

TO: Genevieve Birren (Chair, Faculty Senate)

FROM: Dan Radus (Interim Chair, General Education Committee)

DATE: 2 February 2023

RE: Clarification to Approved Revision of General Education Framework

On 9 November 2021, SUNY established an updated General Education (GE) Framework applicable to all students pursuing a SUNY undergraduate degree. In response, the General Education Committee presented the Faculty Senate with several options for an updated GE framework. On 13 May 2022, the Academic and Professional Faculty voted in a referendum to approve one of the options.

In the course of a regular review of this approved framework, the General Education Committee became aware of a minor, unintentional error in the framework. The error concerns the credit threshold at which an incoming transfer student may receive a waiver to fulfill the Cortland-only GE category “Science, Technology, Values, and Society.” The error introduces undue ambiguity and departs from existing policies.

The General Education Committee has decided to amend the approved framework to correct this error. The correction aligns the framework with existing policy and introduces no change from current practice. This memo serves as notification to the Faculty Senate of this correction.

Please see attached the relevant portion of the General Education Framework approved on 13 May 2022. The error has been struck, and the corrected sentence has been included in red.

General Education Framework
Approved by Referendum on 13 May 2022

Transfer and General Education

For information on transfer policies related to General Education, including course work and waivers, see Transfer Credit Policies and Evaluation under [Academic Policies](#).

Any approved SUNY GE course taken at another SUNY college will be accepted into the related Cortland GE category. Students who have completed the GE requirements in full at another SUNY college will not have to complete further coursework. Students who have not completed the SUNY GE requirements in full at another SUNY college must meet the SUNY Cortland learning outcomes of these categories to receive GE credits (e.g., four credits of natural sciences).

Courses from non-SUNY institutions and courses for the Cortland category Science, Technology, Values and Society, also may be transferred, providing that they meet the learning outcomes of these categories.

Science, Technology, Values and Society is a SUNY Cortland GE category, and will not transfer as GE credit hours to another college.

~~Transfer students may be granted up to **one** waiver that can be applied toward meeting the Science, Technology, Values and Society requirement.~~ **Transfer students entering Cortland with 20 or more credit hours will receive one waiver that will be applied toward meeting the Science, Technology, Values, and Society requirement.**