

GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM COMPLETION POLICY

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro

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1. Purpose

In fall 2021, UNCG implemented a new general education program, Minerva's Academic Curriculum (MAC). All students enrolled under the 2021-2022 UNCG Catalog or later are required to complete the MAC as part of their undergraduate degree. All students enrolled under an earlier catalog are required to complete the previous general education program: General Education Curriculum (GEC).

UNCG plans to officially "sunset" GEC, effective June 2024.

To assist students who remain enrolled on a 2020-2021 UNCG catalog or earlier, this policy will outline the requirements students must fulfill to be considered general education complete and is intended to support a "teach out" strategy as required by SACSCOC. This policy will provide a mechanism for students to fulfill the requirements of the General Education Curriculum in a timely manner.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all undergraduate students at UNCG who remain enrolled under catalogs between 2001-2002 and 2020-2021, in which students were required to complete the General Education Curriculum (GEC).

3. Definitions and Roles and Responsibilities

Definitions

3.1.1 General Education program

Refers to the general education program that was in place from between Fall 2001-Summer 2021.

3.1.2 Minerva's Academic Curriculum (MAC)

Is UNCG's current general education program, which was approved by Faculty Senate in October of 2019 and began in Fall 2021.

3.1.3 University Catalog

Is an official University publication describing academic programs, student services, general regulations, requirements and procedures. The catalog of the University is the document of authority for all students as it relates to academic programs.

3.1.4 Degree Works evaluation

Is a guide to help create an educational plan and track of all the student's degree requirements for graduation.

3.1.5 General Education Council (GEC) categories

Ensure a breadth of knowledge and are found at the 100-, 200-, and 300-level. The GEC program includes 8 categories and 4 markers. Markers are excluded from this policy.

The categories are:

GFA Fine Arts

GHP Historical Perspectives

GLT Literature

GMT Mathematics

GNS Natural Sciences

GPR Philosophical/Religious/Ethical Perspectives

GRD Reasoning and Discourse

GSB Social and Behavioral Sciences

3.2 Roles and Responsibilities

3.2.1 General Education Council

Is charged with the review and recommendation of changes to General Education policy, ongoing review and maintenance of the General Education Program goals and outcomes, assessment of student achievement of those goals and outcomes, oversight of the Program requirements, and the approval of requests for General Education designations.

3.2.2 MAC Implementation Committee

Is charged with the development and oversight of the procedures document associated with the General Education Completion policy.

3.2.3 Office of the University Registrar

Is responsible for implementing the process established by the MAC Implementation Committee and approved by the General Education Council.

4. Policy

The GEC completion policy will apply to students who remain on catalogs between 2001-2002 and 2020-2021 and have completed the following general education requirements as outlined in their Degree Works evaluation:

- have earned a minimum of 30 hours in general education courses,

- have taken general education courses that span a minimum of 6 GEC categories, AND
- have earned credit for a minimum of 1 course with a GMT (GEC) or Quantitative Reasoning (MAC) designation.

When the above criteria are met, a student has fulfilled the requirements of GEC and no additional coursework will be required. This designation will be reflected on the student's Degree Works evaluation.

Students who believe they have met these requirements may request a review of their transcript through the steps outlined on the accompanying procedures document.

Detailed steps for policy implementation are explained in a separate procedures document as discussed in the University Policy Development and Review Guidelines.

5. Compliance and Enforcement

The University Registrar is responsible for enforcing the policy.

6. Additional Information

Supporting Documents

- [Accompanying Procedure](#)

Related Policies

[Student Catalog Year Policy](#)

Resources

<https://mac.uncg.edu/>

Approval Authority

- Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor

Contacts for Additional Information and Reporting

- Responsible Executive: Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor
- Responsible Administrator: Associate Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Dean of Undergraduate Studies
- Additional Contacts: Associate Vice Provost and Director of the Office of Assessment, Accreditation, and Academic Program Planning