

General Education Proposal to Standardize Approval Procedures

Currently, the approval of courses for General Education goes through the General Education Committee at GBC. The GBC bylaws state that this approval should be carried out "in consultation with relevant departments." This direction is a little bit vague and can lead to confusion. To ensure and standardize that consultation process, we propose that specific departments are recognized as overseers of their relevant General Education outcomes, and that before a course or course substitution comes before General Education it is approved by the overseeing department. As part of their oversight duties, these departments will also be involved in the Academic Standards Committee's yearly assessment reports. Like the recently approved embedment process, this would streamline the process and ensure that content experts are able to maintain high standards across the General Education grid.

We propose the following oversight structure:

Arts and Letters would oversee
Objectives A:1-4, "Communications and Expressions"
and Objective C: 3, "Humanities"

Math would oversee
Objective B:1, "Mathematical Reasoning"

Science would oversee
Objectives B:2&3, "Scientific Reasoning" and "Scientific Data Interpretation"

Social Sciences would oversee
Objectives C:1&2, "Structure of Societies" and "American Constitutions and Institutions"

COT would oversee
Objective D:1, "Technological Proficiency"