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General Education



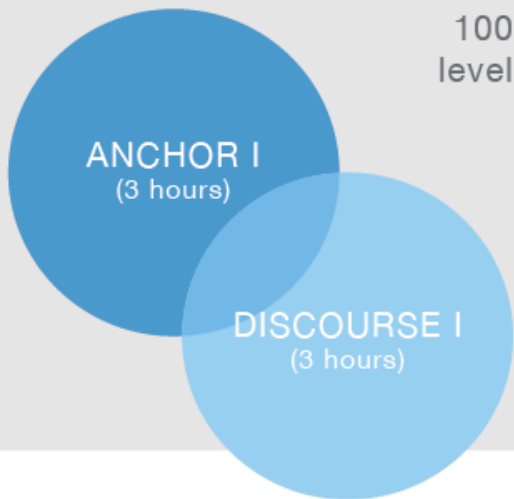
What is General Education?

- *Is intended to impart common knowledge and intellectual concepts to students and to develop in them the skills and attitudes that an organization's faculty believe every educated person should possess.* (Higher Learning Commission, 2003)
- Prepares students for the challenges of the 21st century



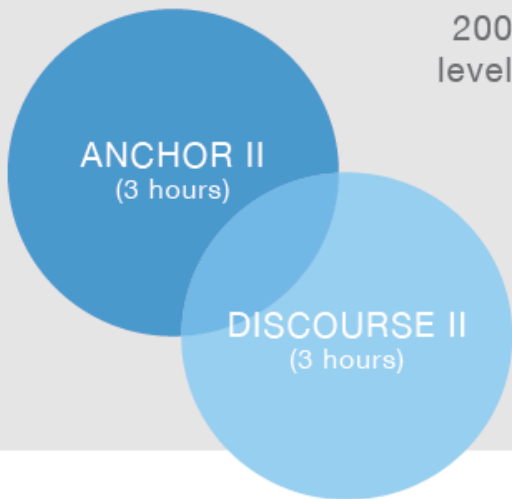
Reasoning and Values

100
level



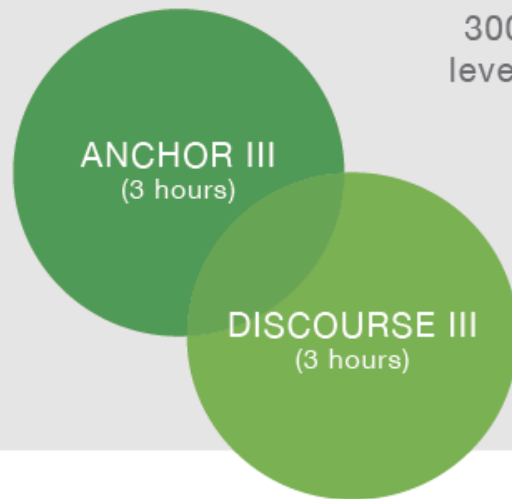
Culture and Diversity

200
level



Civic/Community Engagement

300
level



Arts and Humanities

Scientific Reasoning and Quantitative Analysis

Human Actions, Values and Ethics

Elective

FOCUS
A
(3 hours)

FOCUS
B
(3 hours)

FOCUS
C
(3 hours)

FOCUS
ELECTIVE
(3 hours)

Provost Charge for General Education 2.0 Task Force

General Education 2.0 Task Force will:

- Review and redesign GE Program to
 - Meet HLC and MO HB 2651
- Clearly articulated focus on skills, knowledge and values UMKC students should demonstrate at the conclusion of their studies to demonstrate competence as individual citizens, professionals, and community leaders.
- Task Force Charge available on website



Provost Charge for General Education 2.0 Task Force

General Education 2.0 program will:

- Be driven by clearly stated and measurable student learning outcomes that articulate essential competencies
- Retain elements of the current curriculum that are demonstrated to be positive experiences for undergraduate students and that support student success (persistence and completion)
- At minimum, meet all appropriate accreditor (HLC) and regulatory requirements (state).



Higher Learning Commission Requirements

1. Identify learning outcomes for Gen Ed program
2. Map these outcomes to courses/experiences
3. Align program curricula as needed
4. Identify approaches to assess achievement of learning outcomes
5. Document student achievement of learning outcomes
6. Analyze samples of student work to identify programmatic weaknesses



Higher Learning Commission Requirements

7. Analyze student feedback to identify any programmatic weaknesses
8. Document programmatic reaction to any identified weaknesses
9. Explain programmatic modifications to address problems
10. Analyze effects of programmatic modifications



- **August 2016**
 - 45-member Task Force convened
 - Retreat August 10
- **September 2016- present**
 - Bi-weekly meetings (1st and 3rd Wednesdays)
- **May 2016**
 - Recommendation to the Provost
 - Program Mission and SLOs, governance structure, assessment plan, budgetary considerations, transition and implementation plan



- **Understanding of General Education**
 - Existing Program
 - National Trends
 - Exemplary Programs
 - HLC and CBHE Requirements
- **Development of Program Mission**
 - End Goal to Guide all Aspects of Program
- **Development of Curricular Goal Areas and Goal Statements**
 - To further refine as SLOs



The General Education 2.0 Task Force, the representative body charged by Provost Bichelmeyer with redesigning general education, is asking faculty senate, as the representative body of the faculty, to review the general education program mission statement and learning goal statements, provide comment and a vote of endorsement as a package that is a recommendation for the Provost's consideration and final decision.





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General Education 2.0 Task Force Motion to the Faculty Senate

The General Education 2.0 Task Force, is submitting the following motion for consideration –

"Upon recommendation from the General Education 2.0 Task Force, the UMKC Faculty Senate endorses the proposed general education program mission statement and learning goal statements and submits them as a recommendation for the Provost's consideration and final decision."





General Education 2.0 Task Force Proposed Mission Statement

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Through UMKC's General Education Program, you will discover that learning stretches from your classroom to the labs, archives, and studios located on our campus, into the Kansas City community, across the nation, and around the globe. As a student, you will build your communication and critical thinking skills, hone your creative abilities, and tackle challenging problems by exploring varied disciplines. The General Education Program will prepare you for the dynamic, diverse world that needs your contributions as an informed citizen and in complex workplaces.



- **Communication**
- **Quantitative Analysis**
- **Culture and Diversity**
- **Critical Thinking and Analytical Reasoning**
- **Social and Civic Responsibility/ Civic and Urban Engagement**



General Education 2.0 Task Force Proposed Goal Statement Areas

- **Communication**
- UMKC students will plan, prepare, and present effective oral presentations and written texts, engage audiences using a variety of media, employ active listening techniques, and comprehend and analyze information transmitted orally and in writing.



- **Quantitative Analysis**
- UMKC students will produce, interpret, and present quantitative information.



General Education 2.0 Task Force Proposed Goal Statements

- **Culture and Diversity**
- UMKC students will draw on a variety of disciplines to examine the factors defining cultural identities, to examine complexities of human cultures, past and present, and to come to an informed sense of self and others.



General Education 2.0 Task Force Proposed Goal Statements

- **Critical Thinking and Analytical Reasoning**
- UMKC students will explore problems from multiple perspectives and draw upon evidence-based analyses to generate possible solutions.



General Education 2.0 Task Force Proposed Goal Statements

- **Social and Civic Responsibility/ Civic and Urban Engagement**
- Students will explore the role of socially responsible citizens and leaders in a democratic society and contribute towards the betterment of the community





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- **Questions and Comments**





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Friendly Amendment, new mission statement



General Education 2.0 Task Force

Proposed Mission, Vision, & Objective

- **Mission:** As you engage in UMKC's General Education Program, you will build your communication and critical thinking skills, hone your creative abilities, and tackle challenging problems by exploring varied disciplines.
- **Vision:** The General Education Program will prepare you for the dynamic, diverse world that needs your contributions as both an informed citizen and in complex workplaces.
- **Objective:** Through the General Education Program, you will discover that learning stretches from your classroom to the labs, archives, and studios located on our campus, into the Kansas City community, across the nation, and around the globe.



Important Websites for Faculty

Provost Website

↳ Committees or Initiatives

↳ General Education Advisory Task Force

[http://www.umkc.edu/provost/committees/
general-education-advisory-task-force/default.asp](http://www.umkc.edu/provost/committees/general-education-advisory-task-force/default.asp)

AAC&U Repository of Additional Resources

[http://www.aacu.org/resources/generaleducation/index.
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