After 30 years, a new, integrative GE structure was approved in early 2019. The new program was collaboratively designed to educate students in diverse modes of thought, promote critical thinking across disciplinary boundaries, and prepare them to be engaged global citizens.

Currently, the Implementation Committee is working to prepare a plan for the deployment of the new GE in autumn 2021 and to ensure effective administration, evaluation and revision thereafter. Once the committee’s implementation plan is approved, colleges and departments will update and create courses to form an academic foundation for a generation of future Buckeyes.

The new structure requires 32 to 39 credit hours of GE coursework. By comparison, a Bachelor of Arts degree currently requires 46 to 69 hours and a Bachelor of Science requires 45 to 66 hours.

The new GE model consists of three parts: foundation courses, courses in thematic areas, and “bookend” courses at the beginning and end of the program. This integrative structure threads through a student’s undergraduate career but requires fewer credits, providing students with more flexibility to pursue electives, minors or second majors. See the new GE structure in more detail on the reverse.

IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

The committee consists of 24 representatives from across the university and is organized around the core implementation issues into highly engaged subcommittees. The committee is also supported by a small team of individuals who were highly involved in the review and approval process.

OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE

The subcommittees are currently seeking feedback on several proposals available on the GE website. Submit feedback, subscribe to a biweekly newsletter and view the committee and subcommittee rosters at oaa.osu.edu/ge. Also, committee representatives may soon be visiting a meeting of your local curricular governing body.