Grand Valley State University - History of General Education

1963 - 1966 (Quarters)

Foundation:
- 3-6 cr. courses per quarter
- BIO: Foundations of Life
- CHM: Physical Science
- ENG: Lit of Classical World
- HST: Classical World
- PHI: Introduction to Philosophy
- PLS: American Government
- FL: 101, 102: French, German
- PED: Foundations of Physical Fitness

Distribution:
- 2 courses in each area outside the major
- English: 2 courses
- Foreign Language: 2 courses
- Fine Arts: 1 course
- Social Science: 4 courses total
- Mathematical Science: 1
- BA was the only degree offered

1966 - 1973 Quarters

B.S. degree added (simply removed the language requirement)

Distribution halved

1973 - 1980 (Quarters)

Professional: 40/180
- English
- 1 course outside the major
- 2 courses from each division outside the major

General: 55/180
- English
- 1 course outside the major
- 3 courses from each division outside the major

Structured: 70/180
- Yikes! 5 catalog pages to describe it. No student ever chose this option.

1980 - 1987 (Semesters)

English Composition
- 2 SWS courses
- Math 110
- BA cognate
- BS cognate added

One course from each Group, each course must be from a different academic unit.

Other Systems

William James College
(1971 - 1980)

Thomas Jefferson College
(1968 - 1980)

College IV (Kirkhof)
Prior Learning
(1973 - 1980)

Honors Program
(1972 - present)

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1987 – 2000

### General Education Program

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#### Lessons Learned

- Focus on developing critical thinking and problem-solving skills.
- Emphasize interdisciplinary approaches to education.
- Foster an appreciation for the arts and humanities.

#### Challenges and Opportunities

- The shift from a teacher-centered to a student-centered approach.
- The integration of technology into the curriculum.

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#### Courses

- **Diversity**: HUM 101, HUM 102, HUM 103, HUM 104
- **Gender**: SOC 101, SOC 102, SOC 103
- **Environment**: ENV 101, ENV 102, ENV 103
- **Culture**: HUM 105, HUM 106, HUM 107
- **Global**: GEO 101, GEO 102, GEO 103
- **Ethics**: ETH 101, ETH 102, ETH 103

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