STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Action Item
January 15, 2025

SUBJECT: Approval of the General Education Course Review and Reform

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Sections 1007.55 and 1007.25, F.S.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

First annual review and consideration for approval of each Florida College System Institution's General Education courses as outlined in Chapter 2023-82, Laws of Florida. Each college's list is submitted to the State Board of Education after approval by its District Board of Trustees.

Senate Bill 266 (2023) modified section 1007.25, Florida Statutes (F.S), and created section 1007.55, F.S., to require revisions to the general education course options based on new principles for general education and standards for each of the five subject discipline areas: communication, mathematics, social sciences, humanities, and natural sciences. The new requirements for general education courses aim to:

- Ensure that every undergraduate student of a Florida public postsecondary educational institution graduates as an informed citizen through participation in rigorous general education courses that promote and preserve the constitutional republic through traditional, historically accurate, and high-quality coursework, and
- Provide broad foundational knowledge to help students develop intellectual skills and habits that enable them to become more effective and lifelong learners.

To meet the new statutory requirements for all general education courses, the Office of Articulation facilitated the review of all General Education course options with the Division of Florida Colleges and the Office of the Board of Governors for the 40 public postsecondary institutions throughout the state. This included the collection of lists of general education course offerings for those institutions that will be effective with the start of the Fall semester 2025.

Supporting Documentation Included: Master General Education List; Florida College System Institutions' 2025-26 General Education Courses; and Certification Forms (under separate cover)

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