General Education Program Expecting Some Changes

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The past 11 years have seen a significant change in the General Education Program here at SUNY Potsdam. Though many of the fundamental requirements remain the same, there has been a significant drop in the total number of credit hours that a student must complete in the Gen Ed program in order to graduate.

SUNY Potsdam’s General Education program is one that requires students to complete between 41 and 67 credit hours of Gen Ed study while previously students were only required to complete between 53 and 52 credit hours of Gen Ed study.

Some specific areas of the Gen Ed portfolio requirements have gone down since 1988 as well. In 1988, students had to take both American Cultural Experience and Freshman Problem Solving, now students are only required to take one or the other. Students also had to complete two areas of Social Analysis, today students need only complete one. Students needed four semesters of a foreign language or an equivalent, while presently they need only three semesters of a foreign language or its equivalent. Students were required to complete two areas of Historical Inquiry, now students must complete either a Historical Inquiry mode, or a Philosophical Inquiry mode. Presently, students can very easily fulfill two Gen Ed requirements simply by taking one class. For example, one can fulfill their American History/Western Civilization mode and half of their Historical Inquiry mode simply by taking a Historical Inquiry mode (HI) or a Philosophical Inquiry mode (PI). Different from such as this was very different, if not impossible, to do in the 1988 Gen Ed program.

The General Education Committee at SUNY Potsdam is trying to follow their philosophy of general education by moving to include an even broader range of content and subject matter within the current Gen Ed program. While this would probably entail removing some courses from the current Gen Ed program, it would most definitely mean adding courses to the program as well. This change may or may not add to the total number of credit hours that students are currently required to fulfill, but it would help students be more well-rounded and aware of the society we live in as well as cultures and societies that exist outside of our own.

The purpose of the Gen Ed program is not to give the student simple facts and dates to memorize, but to help the student understand world culture, history, society, science, language, and the arts, as well as many other fields of study.

Adding to the Gen Ed program could help students obtain a wider range of knowledge and intellectual strength.

University Police Incident Report

Wednesday, January 26, 2000
12:25 AM Lot #18
Assisted motorist with vehicle jump-start

2:00 AM Campus
Emergency Blue Light phones tested

1:28 AM Knowles Hall
Medical Emergency - Student transported to the hospital

2:34 AM Lot #8
Leaving the scene - Motor vehicle accident - minor damage

7:54 AM Knowles Hall Fire drill conducted
8:00 PM Bowman Hall Fire drill conducted

Thursday, January 27, 2000
8:45 AM Academic Quad Fire drill conducted
2:15 PM Lot #25
Assisted motorist with vehicle jump-start
9:33 PM Dunn Hall
Found property claimed by owner

Friday, January 28, 2000
1:48 AM Lehman South
Disorderly Conduct - Vehicle blowing horn and driving recklessly - Left area prior to patrol's arrival
5:51 AM Bowman Hall
Escorted student with disability to Satellite Hall
12:55 PM Lot #1
Assisted student motorist with vehicle jump-start
5:56 PM Dunn Hall
Arrest - Male student for harassment

7:00 PM Macxey Hall
Crowd Control - Hockey game
9:15 PM Knowlwy Hall
Report of washing machine malfunction causing smoke - Maintenance notified

Saturday, January 29, 2000
9:15 AM Student Union Report of a fight-in-progress - Between male and female student
10:31 AM Crowson Hall
Emergency message delivered to student

1:15 PM Knowles Hall
Escorted female student to Bowman Hall
6:06 PM Lot #19
Assisted student motorist with vehicle jump-start
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Sunday, January 30, 2000
2:30 AM Lehman Hall
Theft - Clothing from student's room
3:25 AM Bowman Hall
Deferred convictions
6:27 PM Lot #2
Unknown person banging on student's window - Left the area prior to patrol's arrival

The time prior to patrol's arrival
10:45 AM Student Union Accidental Fire Alarm - Smoke in the kitchen - System reset
9:44 AM Bowman Hall Disorderly Conduct - Male/ Female verbal altercation - System reset

Monday, January 31, 2000
9:15 AM Student Union
Domestic Incident Report completed

1:30 AM Knowles Quad
Female verbal altercation - System reset

5:30 AM Bowman Hall
Theft - Student's purse from shower room

7:54 PM Lot #1
Theft - Male student with vehicle locked

Tuesday, February 1, 2000
11:40 AM Lehman Hall
Mediated dispute between female and male student
1:35 PM Lot #2
Theft - Cellular phone stolen from vehicle

2:30 PM Lake Placid Drive Traffic Stop - Motorist warned for speeding
5:00 PM Knowlwy Hall
Attended R.A. Program Fair
9:50 PM Lot #2
Escorted female employee to Bay Street residence

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helping Crane students.”

Voces and Ann Maloney, Director of the Writing Center and Associate Professor of Writing for the English Department made the decision to change the name of the center. Voces was just a matter of correcting the room and getting people to sit hours there, as she is currently the only tutor working at this location. There was no cost to open the room, as she is currently working there.

While there is a possibility of expanding the center's hours and size in the years to come, Voces says that workers need to work outside of the current hours. There may also be workshops in the future catering to those majors, like the workshops for Education offered enjoy offered by the Carson and Bowman locations this semester.

The new Crane Writing Center will be open 5-7pm on Tuesdays and 7-9pm on Thursdays.

Corrections to Goodwill Games

Tuesday, February 8, 2000

Viewers will be able to select from the TBS Superstation, in fact be watching them on TBS Wednesday at 8 PM. The sports included will be alpine skiing, biathlon, cross country skiing, figure skating, freestyle skiing, golf, hockey, combined, short track speed skating, snowboarding, ski jumping, and snowboarding. We apologize for the misinformation.