

## Summary of GS Gold Activities for Academic Year 2024-2025

Date: April 21, 2025

Subject: Summary of Activities related to the General Studies Gold Program for Academic Year 2024-25.

The following document summarizes activities related to the General Studies Council and the General Studies Gold program following the last Senate update on April 15th, 2024.

### General Studies Council and Review of Courses

A total of **579 Gold proposals** were reviewed by the General Studies Council in 2024-25.

	<b>Total Proposals Reviewed</b>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Revise and Resubmit</i>	<i>Denied</i>
September 5, 2024	<b>76</b>	54 (71%)	12 (16%)	10 (13%)
October 3, 2024	<b>68</b>	49 (72%)	17 (25%)	2 (3%)
October 31, 2024	<b>50</b>	29 (58%)	15 (30%)	6 (12%)
December 5, 2024	<b>63</b>	44 (70%)	11 (17%)	8 (13%)
January 30, 2025	<b>87</b>	55 (63%)	23 (26%)	9 (10%)
February 27, 2025	<b>69</b>	40 (58%)	24 (35%)	5 (7%)
March 27, 2025	<b>100</b>	61 (61%)	32 (32%)	7 (7%)
April 24, 2025	<b>66</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD

### Mandatory Review Courses

2024-25 Mandatory Review courses (cross-listed courses removed) as of April 14, 2025.

<b>Total 2024-25 Mandatory Review Courses</b>	<i>Approved through MR</i>	<i>Approved for change of designation</i>	<i>To be reviewed (April 2025 meeting)</i>	<i>Denied/Unit Chose to Not Renew/Not Submitted</i>
<b>179</b>	94	18	28	39

*General Studies Council Membership:* Three members of the General Studies Council will end their terms in May 2025 and be replaced in the academic year 2025-2026. The Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education will solicit nominations from relevant college deans to maintain equitable representation within the GSC.

## Learning Outcome Revision

08/20/2024

**Change to:** QTRS Learning Outcome 5

**Original:** Employ one or more digital tools effectively to accomplish these outcomes.

**Provost Approved Revision:** Effectively employ one or more digital tools to demonstrate quantitative reasoning, interpretations of calculations, or the creation and evaluation of visualizations.

**Justification:** This learning outcome change is needed to clarify and ensure that the use of digital tools is clearly related to and connected to quantitative reasoning outcomes.

## General Studies Audits

**Fall 2024 audit:** An email message was sent on December 6th, 2024 notifying units of the course sections selected for audit review. January 10th, 2025, was the deadline for syllabus submission.

### Results

- 23 courses across all Gold categories were selected.
- Syllabi reflecting 112 course sections reviewed
- **68%** of the submitted syllabi were compliant and contained the relevant Gold Syllabus statement and GSC-approved learning outcomes.
- The results of the audit were conveyed to the GS Gold college contacts on January 13th.

**Spring 2025 audit:** An email message sent on March 14th notified units of the course sections selected for audit review. April 17th, 2025, is the deadline for syllabus submission.

### Results

- 44 courses across all Gold categories were selected.
- 3 course sections that were not compliant in the Fall audit were re-audited
- Syllabi reflecting 179 course sections will be reviewed
- The results of the audit will be conveyed to the GS Gold college contacts no later than April 30th.

## General Studies Gold Communications to ASU faculty and Presentations

Date	Communication
06/04/2024	Academic units informed of the change to the omnibus course approval policy requested by the Arizona Board of Regents
08/19/2024	Vice Provost's pre-semester message to faculty included a section about GS Gold expectations
08/27/2024	Email to all faculty teaching GS Gold courses about syllabus expectations

12/10/2024	Vice Provost's pre-semester message to faculty included a section about GS Gold expectations.
01/08/2025	Email to all faculty teaching GS Gold courses about syllabus expectations

Additional Informational messages were sent to college/school GS Gold contacts after each GSC meeting.

### **General Studies Gold Presentations by the Provost's Office**

June 6th	Presentation to AZTransfer
October 3rd	Presentation to CAPC
October 9th	Presentation to ASU Prep Academy
October 21st	Presentation to UAC
November 4th	Presentation to Faculty Senate
November 13th	Presentation to SILC faculty

### **GS Gold Reference Resources**

Zoom Office Hours for Faculty and Staff were held on:

**Fall 2024 semester:** Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 7, Dec. 12

**Spring 2025 semester:** Jan. 16th, Feb. 5, March 6, April 3, May 1

Tamiko Azuma continues to serve as the primary point of contact for faculty who have questions or concerns regarding the General Studies process.

New resource: In the General Studies Council resources, GSC-approved learning outcomes were added to the [spreadsheet of approved courses](#).

### **General Studies Gold Website Resources**

- [General Studies Request FAQ](#)
- [GS Gold Categories, Descriptions and Learning Outcomes](#)
- [GS Gold Syllabus Statements](#)
- [Considerations Before Submitting a GS Gold Proposal](#)
- [GS Gold Request Form Overview Video](#)