

Program Priorities for 2014- 2015

The General Education leadership team has identified the following goals for the current academic year.

Program Revision

1. Assist colleges, departments, programs, and faculty in developing course proposal forms for the revised General Education program.
2. Continue to update campus community about the progress of revisions, including work on General Education website to ensure that all necessary information about the new General Education program is available and easily accessible.
3. Work closely with advising and Enrollment Management programs to ensure a smooth transition to the new General Education program beginning Fall 2015.

First Year Seminar

1. Begin piloting FYS courses with QEP-related assignments and coordinate with the e-portfolio program to see that appropriate artifacts are deposited in students' e-portfolios.
2. Apply for another QEP grant to support the training of a dozen additional FYS instructors in how to incorporate QEP-related assignments into their courses.
3. Resolve enrollment issues with RLCs linked to FYS.
4. Pilot a program of peer review of teaching for select FYS instructors.
5. Continue to provide faculty development programs, most specifically two one-day retreats during the 2014-2015 academic year.
6. Utilize Master Spreadsheet system for tracking and prioritizing all FYS course proposals and for offering teaching opportunities to recently accepted course proposals/instructors.
7. Gather proposals or justifications from ALL FYS faculty planning to teach the new FYS course in Fall 2015.

Thematic Integration

1. Continue to work with theme coordinators and faculty to make sure that all individual courses for the themes that have been accepted for the new General Education program are proposed in a timely manner during the Fall 2014 semester.
2. Continue to work with theme coordinators and faculty for those themes that were returned with requests for revisions and assist with revisions in any way possible.

Assessment

1. Create a plan for long-term assessment of new General Education program and secure funding for elements of the plan.
2. Identify faculty development team leaders for general education assessment efforts.
3. Initiate curriculum mapping in order to track each of the General Education goals for the courses approved for the new General Education curriculum beginning Fall 2015.

4. Consult with theme coordinators for new General Education Integrative Learning Experience themes about e-portfolio pedagogy.

Transfer Students

1. Continue working with the Office of Transfer Services and advisors across campus to clarify and streamline procedures for transfer credit.
2. Work closely with the Office of International Education to ease the transition of international students into the general education requirements for Appalachian State University.

Communication

1. Continue with efforts begun in Spring 2014 to increase campus-wide awareness of the goals and value of the General Education program through outreach and advertising.
2. Revive the General Education Newsletter for Fall 2014.

State, National, and International Dialogue on General Education

1. Continue to engage in the work of the UNC General Education Council and serve as liaison between the campus and the Council.
2. Continue to share the story of our General Education program with other institutions through conference presentations, national publications, and solicited consultations.