

GECCo Member Vote

2024-2026 terms

The following faculty have volunteered to represent categories in GECCo for a two-year term.

Coordinators:

Historical Perspectives: Tae Kwak

Culture and Creativity: Chris Reali

Values and Ethics: Rebecca Leung

Global Awareness: open, coordinator needed



Changes to One GE Objective

- The wording of an objective: Apply interdisciplinary knowledge and skills to address complex problems.
- Currently worded “disciplinary and interdisciplinary”
- Studies in the Arts & Humanities (SIAH), Quantitative Reasoning (QR), and Scientific Reasoning (SR)
- Rationale: Original language confusing; difficult to assess

Proposed Changes to SSS

- Proposed Title: Social Systems and Society
 - Preserves “SSS” that is the shorthand for title for students, faculty and registration system
- Proposed Category Description (from GECCo manual, taken from GETF II)
 - The course should be at the 100/200/300 level. Note: Courses submitted and approved for inclusion in this Distribution Category will be at the 100, 200, or 300 level. Courses at the 100 level should still build on topics in the Keystone courses (likely SSI). The prereqs, if present, must be in the Keystone courses (First Year Seminar, Studies in the Arts and Humanities, Critical Reading and Writing II, Historical Perspectives, Global Awareness, Scientific Reasoning, Social Science Inquiry, Quantitative Reasoning or Social Science Inquiry).

Why Change SSS?

- Proposed Revisions
 - Clarifies category to reduce student and faculty confusion over what counts for SSS
 - Sustainability is infused throughout the GE
 - Easier and More Equitable Transfer Creates Improved Path to Graduation
 - Continue to Build on Keystone Courses
 - Flexibility to meet student demand
- Rationale: Improving the Student Experience
 - Student (and faculty) confusion over what fulfills SSS versus sustainability courses in other categories (World Sustainability in Global Awareness and others)
 - GE Substitution Requests
 - Potential & Actual Misadvisement
 - Problems for transfer students & equity issues
 - Systems, Sustainability & Society (SSS) continues to be underpopulated and not meeting student needs for courses