GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

The General Education Committee is currently reviewing the General Education and Additional College Requirements. This outlines current criteria and objectives for 2015-2016.

SPECIFIC DEFINING CRITERIA FOR FACULTY APPLICATIONS FOR GENERAL EDUCATION DESIGNATION OF COURSES

The following criteria are the principal guide used to approve courses for the General Education Program. The course proposal application requires faculty to demonstrate, point by point, how a course meets each of the following criteria. You will also be asked to demonstrate how you propose to assess student learning of the SUNY learning outcomes through your course. Departments and faculty members interested in applying for a General Education designator must complete the application and submit all requested materials as outlined on the form.

Application forms are available in the Faculty section of the General Education web site, http://www.potsdam.edu/academics/general_education/, or from Patty Stone, Administrative Assistant for General Education, Office of Academic Affairs, Raymond Hall 712, Ext. 2108.

[PI] PHILOSOPHICAL INQUIRY (1 course, minimum 3 credit hours)

Engages in critical and systematic reflection on the root nature of a subject matter in a way that explores the most basic questions about it.

The course must:
  a. concentrate on and be primarily devoted to critical and systematic reflection upon one or more of the following:
     1) the meaning and significance of human experience (ontological questions);
     2) the nature and meaning of knowledge (epistemological questions);
     3) moral and ethical values of contemporary significance (moral questions);
     4) the nature and meaning of concepts fundamental to a given subject matter (analytical questions);
  b. include written and/or spoken exercises.