

Proposal on General Education Sequence Substitutions/Courses

Currently, advanced introductory science classes (like BIO 111, 112, and 115) can only be taken as a sequence for General Education purposes. A student who takes only one of them cannot count that single class for GE. This creates problems for some students and programs. For example:

- The Social Work program wishes to recommend that its majors take BIO 111 as one of their GE science classes, since the course addresses human biology in more focused a way than other GE science courses do. This would benefit Social Work majors, but it is not allowed under a strict interpretation of the current General Education rules.
- Students who transfer from one college to another (e.g. Science and Mathematics to Liberal Arts) may not count their BIO 111 course toward GE if the sequence is not complete. However, the student who transfers from Sinclair with an equivalent course will have it counted, according to current GE rules.

The following note, to be inserted into the appropriate section of the GE program description, would correct this:

"Sequence substitutions" in the natural sciences must be taken as complete sequences by students whose majors require them. However, after the completion of any course prerequisites and subject to the approval of their college or department, other students may take any approved GE science course to count for GE credit. In cases where students transfer from one college to another, the new college may approve such classes for GE credit after their completion.

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