

## **GENERAL EDUCATION**

**Committee reports to:** Faculty  
**Frequency of reports:** Fall/Spring  
**Make-up of committee:** Size: 9  
**Members:**  
**Elected by faculty:** 6 members elected by the faculty. Faculty who serve on this committee must teach in the General Education program or have demonstrated a significant interest in the General Education program.

**Ex officio:** Provost (or designee)  
Dean, College of Arts and Humanities  
Dean, College of Natural and Social Sciences

**Resource personnel:** Vice President for Student Development (or designee)  
Vice President for Spiritual Development (or designee)  
Student representative from ASB board (or designee)

**Length of tenure for members:** Three-year staggered terms. Any member whose term expires may be re-nominated. This is to enable continuity in the committee's work. The General Education Committee chair will be asked to recommend the individual(s) to be re-nominated.

**Chair:** Provost or designee (with voting rights)

**Suggested frequency of meetings:** Monthly (or as needed)

### **Major responsibilities:**

The General Education Committee shall function as the principal agent of the college in overseeing, planning and coordinating the General Education program for all students of Point Loma Nazarene University. Accordingly, it shall, in conjunction with departments/schools, review the General Education curriculum to ensure that it serves the university in a way consistent with its mission and core values. To implement this mandate, the committee shall:

1. Periodically review the philosophy and design of the General Education program as each relates to institutional objectives. Specifically the committee will:
  - a. Review the General Education curriculum on a regular basis to ensure that the courses within the General Education program remain aligned with the university mission.
  - b. Periodically review General Education learning outcomes and recommend necessary changes when appropriate.
2. Monitor and assess the General Education program and make recommendations to the Academic Policies Committee when changes seem appropriate. Specifically the committee will:
  - a. Conduct a comprehensive review of all General Education course syllabi on a 5-year rotation.
  - b. Develop, conduct, and oversee, in conjunction with departments/schools, annual assessment of General Education learning outcomes.
  - c. Consult with, and recommend to, academic departments/schools ways to improve the effectiveness of General Education courses based on the results of assessment activities.
  - d. Propose curricular modifications to the General Education program that enhance the student General Education experience.

3. Develop and/or review proposals for individual additions to or deletions from the General Education curriculum, and make recommendations to the Academic Policies Committee for consideration.
4. Oversee, assess, and propose needed modifications to the First Year Experience.