



UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA  
GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
Minutes

**Friday, February 10, 2023**

1. Items for Discussion/Announcements

- a) General Education Reform – follow-up Dean presentation
  - Phil presented the draft general education revisions to Deans
- b) 2-page summary – Review and revise
  - Committee will submit feedback for final review
- c) Draft proposal – Review and revise
  - Goal to finalize by early March
  - Committee will submit feedback for final review in March
  - Goals
    - Increase relevance and coherence of general education while increasing academic flexibility for students by reducing the required credit hours and increasing open electives
  - Opportunities associated with general education reform
    - For general education to be an engine for faculty innovation, collaboration, and creativity
    - For general education to be a vehicle for campus enrollment & student success
    - For general education to help distinguish UNO from other institutions
  - Timelines for Phase 1 (Credit Hour Reduction)
    - **Gen Ed Committee Finalize Draft Proposal and Outline of Reform Phases: Qtr 1 - 2023**
    - **Campus Road Show to Communicate Proposed Changes / Feedback: Qtr 1/2 - 2023**
    - Communicate upcoming changes in catalog to colleges: Qtr 2 - 2023
    - **Gen Ed Committee Vote: Qtr 2 - 2023**
    - EPAC Approval: Qtr 2/3 - 2023
    - Determine catalog template for academic programs and Gen Ed: Qtr 2 - 2023
    - Colleges update programs using approved template (word or excel): Qtr 3 - 2023
    - Acad Affairs manually update catalog pages: Qtr 4 - 2023
    - Sign off/approval by college/program: Qtr 4 - 2023
    - Final processing by administration: Qtr 1 - 2024
    - **Catalog goes live: Qtr 2 - 2024**

Curriculum:

**NEW:**

1. CMST 2300: Intergroup Dialogue, 3 credit hours – Re-review by committee edits needed  
(Social Sciences & US Diversity)
2. MATH 1140: Quantitative Reasoning for Healthcare Professionals, 3 credit hours  
(Quantitative Literacy) - approved

**NEW: One-Time Approval Fall 2023 - approved**

1. English 3000: Science, Technology, and the Literary Imagination, 3 credit hours