

Subject: Core Curriculum Update
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Dean Savell,

As was discussed, SB 37 (implemented in TEC Chpt 51, Sec.51.315) required the System to review the general education requirements of each institution. To that end, we established the General Education Review Committee. This committee of 21 faculty, faculty administrators, academic staff, and external members worked over the spring to determine which courses did not meet the requirements for inclusion in the core curriculum as well as reviewing our other general education requirements (e.g., communication and writing). The review of the core curriculum focused on ensuring courses:

- are foundational and fundamental to a sound postsecondary education;
- are necessary to prepare students for civic and professional life;
- equip students for participation in the workforce and in the betterment of society; and
- ensure a breadth of knowledge in compliance with applicable accreditation standards.

The System's initial review also made recommendations which resulted in the removal of an additional nine courses from the core curriculum. Attached you will find a spreadsheet showing which courses in your college are slated for removal from the core curriculum, effective for the 2027-2028 academic year. I have also attached a document detailing the curricular approval plan for the upcoming year. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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The university will remove the following courses offered by our college from the core curriculum, effective the 27-28 academic year: ECCB 309, ENTO 322, HORT 335, SCSC 301, and the cross-listed course FSTC/NUTR 300. In the future, only 100- and 200-level courses will be considered for the core curriculum. The affected departments will have an opportunity to revise these courses to make them suitable as lower-level (100 or 200) courses for consideration for addition back to the core.