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.

[SA] SOCIAL ANALYSIS (1 course, minimum 3 credit hours)

Systematically studies human behavior, human social interactions and relations, and contemporary social institutions (those practices, conventions, groupings, and organizations which most significantly structure social life in the world today).

The course must:

a. introduce the historical and philosophical origins and scope (boundaries) of the discipline or subject and consider how the discipline is evolving within a changing society;

b. illustrate and evaluate several methods of data collections, interpretation, and analysis including quantitative methods where appropriate;

c. explore alternative theoretical frameworks and consider their ability to explain the observations in question;

d. consider a contemporary social issue from the point-of-view of alternative theoretical frameworks and consider their utility for making public policy decisions.