

General Education Program
Education for Participation in the Global Community
Timeline

- 1989-90, Prior Basic Studies program implemented (expires August 2014)
- 1997-98, Basic Studies Task Force identifies four barriers presented by the existing basic studies requirements:
 - 1) Excessive number of required hours
 - 2) Inadequate or misleading advising
 - 3) Delays and inconsistent awarding of transfer credit; overly strict interpretations of course equivalencies; and
 - 4) “Extra” basic studies courses required by majors and professional programs
- 2002, General Education Reform Committee (GERC) was formed, and charged with examining EMU’s General Education program with regard to the following concerns:
 - 1) Content and coherence of the program;
 - 2) Flexibility of the program;
 - 3) Number of credit hours;
 - 4) Common experiences for students;
 - 5) Ease of transfer; and
 - 6) Opportunities for integrating academic programs with other dimensions of the student experience
- 2002-2005, the General Education Reform Committee carries out their charge, realizing quickly that an outcomes-based program would provide a clear and coherent explanatory structure for General Education. EMU’s General Education outcomes were developed by GERC in collaboration with experts from the various disciplines.
- 2004, proposal for *Education for Participation in the Global Community* submitted to the campus; proposal revised in response to campus community input; final version, including a detailed implementation plan, submitted
- 2005, Board of Regents approve the General Education Program and implementation plan
- Fall 2007, *Education for Participation in the Global Community* is launched
- 2007, EMU’s General Education Program received the AGLS (Association of General and Liberal Studies) Award for Improving General Education

Attachment “A” – General Education Reform Committee Roster

Martin Shichtman..... Chair; English Language and Literature

Ann Blakeslee English Language and Literature, also representing
Undergraduate Studies

Ellene Tratras Contis Academic Affairs

Margaret Crouch..... History and Philosophy

Crissie Frye Management

Kurt Lauckner..... Computer Science

Thomas McDole Business and Technology Education

Glenna Frank Miller..... McKenny Union and Campus Life

Maria Milletti..... Chemistry

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Olga Nelson..... Teacher Education

Linda Pritchard..... College of Arts and Sciences

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Linda Shirato Learning Resources – Halle Library

Patricia Williams..... Academic Advising

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Attachment “B” – Colleges and Universities Studied

Ball State University
Bowling Green State University
California State University-Los Angeles
California State University-Sacramento
Central Michigan University
Duke University
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Florida Atlantic University
George Mason University
Grand Valley State University
Illinois State University
IUPUI
Kent State University
Miami University (Ohio)
Michigan State University
Middle Tennessee State University
Northeastern University
Oakland University
Old Dominion University
Portland State University
San Francisco State University
San Jose State University
Southwest Texas State University
State University of New York at Buffalo
Temple University
University of Akron-Main Campus
University of Delaware
University of Michigan
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
University of Nevada-Las Vegas
University of Southern California
University of Texas-San Antonio
University of Toledo
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Wayne State University
Western Michigan University