

General Education Update

Senate — April 25, 2022

How does GE benefit students

- All baccalaureate degree students are guaranteed a high impact practice course.
- Students engage with Indigenous knowledges and ways.
- Students are exposed to different cultural and disciplinary worldviews—pushing them to experience different ways of seeing the world.
- TRU graduates are well-rounded students and critical thinkers who can challenge their own and others' assumptions about the world we live in.









How does GE shift the culture at TRU

Aligns with our vision, values, and strategic change goals

 Prompted us to reflect on, describe, and translate our values into practice.

Fosters a teaching and learning culture

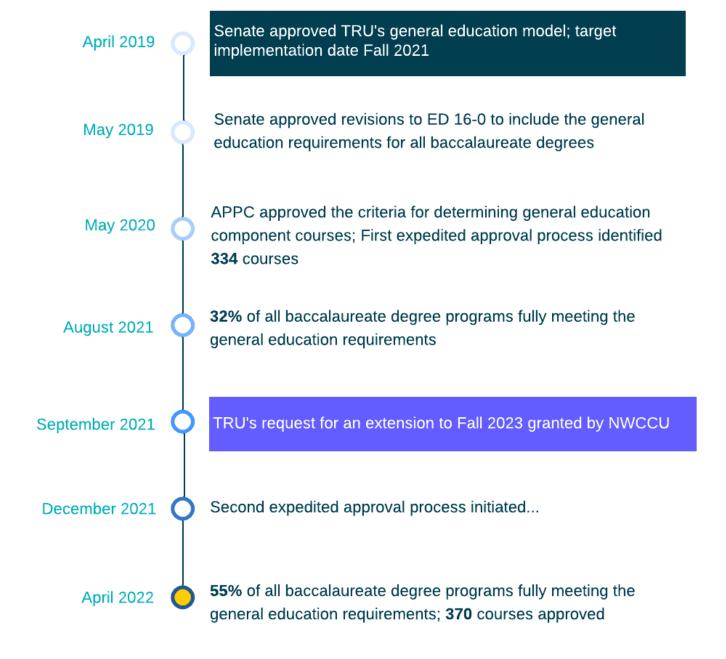
 Curriculum design (e.g., program learning outcomes, curriculum mapping, course design) are an institutional priority.

Contributes to continuous quality improvement

- Identified outdated terminology in Academic Calendar related to Indigenous peoples.
- Increased conversations and linkages between OL and OC.
- Promotes Indigenization.
- Creates space for conversations about student learning outcomes and assessment (i.e., how do we know what students are learning?).

Implementation Timeline

Target Date: Fall 2023





Approved General Education Courses

Component	Courses
Communication	23
Teamwork	22
Lifelong Learning	38
Social Responsibility	71
Knowledge	117
Critical Thinking and Investigation	68
Intercultural Awareness	44
Indigenous Knowledges and Ways	17
High Impact Practice	47
Capstone	18



Implementation Status by Faculty/School

Faculty	Programs	Completed	In progress
EDSW	4	4	n/a
FACT	5	5	n/a
Law	1	1	n/a
Nursing	1	1	n/a
STT	4	0	4 (seeking 4 exceptions)
BGSoBE	13	10	3 (early stages)
Science	23	8	15 (varying stages; seeking 1 exception)
Arts	24	12	12 (varying stages; seeking 4 exceptions)

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December 2021 Second expedited approval process initiated...

April 2022 55% of all baccalaureate degree programs fully meeting the general education requirements; 370 courses approved

Launch of 2022 Program Review Cohort, includes 11 baccalaureate degree programs

Ongoing work by Faculties and Schools to engage in curriculum mapping, curriculum revisions, and course development

- Seeking exceptions for 9 OL programs with a large number of block transfer and/or PLAR credits and articulation agreements;
- Anticipate that we will have 65% of degree programs meeting general education requirements by Fall 2022

All TRU baccalaureate degrees meeting the general education requirements

Fall 2023





Provost's Website

General Education: Office of the Provost & Vice-President Academic: Thompson Rivers University (tru.ca)

➤ Includes information about faculty resources, effective date, transfer credit, delayed entry programs, and policy ED 16-0.

Academic Approvals OneTRU Site

General Education Model (sharepoint.com)

Includes list of approved courses, foci tools, examples, a procedures guide, and the approval process.

Degree Works

Course Search by ILO Attributes



Questions?

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