

2025-2026 Policy Accomplishments

Approved by Faculty Governance:

- **General Education Curriculum** (policy amendment [announcement](#)): Add new 3-unit Civic Institutions requirement within the General Education curriculum. The Building Connections requirement was lowered from 9 units to 6 units to maintain the current General Education total of 32 units with this change. Descriptions of individual General Education Attributes were removed from the policy as they are not student-facing graduation requirements.
- **Substitutions for Approved General Education Courses** (policy amendment [announcement](#)): Update to designate the Office of General Education as the central approver of course substitutions for General Education courses. Approved substitutions remain in effect even when a student declares a new major. These changes support student success and timely graduation.
- **Posthumous Degree, Posthumous Certificate of Achievement, & Compassionate Certificate of Achievement** (policy amendment [announcement](#)): Add a Compassionate Certificate of Achievement for students with diagnoses that permanently prevent degree completion. This change recognizes students who don't qualify for a posthumous degree/certificate and are unable to complete their degree program.
- **Course Types Policy** (policy amendment [announcement](#)): Create a Clinical course type, refine course type definitions, and incorporate all course types into the existing policy. These changes allow departments to better utilize course types appropriate for their courses.

In progress:

- **Undergraduate Course Syllabus Policy** (amendment – awaiting Faculty Senate approval on 5/4): Require instructors to upload syllabi on the first day of class, define an Individualized Learning Contract, organize elements required and recommended for syllabus, and relocate policy to catalog.arizona.edu (from policy.arizona.edu).
- **Undergraduate Transfer Credit** (amendment – awaiting Curriculum & Policies subcommittee review on 4/14): Include Civic Institutions requirement in both individual and completed GE curriculum, add option for satisfying a complete GE curriculum using a completed Associate's degree, and update applicability section to allow for coursework over 8 years old to apply to GE and electives (in line with the existing Time Limits policy).
- **Accelerated Master's Program** (amendment – awaiting Curriculum & Policies subcommittee review on 4/14): Undergraduate students may only enroll in up to 500-level coursework.
 - Amendments: **Accelerated Master's Program, Graduate Credit for Seniors, Course Numbering System**