

Committee on General Studies
Annual Report, Academic year 2019-2020

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2019-2020 Committee Activities

The General Studies committee met twice during the past academic year, with the focus of the committee being assessment strategies for Middle States.

- A conversation was had about how, when and why programs are using G-courses as part of their degree requirements. Data is being collected to answer this question.
- The conversation on assessment of G-courses for Middle States continued. Student workers in the School of General Studies went through all new course proposals from the last five years and collated the information on the number of courses selecting each ELO and General Studies objective. Analysis of the data is on-going, but a few trends stand out:
 - All objectives are utilized, with the most common General Studies Objectives chosen a Commitment to Lifelong Learning
 - The ELOs Teamwork and Program Competence are not used in the General Studies curriculum.
 - All other ELOs are chosen by courses in each General Studies category
 - Understanding numerical data is largely met in the G-curriculum via GNM, with few courses in other categories choosing this objective. Most G-categories have at least one course choosing this objective.
 - GNM courses are least likely to emphasize communication skills