

University-Wide General Education Committee (UWGEC) Report to Undergraduate Council & Faculty Senate

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What is UWGEC?

The [University-Wide General Education Committee](#) (UWGEC) is a shared governance body with 22 members, most of whom are faculty members representing Colleges that are active in teaching General Education courses, along with two student representatives, three Foundations area representatives, a library representative, and a chair appointed in consultation between the Chair of the Faculty and the Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs.

A list of current UWGEC members can be found here: <https://ge.arizona.edu/gened-committee/uwgec-members>. Please note that there are currently vacancies on UWGEC from the College of Nursing, the College of Science, the Graduate and Professional Student Council, Associated Students of the University of Arizona, and Faculty Senate.

Recent Activities

- 1.) This is my first report in my capacity as UWGEC chair, having assumed the role on July 1 and having coordinated with the outgoing chair, Jeremy Vetter, whose support in the transition has been invaluable.
- 2.) The last UWGEC meeting of the 2025–2026 academic year was held on May 6, 2026.
 - a. At that meeting, UWGEC approved a long list of courses to carry the “Understand and Value Differences” attribute. These courses were already approved as Gen Ed courses, but had previously carried the “Diversity and Equity” attribute and required re-certification, because the elimination of that attribute left them without an attribute—Every Gen Ed course must have at least one attribute.

These courses re-approved included AFAS 310, APAS 373, ART 242, CPH 230, DNC 174 EHS 110, GEOG 210, GEOG/EVS 250, GEOG/SOC 367, GWS 150B2, GWS 150B4, HIST 252, HNRS 150B2, HNRS 314, HPS 387, LAS/PA/POL 312, MUS 106, MUS 109, MUS 126, MUS 335, PHP 150C1, PHPM 225, RELI 150B1, RELI 160D5, RELI 160D3, SLHS 207, SOC 101, SOC 222, SOC 260, SOC 324, SOC 325, SOC 355, SOC 459, SOC/CHS 202, TLS 250.

Other Courses were re-approved pending (mostly minor) required revisions,

- including the following: AFAS 200, AFAS 218, AFAS 304A, AFAS 314, ART 150B1, BSM 201, FTV 306, GEOG 150C1, GEOG 205, GER 240, GHI 302, HNRS 150C1, HNRS 207, IDS 120, LING/AIS 210, MUS 231, MUS 303, NCS 150C1, PAH 150B1, RELI/AFAS/LAS 335, SERP 200, SERP 416, SOC 150C2, SOC 448, SPAN 150B1, TLS 253. It is not clear to me at this stage which of these courses have completed their revisions. I will follow up with OGE staff to confirm the status of these courses.
- b. Also approved at that meeting were the following courses:
 - i. HNRS 301 (BC, CE & Writing)
 - ii. EVS 260 (Already a BC course, adding CE and Writing)
 - iii. HIST 147 (CI, Writing)
 - c. UWGEC also discussed and approved a minor change to the enrollment requirements for UNIV 301 to reflect the inclusion of CI courses in the curriculum.
 - d. Finally the committee discussed with staff in the Office of General Education (OGE) OGE's plan for transfer guidelines and processes.
- 3.) At the first meeting of the 2026–2027 academic year, UWGEC met for the first time with significantly new membership.
- a. No courses were discussed or approved at this meeting, but working groups were established, and UWGEC members were trained on new workflows. Subgroups were encouraged to begin their review quickly, since courses need to be approved no later than the next UWGEC meeting (9/2/26) in order to meet Curricular Affairs deadlines for inclusion in the Spring 2027 catalog.
 - i. As we continue our review work, we continue to give priority review to Civic Institutions (CI) courses to ensure that there are sufficient seats and options for students with the newest part of our curriculum.
 - b. UWGEC was briefed by OGE on Course Substitutions processes.

If anyone has questions about any of the above, please contact me (groves@arizona.edu) and I will be happy to explain anything further or convey your feedback and comments to UWGEC.

Abbreviations of Note:

OGE: Office of General Education

Curricular Categories: BC = Building Connections; CI = Civic Institutions; EP = Exploring Perspectives

Attributes: CE = Civic Engagement; QR = Quantitative Reasoning; UVD = Understand and Value Difference; WCS = World Cultures & Societies