Draft Report on University-Wide Breadth Requirements
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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