

2023-24 General Education Information

The SUNY Board of Trustees passed a revised General Education program that will go into effect for the 2023-2024 academic year. The following highlights:

1. Which students will follow the new SUNY GE
2. Changes to categories
3. Policy notes
4. Implementation notes
5. What if I teach a course in GE?

1. Which students will follow the new program?

- a. All fall 2023 and beyond incoming first-year and transfer students will be under the new SUNY GE requirements.
- b. Students that change their catalog year will need to pay attention to any change in requirements.
- c. Note, this means we will have some students in the pre-2023-2024 GE and some in the new GE at the same time.

2. What are the major content changes to the GE program?

- a. The knowledge categories still exist, but some categories have new titles (see table on next page)
- b. The infused core competencies remain:
 - i. Critical Thinking and Reasoning (formerly titled Critical Thinking)
 - ii. Information Literacy
- c. Student learning outcomes have been rewritten, but only three categories have significant changes (e.g., adding an SLO). These are:
 - i. The Arts
 - ii. Contrasting Cultures (World History & Global Awareness)
 - iii. Prejudice and Discrimination (now Diversity: Equity, Inclusion and Social Justice)

Faculty Senate approved a new version of the [2023-24 General Education Program](#) in November 2022. The General Education Committee is working with departments offering courses in those categories to assure they are aware of, and integrate, the new SLOs.

Current Cortland SUNY GE		Starting Fall 2023-24 Cortland SUNY GE
Basic Communication		Communication - Writing Studies (1 of 2)
		Communication - Writing Studies (2 of 2)
		Communication - Presentation Skills (PRES)
Prejudice and Discrimination (#11)		Diversity: Equity, Inclusion, and Social Justice
Quantitative Skills (#1)		Mathematics (and Quantitative Reasoning)
Natural Sciences (#2)		Natural Sciences (and Scientific Reasoning)
Humanities (#7)		Humanities
Social Sciences (#4)		Social Sciences
The Arts (#8)		The Arts
United States History and Society (#4)		US History and Civic Engagement
Contrasting Cultures (#6)		World History and Global Awareness
Foreign Language (#9)		World Languages
Local SUNY Cortland Requirements that are unchanged and remain in new program		
Science, Technology, Values and Society		Science, Technology, Values and Society
Writing Intensive		Writing Intensive
Foreign Language		Dependent upon degree (e.g., BA)

3. Policy Notes

In addition to the above content changes, there are several policy changes and clarifications of note:

- a. Pending approval via faculty referendum, transfer students with at least 20 incoming credit hours will receive a waiver of the Science, Technology, Values, and Society requirement. The waiver is not applicable to first-year students. This policy is in keeping with current practice.
- b. If a student completes a GE program at another SUNY institution, we consider the SUNY GE fulfilled here.
- c. We will continue to honor any categories fulfilled at another SUNY institution.
- d. GE courses will not need SUNY approval to hold the attribute. Final approval will be made at the campus level
- e. We will have more latitude to accept transfer courses from non-SUNY schools as meeting GE requirements, even if we do not have an equivalent course.
- f. We will have to tag the courses in which we assess Critical Thinking and Reasoning and Information Literacy. We need to be able to report that to SUNY and other campuses.

4. Implementation Notes

An Implementation Team made up of people from a range of offices and members of the GE Committee are working through implementation. Implementation will include:

- a. SUNY is vehement about us holding students harmless meaning that they will not needlessly lose credits or have their progress toward degree affected by our transition.
- b. An updated DegreeWork block for General Education and reflection of local GE
- c. Support materials for advisors
- d. Many courses will have attributes for the prior GE and the new GE, since we will have students in both for several years. The Banner codes for the new GE program are:

Starting fall 2023-24 Cortland SUNY GE	Attribute Code in Banner System
Communication - Writing Studies (1 of 2)	GEC1
Communication - Writing Studies (2 of 2)	GEC2
Communication - Presentation Skills (PRES)	GECP
Diversity: Equity, Inclusion, and Social Justice	GEDI
Mathematics (and Quantitative Reasoning)	GEMA
Natural Sciences (and Scientific Reasoning)	GENS
Humanities	GEHU
Social Sciences	GESS
The Arts	GEAR
US History and Civic Engagement	GEUS
World History and Global Awareness	GEWH
World Languages	GEWL
Science, Technology, Values and Society	GEST
Writing Intensive	WI

5. If you teach in a GE Category

- a. Please review the revised learning outcomes located on the [GE website](#)
- b. Be sure to include the revised learning outcomes and the updated GE category name (if applicable) on your course syllabus
- c. Check in with your department chair to check the status of courses being reviewed in The Arts, World History & Global Awareness (formerly Contrasting Cultures), or Diversity (formerly Prejudice and Discrimination)
- d. As always, you may be chosen to participate in a GE Assessment for your category

Don't forget

✓ Update course GE Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) and updated GE category name in course syllabi. Revised GE SLOs and category names can be found on the [GE website](#).

✓ If you have any questions and/or want to enter the free and fabulous GE raffle, select this [link](#) by March 30, 2023.