

Rhode Island College
Annual Report of the Committee on General Education
May 6, 2015

The College has completed the third year of the current general education program. Because students who started at CCRI before Fall, 2012, transfer into the old program, the complete transition will extend over several more years. During the 2014-2015 academic year, COGE met formally four times and continued discussions *via* email. Several additional courses and Writing in the Discipline plans have been approved.

Assessment of student learning continues to drive our general education program. Last summer's assessment was presented at a [campus forum](#) on October 29, 2014. Teams are now preparing to complete the third summer of assessment of Written Communication, Research Fluency, and Critical/Creative Thinking using student artifacts selected from First Year Seminar and First Year Writing. Samples from Connections courses will be assessed by the same rubrics in a pilot project to see whether the rubrics are extendable to upper level courses.

[Writing in the Discipline plans](#) have been approved and are being implemented for almost all majors and programs.

The [Second Language Requirement](#) has led to increased enrollment in language courses. We have added American Sign Language as an acceptable way of meeting the requirement, and a proposal will be forthcoming in early Fall for two ASL courses at Rhode Island College.

The Committee on General Education is a highly collaborative group. Thanks are due to the 2014-2015 members of COGE, listed in the table, for dedication to carefully considering proposals both for detail and for broader conceptual and curricular implications.

General education course enrollments for [Fall](#) and [Spring](#) semesters are available at <http://www.ric.edu/faculty/organic/coge/>.

The [Advising Guide to General Education](#), designed for use at orientation, comprises a concise description of the program.

Respectfully submitted,

James G. Magyar, Chair

COGE membership 2014-2015

Name	Department	Constituency	Term
Denise Guilbault	Music, Theater, and Dance	Arts	2013-2015
David Espinosa	History	History	2014-2016
Olga Juzyn	Modern Languages	Language	2014-2016
Russell Potter	English	Literature	2013-2015
Stephanie Costa	Mathematics	Mathematics	2014-2016
James Magyar, Chair	Physical Science	Natural Science	2014-2016
Emily Cook	Psychology	Social and Behavioral Science	2014-2016
Tish Brennan	Reference	Adams Library	2013-2015
Julie Urda	School of Management	School of Management	2013-2015
Ezra Stieglitz	Elementary Education	Feinstein School	2014-2016
Mary Byrd	Nursing	School of Nursing	2013-2015
Stefan Battle	BSW	School of Social Work	2014-2015
Michael Michaud	English	Chair of Writing Board (or designee)	NA
Becky Caouette	English	Director of Writing (or designee)	NA
Quenby Hughes	History	FYS Coordinator	NA
Ron Pitt	VPAA	VPAA or designee	NA
Earl Simson	Faculty of Arts and Sciences	Dean, FAS (or designee)	NA
Kenneth Hughes ¹	Student	Student	2014-2015

¹ Did not participate.