

General Education Committee  
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The General Education Committee approved and forwarded to EPC changes in **academic policies:**

The **speaking and writing intensive course policies** were slightly modified to make clear the Petitions Committee's authority to grant petitions requesting transfer credit for a speaking or writing intensive course.

The **second baccalaureate degree policy** was modified to allow the first degree to satisfy all general education and speaking and writing intensive course requirements. Students must still meet the additional degree requirements for the second degree.

The Committee approved and forwarded to EPC changes in several General Education courses and **four new General Education courses:**

CMSC 121: Mathematics for the Consumer (Goal 5)

MATH 114: Introduction to Computer Science (Goal 5)

PHYS 103: Conceptual Physics (Goal 6)

COMM 400: Communication Ethics (Goal 13)

During the Committee's discussions there was not opposition to the individual proposals, but the Committee stressed the advantages to students (making connections, retention, advising, assessment) of the General Education program's maintaining only a limited number of courses for each goal, with the aim of providing to the extent feasible a "common core" of courses.

An **advising checklist** for General Education is available on the website at [www.longwood.edu/gened](http://www.longwood.edu/gened) .

As part of its responsibility in the **assessment of the General Education program**, the Committee heard updates from Ling Whitworth, Associate Director of Assessment and Institutional Research, and others on the implementation of Weave Online and on the assessment programs developed by faculty members in the disciplines to provide assessment of the six SCHEV competencies. So far, assessment programs have been developed for quantitative reasoning, writing competency, and scientific reasoning.

The General Education budget supported an **Open House in the Library** each semester where Goal 14 English 400 students displayed their projects and the yearlong **General Education Film Series**, developed and organized by Anna Cox and David Shoenthal.