



UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA

OFFICE OF GENERAL EDUCATION AND DUAL ENROLLMENT

NEWSLETTER, MARCH 2017

Almost Spring!

This will be the second to last newsletter of the academic year. As a reminder, UNO's Dual Enrollment program was granted a five-year extension from the Higher Learning Commission to comply with their [policy](#) related to minimum faculty credentials required to teach dual enrollment courses. **Importantly, no existing dual enrollment teacher will be removed from the program during the duration of the five-year extension.** Although the semester is growing short, there are many significant happenings related to general education and dual enrollment in the coming weeks. Please read this newsletter for additional details. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Matthew Tracy, Ph.D.

UPCOMING DUAL ENROLLMENT EVENTS

- Apr 6: Calculus: The Musical
- Apr 9: AP Biology Study Session
- Apr 22: AP US History Academic Bowl
- Apr 23: AP Geography Study Session
- Apr 29: AP World History Bowl
- Apr 30: AP Psychology Study Session

UPCOMING DUAL ENROLLMENT SCHOOL REGISTRATION VISITS

- April 7: Millard West High School

RECENT ARTICLES ABOUT GEN ED AND DUAL ENROLLMENT

1. GEN ED
 - a. [Education for a jobless future](#)
 - b. [How Liberal Arts Can Mean more than a Buzzword](#)

2. DUAL CREDIT
 - a. [What Happens When Struggling High-Schoolers Take College Classes](#)

UPCOMING GENERAL EDUCATION EVENTS

Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities

March 10@ 11:30: [Strategies](#) for managing assessment data, MBSC Chancellor's Room

Other:

April 21: Gen Ed assessment reports are due for all units offering courses that fulfill [social science](#) or [natural science](#) distribution requirements.

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Calculus the Musical

We look forward to another enthusiastic crowd of faculty, staff, and students at this year's presentation of "[Calculus: The Musical](#)" at the Baxter Arena! This entertaining musical presents the history of calculus through humor and song. You won't want to miss out on this fun event on April 6, 2017 at 10:00 AM! This is one of the highest rated dual enrollment events of the year and promises to be a highly enjoyable event for everyone! All high school Calculus classes and higher are invited to attend. Schools and individuals can [RSVP](#) to the Dual Enrollment office.

AAC&U General Education Conference

The 2017 AAC&U General Education conference took place in late February. A key theme of the conference focused on the design of more meaningful assessment of student learning across diverse general education programs and courses. Important resources to aid in these efforts include AAC&U [VALUE \(Valid Assessment of Learning in Undergraduate Education\) rubrics](#). These rubrics can be used "as-is", or can be used as a starting point for creating your own rubrics to evaluate general education student learning outcomes.

General Education Assessment Deadlines and Information

Academic units at UNO that offer courses fulfilling [Social Science](#) and/or [Natural Science](#) general education requirements will be required to submit a general education assessment report for each of these courses no later than **April 21st, 2017**. There are many resources available to help you in this process including the [General Education Assessment Guide](#) and the [Gen Ed report template](#). Additionally, members of the Gen Ed Committee or I would be happy to meet you and your faculty to discuss the assessment process and expectations. I realize this might be a new process for your units, but I would welcome the opportunity to discuss with all interested parties. Please contact me at mtracy@unomaha.edu if you would like to schedule a meeting with a representative of the Gen Ed Committee.

General Education Assessment Mini-Grants

The [Assessment Mini-Grant Program](#) is being extended to 2017-2018. Co-sponsored by the Academic Assessment Committee and the General Education Committee, assessment mini-grants support assessment efforts on campus at the course and program level. This grant opportunity is particularly relevant for faculty teaching general education courses interested in learning more about assessment. Proposals can be for individual courses, GenEd courses, end-of-degree program assessment, or collaborative GenEd area assessments. **Proposals are due April 1st to Connie Schaffer, Faculty Fellow for Assessment, and can be for either Fall 2017 or Spring 2018.**

DID YOU KNOW?

1. *The cost to order transcripts has recently changed. Current and former dual enrollment students should consult the dual enrollment website for additional information <https://www.unomaha.edu/dual-enrollment/documents-and-resources.php> while others should consult the UNO Registrar at <https://www.unomaha.edu/registrar/students/transcripts-and-records/order-a-transcript.php>*
2. *Spring Registration for dual enrollment is complete for the vast majority of all high schools. Please remind your dual enrollment teachers to check their rosters to verify their students. Please also verify students for year-long classes that were enrolled in the fall.*

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