
University Studies
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Procedure for Adding Themes

This document provides guidance on introducing new themes in the new University Studies (UNST) program.

1. Any faculty member at the University can propose a theme for University Studies. The overall need and relevance of the theme should be described in a short paragraph (see similar statements for other themes for reference). In addition, a list of representative courses should be included. The theme should have a “theme committee” consisting of faculty members representing a variety of disciplines. The Theme Committee will be responsible for building the theme and generating interest in the theme. Finally, the theme statement needs to be presented to a joint meeting of the UNST Committee and the UNST Roundtable for approval.
2. Theme courses should not require any prerequisites other than the Foundation courses
3. Theme courses should be designed for placement in the curricula such that they are taken after all Foundation courses are taken but before the capstone course
4. Each theme course should pay attention to the four overarching goals or “pillars” of the UNST program (communication, critical thinking, diversity, and civic engagement) and meet one or more UNST learning objectives
5. All courses in a theme will be open to all students on the campus
6. Developers of theme courses are encouraged to cross-list (or show equivalencies) with traditional university courses