

Two-Tier Model

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Background

- This model is defined by a two tier structure for GE courses
 - Tier 1 courses
 - Engl 110
 - Engl 120
 - Comm 110
 - Math GE
 - Hist Tier 1 GE
 - FYE INT course
 - Tier 2 courses
 - All other GE courses (across the state mandated distribution)



Background, cont.

- Tier 1 courses should be completed during the first year at MSU
- Tier 2 GE courses may not be taken until 11 credits (minimum) of Tier 1 GE courses have been completed, with the following exceptions
 - 6 credits have been taken previously and the student enrolls in an FYE cohort that has Tier 1 GE, FYE INT and a Tier 2 GE
 - The Tier 2 course is a requirement for their major (eg. Biol 150 for a Biology major)



FYE

- The FYE is a required part of this model (will introduce students to MSU learning outcomes expected of all graduates)
- Three proposed formats to FYE cohorts
 - For students with no dual credit coursework or only 1 course (Tier 1 GE)
 - FYE cohort will consist of 2 Tier 1 GE courses with the FYE INT course
 - For students with a minimum of 6 credits of dual credit Tier 1 GE courses
 - FYE cohort may consist of Tier 1 GE course, Tier 2 GE course and the FYE INT course
 - For either situation there is an option to take a FYE within the major
 - FYE cohort of 1-2 major classes, the FYE INT course and a Tier 1 GE course (if necessary)



‘SYE’ – The Second Year Experience

- **The SYE is not a cohort of courses like the FYE although faculty may choose to collaborate**
- **The SYE consists of two courses, to be taken during the same semester**
 - **A writing intensive course within the major (to expand on outcomes introduced in Engl 110 and 120**
 - **A Tier 2 GE course that focuses on (at least) one outcome covered during the first year**



Capstone Experience

- Each student will be required to complete a capstone experience
 - This should be a capstone experience within the major
 - One potential place for evaluation of GE outcomes is through this capstone experience



Transfer Students

- Required to take INT 399 (in place of INT 299)
 - Will introduce students to the culture of the MSU campus and the community through similar activities as the INT 299 course (including an engagement piece)
 - Will introduce students to the outcomes expected for all MSU graduates
 - Assign ‘coursework’ that will provide a starting point for their GE assessment (essentially providing the baseline for the student coming into MSU to determine what growth, if any, has occurred in their GE assessment)



“The Grid”

- Each GE course will be certified for addressing a maximum of 2 student learning outcomes
- The final form of the grid will include definitions for each outcome category
- Students will be required to meet a minimum number of courses designed to assess each specific outcome

Two-Tier Model Sample Advisor/Student Form

General Education Courses											
Tier I Courses		SYE	CSS1	CSS2	CSS3	CSS4	PSR1	PSR2	PSR3	IP1	IP2
Engl 110											
Engl 120											
Comm 110											
Math											
FYE INT											
HIST Elective											
Tier II Courses											
FC1 (Humanities)											
FC2 (Laboratory Science)											
FC3 (Social Science, may include one Tier II History course)											
Electives											
Graduation Requirements											
Wellness/PD											
Writing within the Major											
		X									
Senior Capstone											
Number of courses with outcome			3	3	3	3	2	2	1	1	1
Student Learning outcomes to be defined here											