Guidelines for Getting Courses Approved for Ohlone General Education Plan A

What is GE Plan A?
General Education (GE) Plan A is Ohlone College’s local general education pattern. Each GE Plan A area has its own definition based on Title 5 requirements as well as local considerations. Ohlone faculty developed the definitions and Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) for each GE Plan A area.

What are the GE Plan A Areas?
There are seven GE Plan A areas; some have subcategories:

I. Natural Sciences
II. Social and Behavioral Sciences
III. Fine Arts and Humanities
   A. Fine Art
   B. Humanities
IV. Language and Rationality
   A. English Composition
   B. Analytical Thinking and Oral Communication
   C. Math Proficiency
V. Physical Education/Wellness
   A. Physical Education
   B. Wellness
VI. Intercultural/International Studies
VII. Information Competency

How Does a Course Get on GE Plan A?
Courses on GE Plan A are reviewed by the General Education and Curriculum Committees. To submit a new course for GE Plan A consideration or to reaffirm a course that is already on GE Plan A, an instructor must fill out the GE Plan A Additional Approval form in CurricUNET. In order to complete this form, the instructor must select the appropriate Additional Approval on the Course Cover in CurricUNET.

Please include the following information for each GE SLO:
- Describe how the course content supports each GE SLO
- State/identify which course SLO aligns with each GE area SLO
- State/identify which method of evaluation (e.g. exam, class presentation, etc.) or assignment (e.g. research paper, informative speech, etc.) will be used to assess each GE SLO

Effective Example:
MUS121 History of Jazz
MUS121 fulfills GE Plan A Area III A. Fine Arts requirement.
The rationale briefly describes how the course content supports the GE SLO. The course SLO that aligns with the GE SLO is identified. The method of assessment is identified.

Upon receipt of an Associate Degree from Ohlone College, a student will be able to:
1. Analyze and value modes of artistic expression. (GE Plan A Area III A. Fine Arts SLO)
   Students develop an understanding of and an appreciation for jazz as a mode of musical expression by reading about and listening to great performances from various stylistic periods such as Swing and Bop.
   Course SLO 2 aligns with the GE SLO. The GE and course SLOs are assessed by a written concert report.

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