



University Council

UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE – 2025-2026

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The Full University Curriculum Committee met on February 13, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. in 207 Holmes-Hunter Academic Building. Since the last Report to the University Council, the committee approved 217 new courses and 534 course changes.

The committee unanimously approved the following proposals, which were forwarded to the Executive Committee of the University Council for consideration:

- Proposal for a Minor in Communication in Healthcare
- Proposal for a Minor in Communication, Leadership, and Advocacy
- Proposal for a Minor in Geospatial Applications in Natural Resources
- Proposal for an Undergraduate Certificate in Artificial Intelligence – Pharmaceutical Sciences

- Proposal for an Undergraduate Certificate in Ecological Restoration and Nature-Based Engineering
- Proposal for an Undergraduate Certificate in Religion and Politics
- Proposal to terminate the Graduate Certificate in Educational Leadership Tier I on the Athens campus only

The committee unanimously approved a proposal for an Area of Emphasis in Elementary Education under the major in Education (M.A.).

The committee unanimously approved a proposal to change the name of the existing Area of Emphasis in Quantitative Methodology under the graduate majors in Educational Psychology (M.A., M.Ed., Ed.S., Ph.D.) to the Area of Emphasis in Measurement, Data Science, and Statistics.

The committee unanimously approved a proposal to change the name of the existing Area of Emphasis in Sculpture under the major in Art (B.F.A.) to the Area of Emphasis in Sculpture and Technology.

The committee unanimously approved a proposal to terminate the Area of Emphasis in Tier I Leadership Certification under the major in Educational Administration and Policy (M.Ed.) on the Athens campus only.

The following information items were presented to the committee:

The administrative home of the Undergraduate Certificate in Archaeological Sciences was moved from the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences to the Department of Anthropology within the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences.

The Institutional Competencies subcommittee met on January 23, 2026; January 27, 2026; and February 10, 2026. The subcommittee approved 74 courses and did not approve 13 courses to satisfy one or more of the six Institutional Competencies (IC). Additionally, the subcommittee approved a rubric to assist instructors preparing their courses for IC submission. The rubric lists the learning outcomes for each of the six ICs, as well as additional suggestions and requirements that the course student learning outcomes should meet to demonstrate that the course or activity meets the IC.

The General Education Subcommittee met on February 4, 2026, and approved the following courses to satisfy the General Education Core Requirements:

Approved for Core Area IV, World Language and Culture

RUSS 3500, The Russian Novel: Masterpieces of Russian Literature in the Age of Realism

The General Education Subcommittee denied the following courses to satisfy the General Education Core Requirements:

Denied for Core Area IV, Humanities and the Arts

FCID 1000/H, Introduction to the Humanities

RUSS 3500, The Russian Novel: Masterpieces of Russian Literature in the Age of Realism

The General Education subcommittee began their review of courses submitted for consideration for the revised General Education Curriculum effective fall 2027. Following the meeting, a memo was sent to Deans, Associate Deans, and Department Heads to provide information regarding the submission process for submitting courses for consideration under the revised General Education Core Curriculum.

The General Education Subcommittee approved the following course to be added to the list of courses approved to satisfy the “Explore the Reasonings Behind Ethical Decisions” requirement of the revised General Education Core Curriculum:

Approved for Explore the Reasonings Behind Ethical Decisions

RELI 1010, Introduction to Religious Ethics

The General Education Subcommittee denied the following courses to be added to the list of courses approved to satisfy the “Explore the Reasonings Behind Ethical Decisions” requirement of the revised General Education Curriculum:

Denied for Explore the Reasonings Behind Ethical Decisions

FCID 1001/H, Ethics and the Human Experience

PSYC 3500, Ethics in Psychology



Susan Sanchez, Chair

cc: Provost Benjamin Ayers
Dr. Marisa Anne Pagnattaro