

**Draft Report on University-Wide Breadth Requirements
by
The University Senate Ad Hoc Committee**

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Charge to the Committee

- to examine the current challenges, opportunities and make recommendations for the development and implementation of breadth requirements at the University of Delaware
- compile student, faculty, and college feedback on the issues.
- provide recommendations that include a specific plan for implementation and that support the University's strategic plan.

Why University-Wide Breadth Requirements?

- Current lack of uniformity across colleges/departments with not only different requirements but different categories and definitions.
- Would allow for greater flexibility and ease of movement between majors

Proposed University-Wide Breadth Requirements

- Consisting of 12 credits with at least one course from each category:
 - Creative Arts and Humanities
 - History and Cultural Change
 - Social and Behavioral Sciences
 - Mathematics, Natural Sciences, and Technology

Note: These categories are aligned with the College of Arts & Sciences revised breadth requirements that are currently under review by UGS

Proposed University-Wide Breadth Requirements:

- Would include courses from all Colleges with reciprocity
- Must be courses taken from outside the student's home department/program
- Do not include ENGL110
- Require a minimum grade requirement of C- (this is under discussion)
- Can be counted towards satisfying other requirements (e.g. multicultural, DLE, minor, major)
- Breadth courses would be required to be open to all students
- Additional breadth requirements could be designated by program, department or college

Oversight and Administration of University-Wide Breadth Requirements

- A standing faculty committee: (Coordinated by UGS)
 - Will not approve courses
 - Will review placement within categories
 - Ensure availability of courses
- College responsibility
 - Approval of courses from within college to be submitted as satisfying breadth requirements
 - Setting credit and/or grade requirements over and above the minimum university requirement of 12 credits.
 - Evaluating substitutions and waivers

Next Steps

- Feedback
- Open Hearings
- Senate resolution
- Catalog revisions