



# UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA

## OFFICE OF GENERAL EDUCATION AND DUAL ENROLLMENT

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### Welcome Back!

I hope everyone had a fantastic winter break and you are enjoying the new semester. The most important update since the last newsletter is that 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. All dual enrollment faculty must comply with these requirements by Sept 1, 2022. UNO academic departments and my office are exploring potential options for those dual enrollment teachers who need additional graduate credits to comply with the clarified requirements. **Importantly, no dual enrollment teacher will be removed from the program during the duration of the five-year extension.** Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the updated HLC requirements and how they impact you or your school.

Matthew Tracy, Ph.D.

### RECENT ARTICLES ABOUT GEN ED AND DUAL ENROLLMENT

#### 1. GEN ED

- a. [Are Colleges Preparing Students for the Workforce](#)

#### 2. DUAL CREDIT

- a. [Early College Doesn't Mean Abandoning Liberal Arts](#)

### UPCOMING DUAL ENROLLMENT EVENTS

Feb 25: Basketball Blowout  
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, 2017: AP World History Bowl  
Apr 30, 2017: AP Psychology Study Session

### UPCOMING DUAL ENROLLMENT SCHOOL REGISTRATION VISITS

Feb 7: Papillion La Vista South  
Feb 13: McCook High School

### UPCOMING GENERAL EDUCATION EVENTS

#### Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities

Feb 17 @ 9:00: [Grading vs. Assessment](#), CEC 127

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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## Advising Students about Dual Enrollment Credit Transfer

Teachers, parents, counselors, and students often ask me whether dual enrollment credits will transfer to other institutions. Interested parties should always contact the particular school in question for a definitive answer. Many public colleges/universities will accept dual enrollment courses for transfer, while private schools vary widely in their policies. The two most important questions to ask are (1) does a particular school accept dual enrollment credit, and (2) if so, *how* does the credit count (eg. general education, major, elective). Fortunately, some resources are available to help you answer these questions.

First, is a link maintained by the Univ of Connecticut ( [http://web2.uconn.edu/ece/credit\\_transfer\\_database/index.php](http://web2.uconn.edu/ece/credit_transfer_database/index.php) ). They have one of the oldest early college programs in the country and maintain a database of information on different schools and how they accept (or not) dual enrollment credit. Simply search by school and review the information provided. Three stars indicates a particular school will likely accept dual credit, and one star indicates it is unlikely they will accept the credit. This is not definitive and you should always follow-up with a phone call or email to the school you are interested in attending. The site, however, includes contact numbers and points of contact for your consideration.

Second, is a link for a site called transferology ( [www.transferology.com](http://www.transferology.com) ). You will need to create a username and password, but this is free and very simple. The site enables you to identify a course from UNO and see how it will transfer to different schools around the country. In some cases you can also check how the course might count towards specific degree programs (eg. biology, math, MIS, etc). This site is only as good as the information provided by different schools, but provides important information that might help you make an informed decision.

## 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto:mtracy@unomaha.edu) if you would like to schedule a meeting with a representative of the Gen Ed Committee.

## DID YOU KNOW?

1. *The General Education Committee has created an [assessment guide](#) that helps faculty better understand the general education assessment process and how this differs from end-of-program student learning outcome (SLO) assessment.*
2. *Dual enrollment students and faculty have access to the many resources of UNO's Criss Library including archives, special collections, databases, and ejournals.*
3. *The Office of General Education and Dual Enrollment is developing an online orientation module for new and existing dual enrollment faculty that will address frequently asked questions and provide basic training on important recurring tasks like entering grades and registration. This should be available beginning in the fall of 2017.*

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