



# General Education Redesign

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# **Current General Education**

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- Approved by UG Council in AY 2003-04, and took effect in Fall 2004.

# Current

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3 WC

1 OC      Basic Skills

2 QR

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2 NS

2 CC      Broadening Perspectives

2 AH

2 SS

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# Goals for Redesign

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- Maintain broad exposure for all students
- Increase relevance, integration for students
- Increase flexibility for students
- Integrate current best practices
- Improve the *experience*
- Continue to meet state requirements
- Without increasing size, confusion

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# Taskforce Members

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- Erin Hardin (chair), Psychology
- Kirsten Benson, English
- Chuck Collins, Associate Dean, A&S
- Ian Down, *Political Science*
- Cheryl Kojima, Animal Science
- Barbara Murphy, School of Music
- Missy Parker, A&S Advising
- Conrad Plaut, Mathematics

- Suzy Prentiss, Communication Studies
- Lisi Schoenbach, English
- Beth Schussler, EEB

## Past members

- Ernie Freeberg, History
- Roger Parsons, MABE
- Dixie Thompson, Associate Dean, College of Education, Health & Human Sciences

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- Taskforce formed Jan. 2015
  - 30+ meetings with faculty, staff, students to share our work over last 2.5 years
- Wanted to focus on *experience* of curriculum, not just content

Date	Group
<b>Fall 2015</b>	
Oct. 14	Associate Deans' Meeting
Oct. 14	A&S College Teaching Council
Nov. 24	SophoMORE Committee
Nov. 30	Two undergraduate student focus groups
Dec. 15	CASNR Department Heads
<b>Spring 2016</b>	
Jan. 29	Advising community
Mar. 24	<a href="#">TN Today story</a>
April 8	Roundtable Event
<b>Fall 2016</b>	
Sept. 7	General Education Committee
Sept. 13	Undergraduate Council
Sept. 29	Academic Advising Leadership Group
Oct. 10	Roundtable Participants
Oct. 12	Associate Deans' Meeting
Oct. 17	Listening session with students
Oct. 17	Listening session with instructors
Oct. 18	Listening session with NTT faculty
Oct. 19	Listening session with students
Oct. 19	Listening session with NTT faculty
Oct. 19	Listening session with instructors
Oct. 20	Listening session with instructors
Oct. 20	Listening session with Students
Nov. 2	TTLC symposium
Nov. 3	Academic Council
Nov. 16	Associate Deans'
Nov. 16	A&S Deans' Student Advisory Council
Nov. 30	History Department Faculty Meeting
<b>Spring 2017</b>	
Jan. 25	Academic Advising Retreat
Jan. 30	CCI Department Heads
Jan 30.	<a href="#">Provost's newsletter story</a>
Feb. 28	Undergraduate Council
Mar. 22	CASNR Undergraduate Council

**Table 1.** Formal presentations / events to share work of the Taskforce with the Campus Community and hear feedback.



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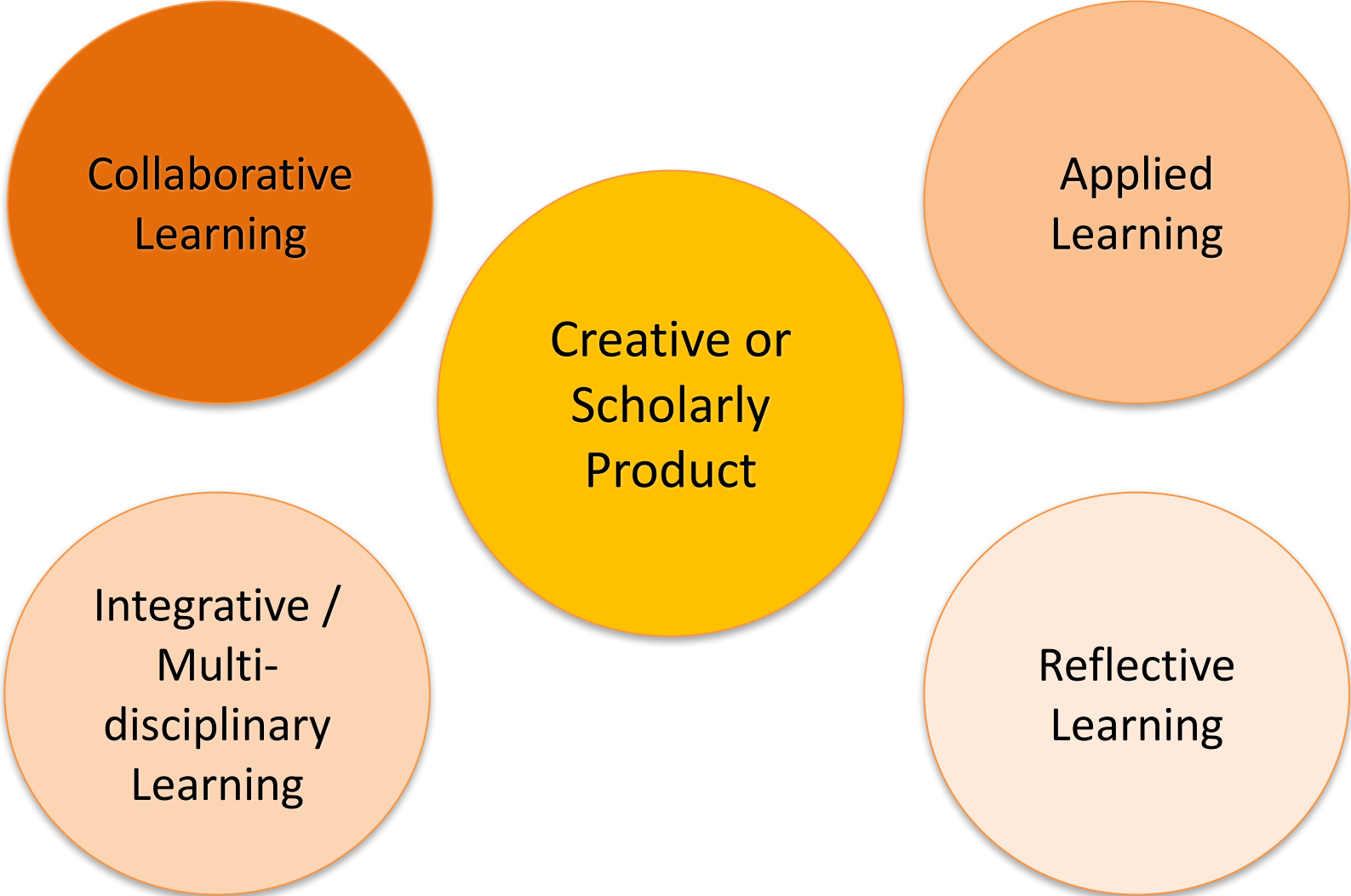
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# Engaged Inquiries Courses

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Product + learning from 2 of these 4 domains



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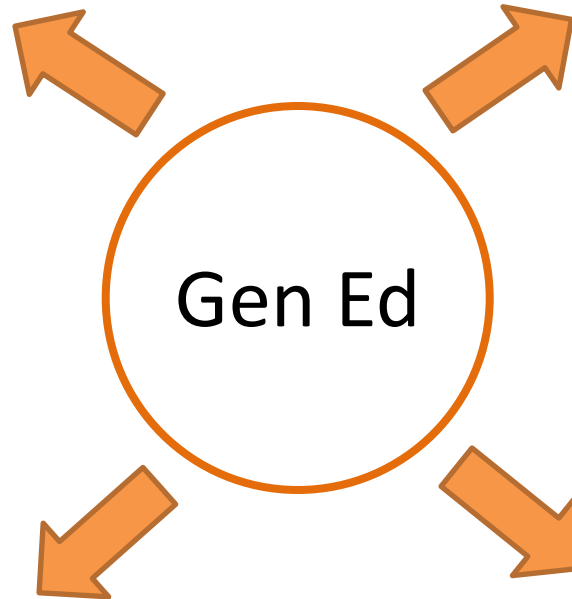
Contemporary Issues & Solutions

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# **NEW General Education**

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- Approved by Undergraduate Council on April 17, 2017
- Implementation Taskforce appointed Fall 2017
- New committees formed 2018
- New curriculum implemented Fall 2020



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