

# **Update from GE Review Committee**

**Academic Senate**

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**Dr. Erik Woodbury, President**

# Committee Charge

- Review General Education Philosophy and Make Recommendations on Changes as Needed
- Review General Education Criteria and Make Recommendations on Changes as Needed
- Develop Criteria for Locally Defined GE Areas
- Review Current Policies and Practices of the Curriculum Committee as they Relate to General Education and Develop Recommendations on Changes as Needed
- Review and Report on Current Efforts to Support and Review the Integration of GE Elements Present in the Course Outline of Record into Classroom Teaching and Make Recommendations on Changes as Needed

# Committee Members

- Erik Woodbury (Co-Chair)
- Bob Singh (Co-Chair)
- Flora Payne
- Cheryl Balm
- Megan Brophy
- Cynthia Kaufman
- Danielle Altman
- Sherwin Mendoza
- Sonia Nelson
- Christa Steiner
- Tracy Chang
- Lauren Hartono

The Committee meets roughly every other week.



# Progress

- The Committee has been working on revising the overall GE philosophy statement as well as the area philosophies

General Education (GE) at De Anza College provides students with experiences in disciplines both within and outside the students' chosen field of study. GE at De Anza has been designed to impart both breadth and depth in multiple disciplines, thereby resulting in a well-rounded, multi-dimensional education. Students graduating with an associate's degree from De Anza College will complete GE requirements. This serves to educate students to be intellectually curious critical thinkers and problem solvers as well as individuals who are aware of the importance of maintaining lifelong physical and mental wellness. In addition, the De Anza GE curriculum encourages students to be culturally and socially engaged members of their communities who possess a multicultural awareness and sensitivity to diversity.

The GE philosophy is closely related to the [De Anza College Mission Statement](#) and the [Institutional Core Competencies](#). The seven major focus areas of General education at De Anza College are: 1) communication, expression, critical thinking, and information literacy, 2) mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning, 3) arts and humanities, 4) social and behavioral sciences, and 5) natural sciences, 6) ethnic studies, and 7) physical/mental wellness and personal development.

- Area philosophies are nearing completion and should be complete by the next update
- The committee is also working on the GE criteria, both general and area-specific. More details should be available at the next update as well.