ https://ge.arizona.edu
Career Applicability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate <input type="checkbox"/> Law <input type="checkbox"/> Medicine <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy <input type="checkbox"/> Veterinary Medicine		
Approvals Granted <i>(for council use only)</i>	University-Wide GE Committee	Scheduled: 8/20/25, 9/3/25, 9/17/25, 10/1/25, 12/17/25	Status: Approved 12/17/25
	UGC Policies Subcommittee	Scheduled: 12/2/25, 1/20/26	Status: Approved 1/20/26
	Undergraduate Council	Scheduled: 2/3/26	Status: Approved 2/3/26
	Undergraduate CAAC	Scheduled: 2/24/26	Status: Approved 2/24/26
	Faculty Senate Executive Committee	Scheduled: 2/16/26	Status: N/A; action taken at full senate
	Faculty Senate	Scheduled: 3/2/26	Status:
	Provost	Scheduled:	Status:

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Additions in **Green** – Deletions in **Yellow**

Existing Policy	Proposed Edit
<p>Substitutions for Approved General Education Courses</p> <p>Substitutions are not encouraged, and will be granted only for extraordinary circumstances. The college dean's office approves all substitutions other than those based on disability.</p> <p>Students requiring a substitution based on disability should first contact the Disability Resource Center. The Disability Resource Center will review the student's record and determine if a substitution is appropriate. If a substitution is deemed appropriate, the student must then work with an academic advisor in their college to determine the actual course to be substituted.</p> <p>Tier One and Tier Two (for students who matriculated prior to Spring 2022) and Exploring Perspectives and Building Connections (for students who matriculated in Spring 2022 or beyond) course substitutions granted by one college/major will be honored by the student's subsequent college/major, if any. Substitutions for Foundations requirements (English composition, math, second language) may or may not be accepted by the student's new college/major.</p> <p>Students requesting a substitution for an approved Tier One, Tier Two, Exploring Perspectives, Building Connections, or Foundations course, for any reason, must request and receive approval for the substitution prior to enrolling in the substitute course. Contact your college advisor for more information about the approval process.</p> <p>In the absence of direct course equivalents, Arizona community college AGEC-approved courses may be substituted for UA-approved general</p>	<p><i>Note: The transfer of individual general education courses is evaluated on a course-by-course basis. More details are found in the Undergraduate Transfer Credit policy.</i></p> <p>Substitutions for Approved General Education Courses</p> <p>Substitutions of University of Arizona courses to satisfy General Education requirements are not encouraged, and will be granted only for extraordinary circumstances. The Office of General Education approves all substitutions of General Education requirements for courses taken at the University of Arizona other than those based on disability.</p> <p>Students requiring accommodation based on disability should first contact the Disability Resource Center. The Disability Resource Center will work with the student to determine the appropriate accommodation. If a course substitution is deemed appropriate, the student will then work with their academic advisor to determine the actual course to be substituted.</p> <p>Course substitutions once granted to a student will be honored by all undergraduate programs for that student.</p>

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education courses with the approval of the student's college in advance of enrollment in the substitute course.	