

Proposal for Revisions to Solano Community College Local General Education Degree (Formerly Option A)

These are the details of the key revisions approved by the Curriculum Committee on December 7, 2021.

- **Reduction of credits Areas A-F from 21 to 18:** The current version requires 21 units – an extra 3 units in Rationality. Title 5 only mandates 18, and this change not only makes the degree easier to complete within a reasonable time frame, it simplifies the selection options. Each area would now require 3 units.
- **Addition of Courses from the CSU and IGETC GE pattern:** There are many courses that are approved for transfer degrees to these state systems that are not in our local GE. Adding them would not only increase options, but would give students who might decide to pursue a transfer degree in the future the option to select courses that would work for those degrees.
- **Removal of courses that have a prerequisite that is also listed in that area:** Since students only need 3 units in each area, courses that follow the pre-req could not be counted towards the GE requirement. These courses could, of course apply to a student’s major or electives!
- **Removal of courses that faculty have told us are no longer offered:** As faculty have learned about the degree proposal and examined draft versions, they have let us know about courses that are no longer in the catalog and we have removed them as we learn about them. This is a change that should be made regardless, to ensure students are not misled into thinking they can use a course that is not available.
- **Allowance for students to double count courses in their major and for an area requirement:** In the current version, students may not use a course within their major to satisfy a GE area. Since it is very possible that this limitation could add time or credits to a degree, we have removed it.
- **Process for faculty to request addition of courses to Area A-F. (Previously approved.)**
- **For now, we will make no changes to Area G (local requirements):** We have discussed various options but the task force is unable to come to a consensus on this area. We plan to revisit this soon.

Here is a “key” for looking at the color coding and markings in the draft:

- **No color:** These are courses in the local GE already
- **Red:** These courses are already in the CSU GE
- **Blue:** These courses are already in the UC (IGETC) GE
- **Purple:** These courses are in both CSU and IGETC but not in the current version of the Solano degree