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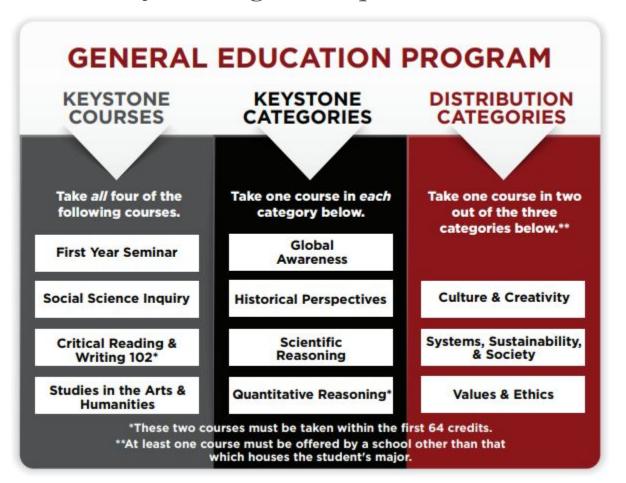
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There Is A Test!

- Raise Your Hand If You Have Taught A General Education Course

- How Many GE Credits Is the RCNJ GE Program?
  - 25-26
  - 35-36
  - 40-41
  - 45-46
  - Don't Know

The RCNJ GE Program Requires 40-41 Credits

GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

KEYSTONE COURSES

Take *all* four of the following courses.

- First Year Seminar
- Social Science Inquiry
- Critical Reading & Writing 102*
- Studies in the Arts & Humanities

KEYSTONE CATEGORIES

Take one course in *each* category below.

- Global Awareness
- Historical Perspectives
- Scientific Reasoning
- Quantitative Reasoning*

DISTRIBUTION CATEGORIES

Take one course in two out of the three categories below.**

- Culture & Creativity
- Systems, Sustainability, & Society
- Values & Ethics

*These two courses must be taken within the first 64 credits.
**At least one course must be offered by a school other than that which houses the student's major.

The Big Picture

- GECCo Reflections and Experience
  - Multiple Years of Data & GECCo Discussions About Issues
- GE - The Comprehensive Academic Plan (CAP) Synergy
  - 1.C.: Update General Education Program, Including Courses, Category Outcomes and Course Alignment Within Each Category To Align With The Vision Of The CAP
  - 1.C.i.: Reevaluate And Update GE Program To Align With The Vision of the CAP

The Big Picture: GECCo Overview

- 2009: Faculty Assembly Created GECCo
- 2016: Faculty Assembly Approved a New GE Program & Revised GECCo's Charge
- GECCo's Current Charge
  - GECCo Is A Standing Committee of FA
  - Providing Faculty-Driven, Holistic Oversight Of The General Education Curriculum
  - Developing And Implementing GE Assessment
  - Advocating For The General Education program

GECCO Cont.

- Membership
  - Directors: FYS, CRWT, SSI and SIAH
  - Coordinators: HP, GA, QR, SR, CC, SSS & VE
  - Other members: Library Rep, At-large reps, and Vice Provost designee
  - Category Assessment Teams (CAT): GECCo Member as Chair & Non-GECCo Team Members

- What Does GECCo Do As Part of Its Charge?
  - Providing Faculty-Driven, Holistic Oversight Of The GE Curriculum
  - Review Course Proposals For Inclusion Within The GE program
  - Directors & Coordinators Collect Assignments From From Faculty Who Teach In Their Respective Categories
  - Assess assignments based on the outcomes and objectives of the category
  - Hold workshops about the GE Program

Another Test!

- How Many Courses Are in the RCNJ GE Program?
  - 100 to 149
  - 150 to 199
  - 200 to 249
  - 250 to 299
  - 300 +
  - Don't Know

- Which Of The Following Categories Has The Most Approved Courses?

  - Global Awareness
  - Historical Perspectives
  - Quantitative Reasoning
  - Scientific Reasoning
  - Social Science Inquiry
  - Cultural & Creativity
  - Systems, Sustainability & Society
  - Values & Ethics

230 Courses In GE Categories (Fall 19 - Spring 24)

GA
69 Courses
400 Sections
20.3 Avg. Enrollment
17.1% Cancelled

HP
22 Courses
219 Sections
28.1 Avg. Enrollment
14.5% Cancelled

QR
8 Courses
274 Sections
27.6 Avg. Enrollment
4.9% Cancelled

SR
17 Courses
436 Sections
23.0 Avg. Enrollment
6.4% Cancelled

CC
53 Courses
295 Sections
18.9 Avg. Enrollment
6.4% Cancelled

SSS
17 Courses
106 Sections
25.9 Avg. Enrollment
5.6% Cancelled

VE
44 Courses
338 Sections
22.7 Avg. Enrollment
5.3% Cancelled

All
230 Courses
2,068 Sections
23.1 Avg. Enrollment
9.52% Cancelled

Partial Direct Assessment Map
(Not All Objectives & Outcomes)

General Education Objectives	FYS	CRWT	SIAH	HP	GA	SSI	QR	SR	CC	VE	SSS
Participate in an engaged, experiential activity that connects the course to real world settings	X 2021-2022		X			X 2021-2022					
Understand diverse communities on local, national, and/or global levels	X 2018-2019 2022-2023			X 2022-2023	X 2022-2023						
Analyze ethical implications of the global distribution of power and resources				X		X 2020-2021 2022-2023				X 2018-2019 2019-2020 2021-2022	X 2021-2022
Question assumptions about individual and group identity				X		X 2020-2021			X 2021-2022	X 2018-2019 2020-2021 2022-2023	
Demonstrate intercultural understanding required to effectively negotiate a diverse global society					X 2019-2020						

Some Recurring GE Issues

- **Issue:** GE Program & Assessment Results May Not Be Widely Known
  - GECCo Will Revise Its Communication Strategy (Including FA Presentations, Workshops & Emails)
- **Issue:** Not Enough Assignments For Assessment
  - Submit Assignments When Asked
  - Submit Appropriate Assignments From GE Courses
- **Issue:** Assignments Unrelated To GE Outcomes And Unmet Targets
  - Review GE Objectives & Outcomes
  - Attend GE Workshops & Meet With Category Coordinators
  - Revise Assignments If Necessary
- **Issue:** Incomplete Curriculum Assessment Teams Delays Assessment
  - Join A CAT
- **Issue:** GE Category Coordinators Vacancies
  - Become A Rep (Or At Large)

Upcoming GE Workshop

March 13, 12-1pm, in SC157

- Meet and Chat with the Directors, Coordinators, and Faculty who teach in the GE program
- Discuss course proposal idea
- Discuss best practices for designing assignments based on category outcomes and objectives
- Please RSVP

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WORSHOP

📍 *Student Center SC157*   🕐 *12:00 - 1:00pm*

**Global Awareness
Histroical Perspectives
Scientific Reasoning
Quantitative Reasoning
Culture and Creativity
Systems, Society, Sustainability
Values and Ethics**

Register for the event:

Meet GECCo
Discuss curriculum, assignments, assessment, course proposal

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- Presentation Feedback Survey - QR Code
  - https://forms.gle/2eZzgMCWnqdc2rbK8