



# General Education Transformation

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What are we  
trying to  
achieve?

- **General Education Opportunities:**
  - Perception of General Education by our students
  - Distinctiveness for our graduates
  - Strategic Plan to Take Charge of our Future
  - BOT resolutions



## Current General Education (13 courses)

**”To become more well-rounded members of the community”**

- **Natural Science (2 courses at least one has a lab component)**
- **Arts and Humanities (2 courses)**
- **Social Sciences (2 courses)**
- **Social and Personal Awareness (2 courses)**
- **Capstone (1 course)**
- **English (2 courses)**
- **Math/Logic (1 course)**
- **Public Speaking (1 course)**



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## Ohio Transfer 36 Minimums:

- 3 hr: English Composition
  - 1 course
- 3 hr: Mathematics, Statistics, and Logic
  - 1 course
- 6 hr: Arts and Humanities
  - 2 courses from two different disciplines
- 6 hr: Social and Behavioral Sciences
  - 2 courses from two different disciplines
- 6 hr: Natural Science
  - 2 courses (at least 1 has a lab component)
- 4 additional courses from any of above categories



## Proposal #1

- **Follow the State model**
  - Ohio Transfer 36 alignment
  - Greater flexibility for our students
  - Reduces unnecessary courses (took one domain now need to take another)



## Proposal #2

- **Convert the State General Education requirements into a certificate(s) that will appear on a student's transcript**



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- 1 English Composition
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## Category A

- Set courses (2 courses plus one lab)
  - One English composition
  - One Mathematics, Statistics, or Logic
  - One Natural Science lab (**lab only**)



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## Category B

### Certificate Topic: Leadership



Potential  
Example

- Social and Behavioral Science #1
- Social and Behavioral Science #2
- Arts and Humanities #1
- Arts and Humanities #2
- Natural Science (course portion only)

**EACH COURSE WILL HAVE SKILLS AND/OR ATTRIBUTES RELATED TO THE CERTIFICATE**

**Every student graduating from YSU will, at minimum, have one major and at least one certificate on their transcript**



## Certificates

- A maximum of ten (10) Certificate Categories will be developed through committee work and approved by Academic Senate
- Certificates will be multi-disciplinary sets of 5 courses (course options within each type)
- Certificate categories will be based on UWLO passed by Academic Senate



## Courses

- All current courses in the General Education program will be required to resubmit
- **ALL COURSES WILL BE LOWER DIVISION COURSES**
  - No prerequisites (some exceptions)
  - Courses will be required to fall under one of the approved certificates developed by the Senate Committee
- Per OAA, there will be a maximum number of courses in the General Education curriculum
- Courses will be reviewed on an annual basis

**ABILITY TO BE FLEXIBLE AND NIMBLE IS KEY FOR DISTINCTION!!**





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## CATEGORY C: "CHOICES"

**One Natural Science course plus  
Four additional General Education  
approved courses that are one of the  
following:**

- **Required for a particular major**
- **Are transferred in to YSU**
- **Complete a second certificate**
  - **Another Certificate from  
Category B**
- **Possibly a science certificate?**



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Proposed  
Transformative  
Model  
(12 courses)

- **CATEGORY A: Set courses (2 courses plus one lab)**
  - One English composition
  - One Mathematics, Statistics, or Logic
  - One Natural Science lab (lab portion of one of other NS courses)
- **CATEGORY B: CERTIFICATE (5 courses) Includes some combination of**
  - One Natural Science
  - Two Social and Behavioral Sciences
  - Two Arts and Humanities
- **CATEGORY C: CHOICES (5 courses)**
  - One Natural Science course plus Four additional General Education approved courses that are one of the following:
    - Required for a particular major
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# Timeline

- December 2022
  - 2 to 3 “Town Hall” type meetings
- Friday, February 17, 2023
  - General Education committee names certificates
- Friday, March 31, 2023
  - General Education committee receives course proposals for certificates
- Wednesday, April 26, 2023
  - General Education committee presents certificates and proposals to the Senate
- Fall 2023/Spring 2024
  - Senate course approvals/catalog changes
- Fall 2024 – New General Education is in place
  - Can be a gradual rollout!



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