New AA/AS Transfer Policy

In April 2011, the General Education Council approved a transfer student policy that allows the Office of General Education to consider granting students who have completed an out-of-state AA or AS degree credit for completion of the General Education Program. The General Education Council charged the Director of General Education and Assistant Director of General Education with developing guidelines for evaluating out-of-state AA and AS degrees in consultation with the Director of the Office of Transfer Articulation. This team developed draft guidelines over the summer. At the upcoming General Education Council meeting on September 16, the Council will consider validating these draft guidelines.

To view the agenda for this meeting or the approved minutes of past meetings, visit: http://generaleducation.appstate.edu/general-education-council. All General Education Council meetings are open to the public and interested members of the campus community are encouraged to attend.

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# Fall Workshops

The Office of General Education is sponsoring the following workshops for faculty during fall semester 2011:

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<td><strong>Gen Ed Overview</strong></td>
<td>This workshop is for faculty and staff who want to better understand the General Education Program. The Director of General Education will describe the Program philosophy, goals, and curriculum and answer any questions you may have.</td>
<td>Paulette Marty, Director of General Education</td>
<td>9/20 @4pm, 9/22 @10am, 10/10 @3pm, 10/28 @10am</td>
<td>1114 Anne Belk</td>
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<td><strong>Advising Students on General Education</strong></td>
<td>This workshop is for faculty who serve as advisors to students majoring in their department or program. We will review the General Education Program and discuss how advisors can use available tools and resources to ensure students have fulfilled General Education requirements.</td>
<td>Kristin Hyle, Assistant Director of General Education</td>
<td>9/28 @9am, 10/6 @4pm, 10/19 @4pm, 10/24 @3pm, 10/27 @10am, 11/4 @10am</td>
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<td><strong>Creating Assignments for Program Assessment</strong></td>
<td>This workshop will provide faculty teaching in General Education an overview of options and methods for participating in the program assessment artifact collection process. Four methods will be covered: using AsULearn, single assignment upload, completing the Faculty Analysis of Student Learning (report), and submitting hard copies with a data coversheet.</td>
<td>Elaine Gray, Learning Support Specialist, General Education Program</td>
<td>9/23 @1pm, 10/28 @1pm</td>
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<td><strong>Strategies for Teaching Writing in First Year Seminar</strong></td>
<td>This Writing Across the Curriculum workshop will offer an overview of strategies for assigning low and high stakes writing, responding to student writing efficiently, creating peer writing groups, and teaching with portfolios.</td>
<td>Georgia Rhoades &amp; Sherry Hart, Writing Across the Curriculum</td>
<td>10/7 @2pm</td>
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<td><strong>Early Intervention - Dealing with Students in Distress</strong></td>
<td>The Early Intervention Team is a faculty and staff-led entity, whose main function is to meet with students referred by faculty, or staff who are showing signs of difficulty with being successful in university life. We will address typical signs of student distress, strategies for reaching out to your students in distress, when and how to refer to the EIT, and ways in which the EIT would intervene with a student or get them connected with a more immediate campus support system.</td>
<td>JJ Brown, Dean of Students, Martha Marking, EIT faculty chair, &amp; Nikki Crees, EIT staff co-chair</td>
<td>10/21 @1pm</td>
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<td><strong>What do We Mean by “Integration”?</strong></td>
<td>This workshop is designed for faculty teaching in Perspectives themes or thinking about proposing a course in the Perspectives. The Director of General Education will explain what multidisciplinary integration entails and share strategies that various themes are currently using to deepen their thematic integration.</td>
<td>Paulette Marty, Director of General Education</td>
<td>11/8 @11am, 11/14 @3pm, 11/17 @2pm &amp; 11/29 @4pm</td>
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New Theme: Democracy and Personal Life

Faculty from five different departments and programs in three different colleges are teaching in the new "Democracy and Personal Life" Local to Global Perspective theme this year. Developed in a truly grassroots fashion by a group of faculty from across campus, this is the first multidisciplinary Local to Global theme to be proposed since the initial General Education theme-formation process in 2008. Courses in this theme encourage students to think critically and creatively as they examine how globalization is reshaping their personal lives. Today's citizens increasingly make lifestyle choices to foster democratic ideals with a global consciousness—from choosing more ecological home décor, to making one’s relationships more meaningful and equitable, to taking charge of one’s health. By building a greater awareness of the relationship between personal, individual experiences and broader global dynamics, the instructors in this theme strive to help students more deeply understand their role as global citizens. The "Democracy and Personal Life" theme includes: COM 2112 Impact of New Media Technologies, ENG 2130 Ethnic American Literature, PS 1200 Current Political Issues, SOC 1110 Sociology of Intimate Relations, SOC 1530 Life Politics, and WS 2600 Introduction to LGBT Studies.

For more information, contact Dr. Martha McCaughey, Theme Coordinator, at mccaugheyM@appstate.edu

General Education Review Task Force


Summer Grants

During the summer of 2011, the General Education Program provided grants to thirty-two faculty members who developed materials for teaching and assessment of their General Education courses. Seventeen faculty received Curriculum Development Grants to create assignments, modules, and/or teaching methods for courses within Perspectives themes. Fifteen faculty received Assessment Grants to align assignments to specific General Education learning outcomes. To see examples of their work, visit: http://generaleducation.appstate.edu/2011-summer-grant-reports

This newsletter is published by the Office of General Education. If you have suggestions for future articles or questions about the program, please contact Dr. Paulette Marty, Director of General Education, at martypjw@appstate.edu.