

General Education Town Hall

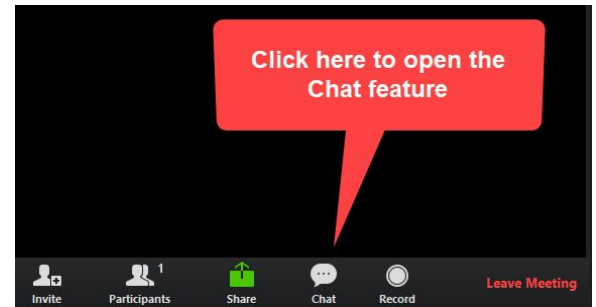
A Campus Conversation

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Today's Goals

- GE 101 - The Basics of GE @ SJSU
- Timeline of GE Developments
- Where we are today
- GE Program-level assessment
- Local excellence in GE assessment
- Department experiences
- Resources



To maximize your input, make free use of the chat.
We will save the chat.

General Education @SJSU



Our Mission

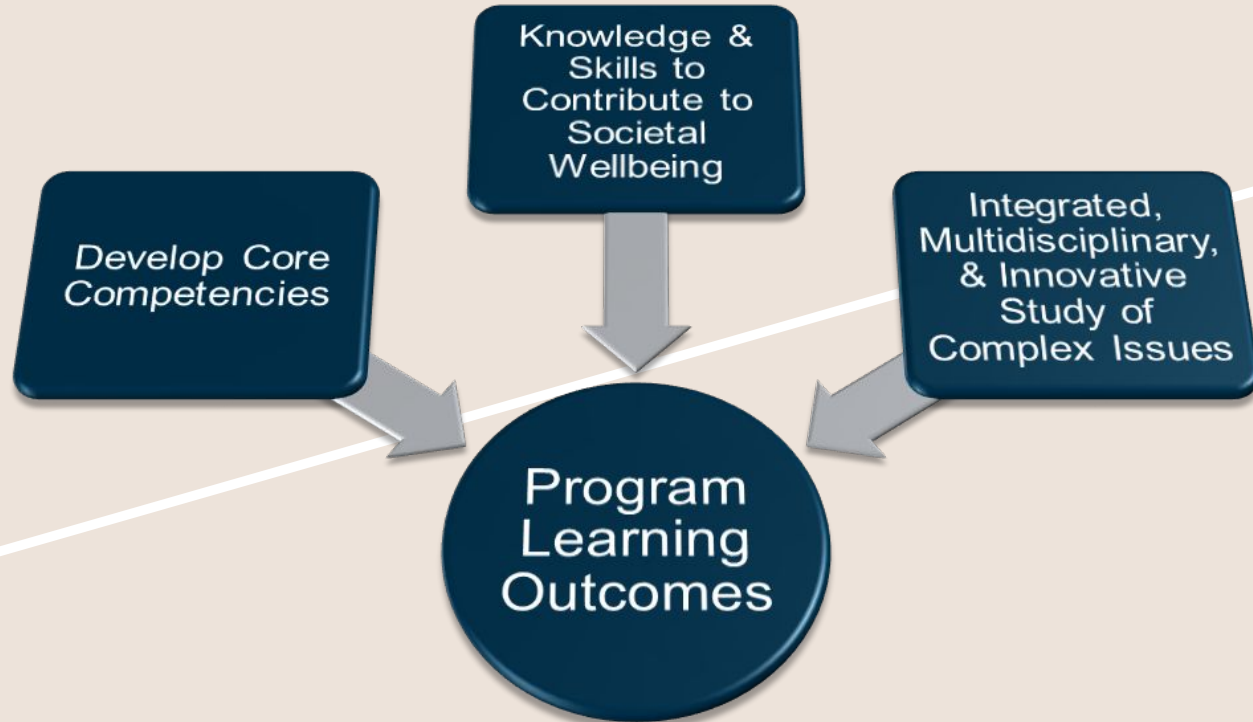
Strategic Planning



WSCUC Standards

Transforming Students and Communities

The GE program helps build the foundation for life-long learning and career-enhancing skills



The CSU General Education Program: 48 units

Core GE (Lower Division): 39 units

Area A:
English Language
Communication & Critical
Thinking (9 units)

A1: Oral Communication
A2: Written Communication
A3: Critical Thinking & Writing

Area B:
Scientific Inquiry &
Quantitative
Reasoning (9 units)

B1: Physical Science
B2: Life Science
B3: Lab in B1 or B2
B4: Mathematics/Quantitative
Reasoning

Area C:
Arts & Humanities
(9 units)

C1: Arts
C2: Humanities
Additional C1 or C2 course

Area D:
Social Sciences
(6 units)

Area E:
Human Understanding
& Development
(3 units)

Area F:
Ethnic Studies
(3 units)

Upper Division GE (SJSU Studies): 9 units

Area R:
Earth, Environment &
Sustainability (3 units)

Area S:
Self, Society & Equality
in the U.S.
(3 units)

Area V:
Cultures & Global
Understanding
(3 units)

General Education Timeline @SJSU



GE Program Self Study & External Review

GE assessed through the program planning process for first time.

2018

GE Task Force & GE Summits

Developed program goals & measurable area learning outcomes

Ongoing Community Engagement

Developing and piloting rubrics and processes

2021-22

2017

2019-20

2022-23

GE Program Action Plan

Identifies 5 main ways to increase cohesion & effectiveness of GE Program

Updated GE Guidelines

Created based on extensive feedback, approved in May 2022

SJSU GE Program Learning Outcomes

Goal 1: To develop students' core competencies for academic, personal, creative, and professional pursuits.

PLO 1. Oral Communication

PLO 2. Written Communication

PLO 3. Critical Thinking

PLO 4. Quantitative Reasoning

PLO 5. Information Literacy

Goal 2: To enact the university's commitment to diversity, inclusion, and justice by ensuring that students have the knowledge and skills to serve and contribute to the well-being of local and global communities and the environment.

PLO 6. Diversity, Inclusion, and Justice

PLO 7. Civic and Global Engagement

Goal 3: To offer students integrated, multidisciplinary, and innovative study in which they pose challenging questions, address complex issues, and develop cooperative and creative responses.

PLO 8. Integration and Application

PLO 9. Reflection and Self-Assessment

GE Areas mapped to GE Program Learning Outcomes

	PLO1 Oral Communi- cation	PLO2 Written Communi- cation	PLO3 Critical Thinking	PLO4 Quantitative Reasoning	PLO5 Information Literacy	PLO6 Diversity, Inclusion & Justice	PLO7 Civic & Global Engagement	PLO8 Integration & Application	PLO9 Reflection & Self-Assessment
Area A1	X		X		X	X		X	
Area A2		X	X					X	
Area A3		X	X		X				
Area B1		X	X		X			X	
Area B2		X	X		X			X	
Area B3		X	X		X			X	
Area B4	X	X	X	X				X	
Area C1		X	X		X	X		X	X
Area C2		X	X		X	X		X	X
Area D			X			X	X		
Area E		X	X		X	X			X
Area F			X			X	X	X	
Area R		X	X	X	X		X	X	
Area S	X		X			X		X	X
Area V			X		X		X	X	X
WITD			X		X				
American Institutions			X			X	X		X

GE Today @SJSU: Bird's-eye view

GE Course Recertification

- Each time GE Guidelines are revised, master syllabus reviewed for every GE course in our curriculum
- GE Review Panels (GRPs) engage faculty area experts

GE Course Assessment

- Annual GE Course Assessment Report ***no longer required to be submitted to Undergraduate Education***
- GE ALO rubrics available in Canvas for optional use

GE Program Assessment

- GE Assessment data will now be collected at the ***PLO level***
- GE PLO rubrics in Canvas will be used for assessment

GE PLO Rubrics

- Developed by the SJSU GE faculty community
- Available in Canvas
- Piloting PLO 6 rubric for GE Assessment in Spring 2023

GE Course Recertification

GE Area Course Recertification under 2022 Guidelines

GE course materials submitted to Area-specific GE Review Panel (GRP)

- Annotated syllabus designating assignments that assess GE Area Learning Outcomes (ALOs)
- Sample assignments or prompts for assignments that are used for this assessment (assessment data not required)

GRP reviews submitted materials

- Recommends (a) Recertification or (b) Revision to General Education Advisory Committee (GEAC)
- Provides comments to department
- Kathleen McSharry, Director of GE, available to meet with departments to discuss preparation of materials and/or ways to respond to GRP recommendations

Schedule for GE Area Course Recertification

GE Area(s)	Certification Semester
A1, A2, A3 & stand-alone American Institutions courses	Fall 2022
(B1, B2, B3), B4, R	Spring 2023
C1, C2, V	Fall 2023
D, S, integrated RSV, AMS 1AB and HUM 1AB/2AB	Spring 2024
E, 100W	Fall 2024

GE Course Level Assessment

Course Continuing Certification Process/ Assessment Reflection

Course Level Annual Assessment Reports will no longer be submitted to Undergrad Ed

At the time of program planning (every 7 years), department will submit:

- a. Representative syllabi from last 2 years each GE course has been taught, including sample showcase assignments that demonstrate how the course accomplishes each GE ALO.
- b. Description of the coordination across sections of the course and across years that ensures consistent implementation.
- c. Brief reflection report (2 page max) for the department that includes the following:
 - i. Summary of the **process** of assessment of student learning in GE courses offered by the department, including **what the assessments have revealed** about student learning with respect to GE ALOs.
 - ii. Changes that the department has made to try to improve student success with respect to the GE ALOs; and
 - iii. Future plans for course modifications, if applicable.

GE Program Learning Outcome Rubrics

PLO Assessment Rubrics

[PLO 6 Rubric Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion](#)

[PLO 7 Rubric Civic & Global Engagement](#)

[PLO 8 Rubric Integration & Application](#)

[PLO 9 Rubric Reflection & Self-Assessment](#)

**PLO 1 through PLO 5 rubrics require additional community input before publishing



GE Program Assessment Framework

GE ALOs mapped to PLOs

- Data collected from courses in GE Areas mapped to PLO under review

Assess mastery of PLOs

- Faculty collect data while reviewing student work
- PLO rubrics available in Canvas

Data summarized in Nuventive

- Create dashboards to summarize data
- GE Director will provide ongoing summary reporting to community

Act on Findings

- Town Halls, GE faculty learning communities
- GE Program Planning self study every 7 years

Assessing PLOs: Steps in the GE Assessment Framework

1. Data collected in Canvas for GE PLOs according to a semester schedule
2. Faculty teaching courses in which the assessment data is to be collected asked to identify a significant assignment (10% or more of the grade) that would best represent student achievement of the designated PLO(s) and use the faculty-developed GE PLO rubric(s) found in Canvas.
3. Faculty are asked to assess at least one of the rubric criteria.
4. Assessment of GE PLO is separate from grading.
5. All data collected will be anonymized.
6. GE Director will follow up with faculty learning communities, course coordinators, and focus groups to reflect on what is learned in the assessment process.
7. Departments will submit evidence of participation in PLO assessment when submitting program planning reports

Assessing PLOs: Steps in the GE Assessment Framework

Data collected in Canvas for GE PLOs according to the schedule below.

<u>Term/Year</u>	<u>PLO</u>
Spring 2023	6: Diversity, Inclusion, & Justice
Fall 2023	7: Civic & Global Engagement 9: Reflection & Self Assessment
Spring 2024	1: Oral Communication 8: Integration & Application
Fall 2024	3: Critical Thinking

Resources

GE Program and Assessment Resources

SJSU GE Website

<https://sjsu.edu/general-education/>

- GE information for students and faculty
- Overview of GE requirements
- GE advising info
- Links to GE Guidelines and policies

SJSU Assessment Website

<https://www.sjsu.edu/aie/assessment/index.php>

- Overview of Assessment at SJSU
- Program Assessment
- Co-curricular Assessment
- GE Assessment

SJSU GE Assessment Resources Website

<https://sites.google.com/sjsu.edu/in-st-eff/assessment/ge>

- Description of GE Assessment Process
- GE PLO Assessment Schedule
- GE PLO Assessment Rubrics
- Other assessment resources

What Questions Do You Have?

Faculty Voices

Faculty Voices: Chairs, Coordinators, and Instructors

Chairs' experiences with GE course recertification

Katherine Cushing,
Environmental Studies

Garrick Percival,
Political Science

Course Coordinator perspective

Ryan Skinnell
Director of First-Year
Writing
Area A2 recertification

Proposing a new GE course

Sadhna Diwan
Professor of Social
Work
Areas R and V

Environmental Studies: From Social Issues to Critical Thinking



Join us for our GE Workshops!

Using Canvas to assess GE PLOs

Tuesday, March 21, 2023
12:00-1:00pm

Course Coordinators Best Practices

Friday, April 7, 2023
10:00am-11:30am

Using Canvas to assess GE PLOs

Friday, April 14, 2023
9:00-10:00am

Register for Workshops @ sjsu.edu/general-education

Continue the conversation...

Be a Part of the SJSU GE Faculty Community!

We will be providing opportunities for continued conversation around GE teaching, learning, and assessment. Connect with other GE faculty to share ideas and pedagogy.

If you would like to be on our invitation list, sign up at: www.sjsu.edu/general-education.

In the “About” menu, click on “Faculty Community.”



Thank You For All You Do!