

# PROJECT 2024

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## Streamlining General Education Requirements

In Year 1 and 2 discussions about how to do what we do better, students and faculty sought ways to reduce or to streamline general education requirements. Students in scaffolded majors or in majors requiring a larger number of credits find it hard to fit everything into their schedules. They end up with little choice about which classes to take to fulfill the requirements. And, in some cases, they end up with very few “open blocks”.

In translating what we heard into proposals, we discussed less restrictive gen ed options. But we decided to make enhancing interdisciplinary learning and adding more multi-block opportunities to the curriculum the priorities. To that end, we’re hoping to gain approval to pilot a liberal learning program as an alternative gen ed option. It would include a limited number of students on application.

We would also like to see us **streamline the current requirements to give all students greater flexibility and agency**. We propose allowing students to “double count” classes that fill more than one category. A course with Equity and Power and another liberal learning designation already counts for both categories. So does a CC100 course with a Learning Across the Liberal Arts designation. Why not let a class which qualifies in two of the liberal arts categories count for both? That could reduce the number of required Gen Ed units from 12 to 8.

Here are some examples:

#1

Learning Across the Liberal Arts: 6 units

1. Filled by CC100

2 and 3. Filled by one Learning Across the Liberal Arts

4 and 5. Filled by one Learning Across the Liberal Arts

6. Filled by one class

Equity and Power: 2 units

CC 120: 1 unit

Language: 2 units

Total: 9 units

#2

Learning Across the Liberal Arts: 6 units

1. Filled by CC 100

2. 1 unit + 1 unit of Equity and Power

3. 1 unit + 1 unit of Equity and Power

4 and 5: Filled by one class

6. Filled by one class.

CC 120

Language: 2 units

Total 8 units

Current Gen Ed

CC100

CC120

2 Equity and Power

6 Learning Across the Liberal Arts

2 Language

Total 12 units

Moving from a 9 to an 8 unit minimum is not a big change, but allowing more courses to fill the Learning Across the Liberal Arts requirements gives students greater flexibility in scheduling.

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