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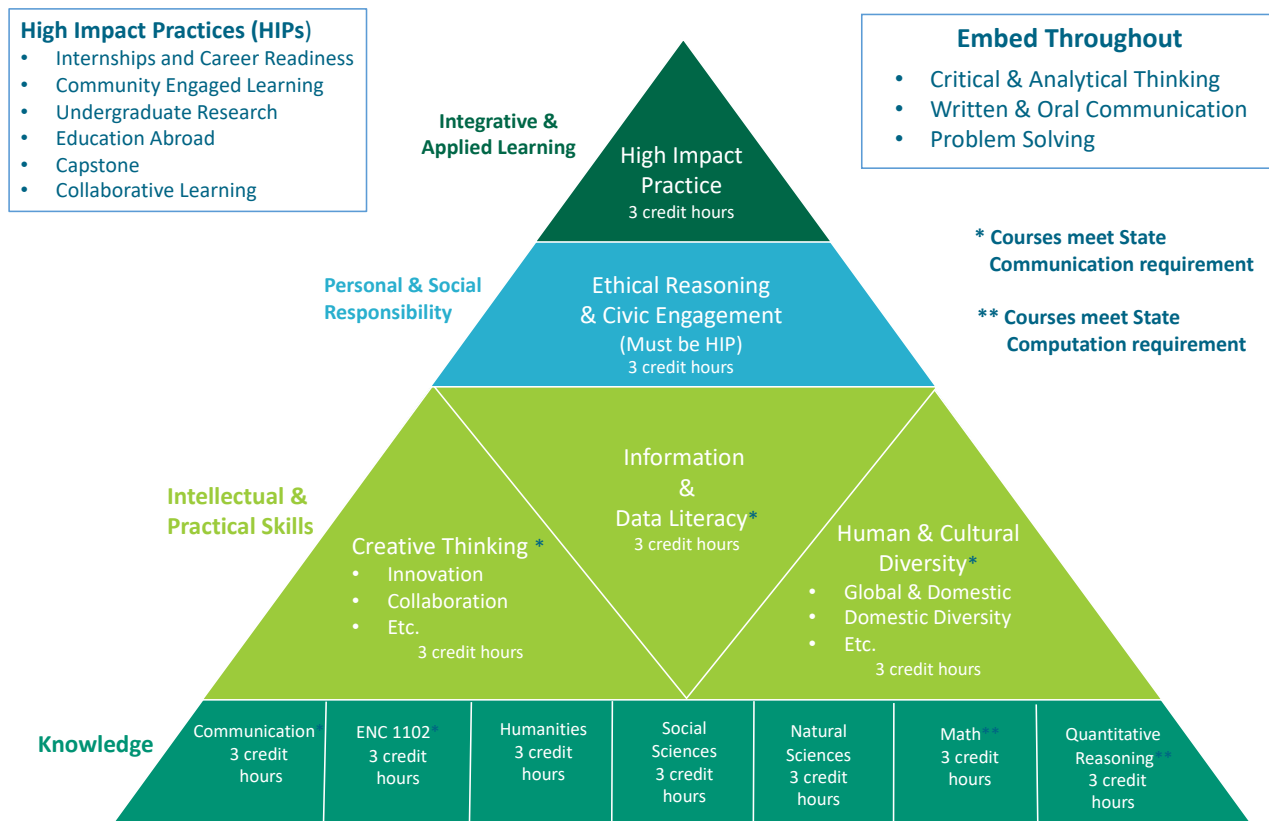
Enhanced General Education

USF will launch the first phase of the Enhanced General Education curriculum on June 25th for Summer B classes. The incoming FTIC Summer and Fall 2018 students will be the first class to start with this new curriculum.

The Foundation of Knowledge & Learning (FKL) curriculum has been enhanced to better emphasize student learning outcomes, expand interdisciplinary options and infuse High Impact Practices (HIPs). These improvements were put in place to help students develop and build the critical thinking, problem solving, and communications skills they will need throughout their education and carry into the community and workplace. The FKL will be taught to the students who started in the catalog years it was offered.

The Florida General Education Core course options remain requiring students to take one course in the general education tier we refer to as Knowledge (see Figure 1). The General Education Council has approved over 65 courses for the Intellectual & Practical Skills tier for phase one of implementation of the Enhanced General Education curriculum. The top two tiers of Personal & Social Responsibility and Integrative & Applied Learning will be implemented in Fall 2019.

Table 1. Pedagogical framework for the new guidelines



FAQs

How will the change affect incoming FTIC students?

The Summer B and Fall FTIC students will be the first cohort to experience the Enhanced General Education.

How does the change affect FTIC students coming in with a completed AA?

It can be up to the advisor's discretion as to which general education curriculum is most beneficial to that student (the FKL or the Enhanced).

How does it affect transfer students?

Transfer students starting at USF this Summer and Fall will not be required to start under the Enhanced General Education curriculum regardless of their transfer status (e.g. with full AA, without full AA, etc.).

How does it affect current students?

Current students are not impacted. They will remain with the catalog and general education requirements which correspond to the year they started at USF. However, if the advisor feels switching to the Enhanced General Education curriculum is beneficial to the student, s/he may do so.

How do the new enhanced general education requirements affect advisors?

Students who started prior to Summer 2018 will use the old FKL requirements. Advisors will advise students coming in with an AA on which program will be the most beneficial for them.

What are the differences between Enhanced General Education and FKL?

ENHANCED GENERAL EDUCATION	FOUNDATIONS OF KNOWLEDGE & LEARNING
36 credit hours, 5 thematic categories, standardized student learning outcomes	42 credit hours, 11 liberal arts categories, 8 different learning outcomes
21 hours Knowledge (required by the state) 9 hours Intellectual & Practical Skills 3 hours Personal & Social Responsibility (HIP) 3 hours Integrative & Applied Learning (HIP)	36 hours General Education Core Areas 3 hours Capstone Learning Experience 3 hours Writing Intensive course HHCP Dimension (met in the hours above)
State Communication and State Computation requirements will be met in completion of this program	State Communication and State Computation requirements could be met, must select appropriate options to complete
Upper-level major course being developed for program to integrate/ apply skills in context with major specific content	Transfer students 6 hours required to earn degree, ensure all students receiving first Bachelor from USF participated in program

For more Enhanced General Education information: bit.ly/2HpxSSj.

Find approved Enhanced General Education courses: systemacademics.usf.edu/course-inventory/