

Without collaboration our  
growth is limited to our own perspectives

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## WHO'S NEW IN GENERAL EDUCATION?

The General Education Committee has a new chair for 2020-21! Dr. Jeff Templeton has graciously stepped forward to lead the Committee during the 2020-21 Academic Year. The General Education program is grateful to Dr. Templeton for taking on this important role.

This academic year is the last for Dr. Erin Baumgartner as General Education Director. The transition in the General Education office is likely to be quite smooth with Dr. Shaun Huston taking on the role of incoming Director. Dr. Huston will continue to serve as First Year Seminar Coordinator during 2020-21. The General Education Committee will be collaborating with Academic Affairs to recruit a new First Year Seminar Coordinator for 2021-22. It could be you – keep an eye out for forthcoming details!

We are especially excited that we have added a new member to the General Education team! Graduate Assistant Sam Duell joins us from the MS in Music Education program. Sam will be helping us to improve the communication and outreach from the General Education program to current and prospective students, as well as to faculty and staff.

## We have new First Year Seminar topics available to students.

The Fall roster not only features brand new topics, we have a cohort of instructors teaching a seminar for the first time, and some departments are making their first FYS outing!

## DON'T FORGET!

FYS proposals for the 2021-22 Academic year are due to the General Education committee by midnight on the second Tuesday in November.

We are seeking to add about a dozen new topics, with an emphasis on FYS 207 proposals.

Contact Dr. Shaun Huston [hustons@wou.edu](mailto:hustons@wou.edu) for more information.



**We will be reaching out to FYS instructors soon** with information about how they can help build promotional materials for their topics.



**The Oregon Transfer Compass is one of the most effective ways for students to transfer credits across public institutions of Higher Education in Oregon.** Core Transfer Maps allow students to seamlessly transfer WR 121, Foundations: Mathematics, and all Exploring Knowledge credits. As General Education practice is to waive the First Year Seminar requirement for students transferring in 30 or more credits, this requirement is also covered by the Core Transfer Map.

## MAJOR TRANSFER MAPS

**Allow students to seamlessly transfer Core Transfer courses along with requirements in their major.** The major transfer maps can be constructed in a variety of ways, but

require that students can bring in 90 credits with junior standing in their selected major if they complete their transfer map. Many programs are finding themselves working on Major Transfer Maps and seeking to determine the best way to address General Education requirements. In collaboration with the Transfer Pathways office, the General Education program is available to support your program in contributing to the Major Transfer Map. We are also requesting the opportunity to visit with your program to discuss the implications for advising students taking part in the Oregon Transfer Compass. Contact Dr. Kristin Mauro ([maurok@wou.edu](mailto:maurok@wou.edu)) for more information.

	AAOT	ASOT	OREGON TRANSFER MODULE	CORE TRANSFER MAP	MAJOR TRANSFER MAP
CREDENTIAL	✓	✓	✗	✗	???
CREDITS NEEDED	90	90	45	30	90
FULFILLED AT WOU	Lower Division Gen Ed JR Standing	Lower Division Gen Ed JR Standing	All Gen Ed except the Integrating Knowledge category	WR 121, MATH, Lit & Aesthetic, Social, Historic, & Civic 2 Sci + Lab	Core Transfer Map & Major Courses