

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, September 23, 2025 | 1:00-2:00 PM

Location: Library Dean's Conference Room - Booth 4515

The Dean's Conference Room is on the fourth floor of the library all the way in the back past the computer lab. To access the room, you need to walk through the door with the sign that says "All Gender Restrooms." It looks a bit from the outside like you are heading to a restroom, but that outer door takes you into a hallway. The conference room is then the first door on the left.

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GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Learning Goal Representatives:

Quantitative Reasoning: Peter Wiles (2026)

Speaking & Listening: Nora Heist (CMN rep)

Writing: Tim Taylor (ENG rep)

Critical Thinking: Alan Pocaro (2026)

Responsible Citizenship: Kevin Anderson (2027)

College Representatives:

College of Education: Jennifer Buchter (2028)

College of Health and Human Services: Amanda Harvey (2028)

Lumpkin College of Business and Technology: Katherine Yu (2028)

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences: Rashmi Thapaliya (2027)

Council on Academic Affairs: Aimee Janssen Robinson (1 year term)

Booth Library: Steve Brantley (2028)

AGENDA

- I. Welcome and context for new members
- II. Call for member to be the recorder for Fall 2025
- III. 2025-2026 GEC Chair
 - a. Nominations for the chair position
 - b. Statements from the nominees
 - c. Vote for chair
- IV. Discuss: Fall 2025 meeting time
 - a. On hold: Tuesdays from 1:00-2:00 PM

V. GEC 25-26 Responsibilities:

- a. Share remaining reports from Spring 2025 review with chairs
 - i. Timeline considerations:
 - 1. Call for Materials sent on October 30, 2024; Requested materials are due to the GEC by January 27, 2025; first presentation was on February 11, 2025
 - 2. Proposal: earlier call and deadline to submit to begin presentations sooner
- b. GE Curriculum Review Cycle III: *Social and Behavioral Sciences*
 - i. See [Appendix A](#)
 - ii. Do we need to account for possible departmental mergers in January 2026?
 - 1. Departments scheduled for review with fewer than 8 faculty
 - a. Economics
 - b. Hospitality Tourism and Management
 - c. Philosophy
 - d. Political Science
- c. Additions or revisions?

VI. GEC 25-26 Goals:

- a. Pilot Programs for Gen Ed revisions?
 - i. Context: Proposal to eliminate senior seminars recirculating this fall
 - ii. Significant university restructuring proposals coming in January 2026 (departments; advising; etc.)
- b. Gen Ed book study?
 - i. “*General Education Essentials: A Guide for College Faculty* gives an important, timely overview of general education curricular design... This book offers methods for engaging in curricular reform efforts that support university culture and teachers and examines the implications of general education reform in the classroom.”
 - ii. Booth Library E-Book Link: https://i-share-eiu.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/view/action/uresolver.do?operation=resolveService&package_service_id=6523294220005833&institutionId=5833&custo merId=5815&VE=true
- c. Prepare a mid-cycle summary report for CAA?
- d. Invite new interim provost to learn more about the GEC’s role?

APPENDIX A

2025-2026

General Education Course for Review: *Social and Behavioral Sciences*

Anthropology

- ANT 2200G - Introduction to Anthropology. Credits: 3 *
- ANT 2290G - Introduction to Anthropology, Honors. Credits: 3 *

Technology

- TEC 2225G - Technology, History and Human Societies. Credits: 3 *
(cross listed with HIS 2225G)

Economics

- ECN 2800G - Economics of Social Issues. Credits: 3 *
- ECN 2801G - Principles of Macroeconomics. Credits: 3
- ECN 2802G - Principles of Microeconomics. Credits: 3
- ECN 2891G - Principles of Macroeconomics, Honors. Credits: 3
- ECN 2892G - Principles of Microeconomics, Honors. Credits: 3

Education Foundations

- EDF 2555G - Education in a Diverse Society: The Multilingual/Multicultural Classroom. Credits: 3 *
- EDF 2595G - Education in a Diverse Society: The Multilingual/Multicultural Classroom, Honors. Credits: 3 *

Geography

- GEO 1100G - Cultural Geography. Credits: 3 *
- GEO 1190G - Cultural Geography, Honors. Credits: 3 *
- GEO 1200G - World Regional Geography. Credits: 3 *
- GEO 1290G - World Regional Geography, Honors. Credits: 3 *
- GEO 2000G - Food and Agriculture. Credits: 3

History

- HIS 2225G - Technology, History and Human Societies. Credits: 3 *
(cross listed with TEC 2225G)
- HIS 3600G - The U.S. Constitution and the Nation. Credits: 3
- HIS 3690G - The U. S. Constitution and the Nation, Honors. Credits: 3
- HIS 3700G - Turning Points in the History of Religion and Science. Credits: 3
- HIS 3790G - Turning Points in the History of Religion and Science, Honors. Credits: 3

Hospitality Tourism and Management

- HTM 2600G - Sustainable Communities. Credits: 3

Human Services

- HSL 2300G - Personal and Family Financial Literacy. Credits: 3

Journalism

- JOU 1000G - News, Information & Media Literacy. Credits: 3 *
- JOU 2001G - Journalism and Democracy. Credits: 3
- JOU 2091G - Journalism and Democracy, Honors. Credits: 3

Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation

- KSR 3402G(REC 3400G) - World Leisure: A Cultural Perspective. Credits: 3 *

Philosophy

- PHI 2500G - The Good Life: An Introduction to Ethics. Credits: 3 *
- PHI 2590G - The Good Life: An Introduction to Ethics, Honors. Credits: 3 *
- PHI 3050G - Social and Political Philosophy. Credits: 3
- PHI 3700G - Language and Human Nature. Credits: 3

Political Science

- PLS 1153G - American Government and Constitution. Credits: 3
- PLS 1193G - American Government and Constitution, Honors. Credits: 3
- PLS 2253G - Introduction to International Relations. Credits: 3 *
- PLS 2293G - Introduction to International Relations, Honors. Credits: 3 *

Psychology

- PSY 1879G - Introductory Psychology. Credits: 3
- PSY 1890G - Introductory Psychology, Honors. Credits: 3

Public Health

- PUBH 2200G - Health Citizenship. Credits: 3 *
- PUBH 3560G - Women's Health. Credits: 3 *

Sociology

- SOC 1838G - Introductory Sociology. Credits: 3 *
- SOC 2750G - Social Problems in Contemporary Society. Credits: 3 *
- SOC 2890G - Social Problems in Contemporary Society, Honors. Credits: 3 *

Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

- WGS 2309G - Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies. Credits: 3 *
- WGS 2310G - Introduction to Studies of Sexuality and Gender Diversity. Credits: 3 *