

7 **POLICY RECOMMENDATION**

8 **Adoption of Guidelines for General Education (GE), American**
9 **Institutions (AI), and the Graduation Writing Assessment**
10 **Requirement (GWAR)**

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12 **Rescinds:** S14-5
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14 **Whereas:** The current Guidelines for General Education (GE), American Institutions (AI),
15 and the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR) have not been
16 updated or reviewed since they were approved in 2014; and
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18 **Whereas:** To be compliant with CSU [General Education Breadth Requirements](#) (formerly
19 called EO 1100), Curriculum and Research (C&R) recommended to the
20 Academic Senate changes to Area D and creation of Area F effective Fall 2021
21 that were signed by the president; and
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23 **Whereas:** Those changes allowed C&R to continue gathering feedback and incorporating
24 changes where appropriate through Fall 2021 semester; and
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26 **Whereas:** C&R [consulted extensively](#) over two years with many stakeholders (including
27 hundreds of faculty, advisors, students, administrators, and others via a GE
28 summit, and thirteen forums in Fall 2021 alone); therefore, be it
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30 **Resolved:** That the attached GE Guidelines be adopted effective Fall 2022; and be it further
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32 **Resolved:** That C&R is the body responsible for maintaining, updating, and interpreting the
33 GE Guidelines. C&R shall be authorized to recommend changes to the GE
34 Guidelines as needed. All recommended changes shall be presented on the
35 Consent Calendar to the Academic Senate; and be it further
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37 **Resolved:** That Section VII of University Policy S17-11 (Organization of the Program
38 Planning Process at SJSU) will be revised to reflect modifications to GE Program
39 assessment and continuing certification of GE courses. Annual assessment
40 reports for General Education courses will no longer be collected at the university
41 level beginning in Fall 2022.
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43 **Resolved:** That the General Education Advisory Committee (GEAC), in consultation with the
44 Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, will begin recertification of all courses
45 starting in Fall 2022 and completing all recertifications no later than Fall 2025
46 using ad hoc General Education Review PanelsGRPs in accordance with
47 [University Policy F15-13](#) ; and be it further
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49 **Resolved:** That the General Education, American Institutions and Graduation Writing
50 Assessment Requirements (GWAR) Guidelines shall undergo a full university
51 review with submission of a program planning document that will be initiated by
52 the General Education Advisory Committee beginning in AY 2030/31. Any
53 recommended changes to the GE Guidelines shall be referred to C&R for
54 deliberation.
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56 **Rationale:** In the academic year 2016/17, SJSU's General Education Program was
57 reviewed through the Program Planning Process and an action plan was
58 developed in 2018 to review and update the program learning outcomes and
59 develop more effective processes for assessment. An *ad hoc* committee was
60 created to review and modify the program learning outcomes in the academic
61 year 2018/19. These new learning outcomes were presented to the C&R
62 Committee which, in conjunction with the Academic Senate Office, held two
63 campus-wide General Education Summits in late Fall 2019 and early Spring
64 2020 to gather feedback on the program learning outcomes, the GE Area
65 Learning Outcomes, and many other aspects of our GE Guidelines. These
66 guidelines were also distributed in early Spring 2021 and C&R carefully reviewed
67 all the feedback that was received. Thirteen additional forums were held in Fall
68 2021. This extensive community input was reviewed, summarized, and
69 considered when creating the new GE Guidelines. Based upon consideration of
70 the feedback that has been received by the Curriculum and Research
71 Committee, these updated guidelines incorporate the creation of the new GE
72 Area F (Ethnic Studies) with reduction of Area D to 6 units as well as changes to
73 each GE Area, the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (formerly known
74 as Area Z on our campus), and the American Institutions Graduation
75 Requirements.

76 **Timeline and Implementation:** All undergraduate students entering SJSU Fall 2022 and after
77 will be subject to the 2022 GE Guidelines. According to CSU policy, continuing SJSU students
78 and continuously enrolled California Community College transfer students can opt to adhere to
79 the GE Guidelines aligned with their catalog rights.

80 **Approved:** May 5, 2022

81 **Vote:** 12-0-0

82 **Present:** Richard MocarSKI (seat A), Thalia Anagnos (seat B), Marc d'Alarcao (seat
83 C), Gigi Smith (seat D), Faranak Memarzade (seat E), Cara Maffini (seat

84 F), Katy Kao (seat G). Wei-Chien Lee (seat H), Sharmin Khan (seat I),
85 Brandon White (seat J, chair), Marie Haverfield (seat K), Chloe Cramer
86 (seat L)

87 **Absent:** None

88 **Workload impact:** There will be a temporary increase in workload for (1) faculty to update
89 syllabi and curriculum to bring courses into compliance with the new GE
90 Guidelines, (2) temporarily, faculty to switch from assessing GE ALOs
91 (formerly known as GELOs) to PLOs, (3) the General Education Advisory
92 Committee (GEAC) and ad hoc General Education Review Panels
93 created to help GEAC recertify courses to align with the new guidelines,
94 and (4) staff to make changes to the online catalog, various websites,
95 publications and PeopleSoft.