



GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE FOR ASSESSMENT AND POLICY  
GENERAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM COMMITTEE  
GENERAL EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Whereas on April, 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020, NJCU's University Senate voted to revise the General Education Program by 1) reducing the credit requirements by nine to ensure that all students can complete the program without any waivers, substitutions, or special adjustments, and 2) replacing the requirement that students take two courses in each mode of inquiry with the requirement that students take two courses in each student learning outcome;

Whereas students entering NJCU in fall 2021 are following these revised requirements;

Whereas the number of courses offered in the Written Communication and Critical Thinking learning outcome greatly outnumber the number of courses in the remaining four learning outcomes;

Whereas failing to provide sufficient courses in each learning outcome will impede our students' ability to satisfy the revised requirements;

Whereas existing processes to propose revisions to courses are insufficient to ensure an adequate balance of learning outcomes by AY22-23;

Whereas any significant changes to the General Education Program should only be made upon completion of the systematic program review that will be conducted beginning spring 2023:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that:

1. There will exist a one-time fast-track process to change the learning outcomes of courses that meet all of the following conditions:
  - a. The course is currently an approved General Education course.
  - b. The course is currently scheduled for AY22-23.
  - c. The course currently has Written Communication and/or Critical Thinking as the learning outcome.
2. Departments may use this fast-track process to propose changes for up to **three** courses meeting these requirements.
3. The approval path of this fast-track process is as follows:
  - a. A faculty member proposes changes to a course.
  - b. The Department Curriculum Committee reviews and approves those changes
  - c. The Department Chair forwards all proposed changes to the General Education Curriculum Committee for their review and approval with a copy to the Department's Dean,
  - d. GECC forwards approved changes to the Provost's Office for their review and uploading to relevant databases.
4. All proposals to change courses must reach GECC by December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
  - a. GECC aims to make final decisions and submit them to the Provost's Office in sufficient time for the revisions to be published in the AY22-23 catalog.
  - b. GECC will report its work at the Senate's February meeting.
5. All approved changes will be effective from fall 2022.
6. Any approved changes will be permanent.
7. The document 'Fast Track Application' will be completed and returned by email to GECC at [GECC@njcu.edu](mailto:GECC@njcu.edu).
8. This process supersedes and takes precedent over any request to change the learning outcomes of a General Education course scheduled for AY22-23 with the WC and/or CT learning outcome that was initiated before this fast-track process was created. The

Provost's Office will cancel up to three of these pre-existing requests per department to allow a department avail of this fast-track process.

9. This fast-track process will cease to exist once this process of modifying the AY22-23 General Education courses is completed.

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