

Effective Fall 2024, any topic on an [omnibus](#) course (e.g. XXX 194, 294, 394, 494, 498) approved for a general studies designation by the General Studies Council will carry that designation for only one semester.

The topic must be resubmitted to the General Studies Council to retain the designation for a second semester.

To be considered for approval for a third semester, examples of student work confirming the measurement of all category learning outcomes must be submitted with the proposal.

After that point, the omnibus topic can no longer be submitted for a general studies designation. The academic unit must request and obtain a permanent course number, which requires reapplication for the general studies designation under the permanent course number.

To propose a new permanent course, it must either be required for a degree program, minor or certificate, or have been offered two times previously, with a minimum of 10 enrolled students each time, and at least one of the offerings within the last three years.

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Effective Fall 2019, the Office of the University Provost has implemented a new business process regarding permanent courses with topics and General Studies designations. Requests for General Studies consideration must be submitted at the topic level.

Any permanent course with topics that currently carries a General Studies designation will continue to carry its General Studies designation until the course is due for mandatory review. General Studies mandatory course review occurs every 5 years from when the course first gained its General Studies designation(s). In order to add new topics to a permanent course that currently carries a General Studies designation, those topics must be submitted individually to General Studies Council for consideration.

When a permanent course with topics *does* require General Studies mandatory review, units have the following options:

1. Remove the General Studies designation(s) from the course and all its topics, or
2. Submit required documentation for General Studies consideration at the course level only (without topics). This will require all topics to be removed from the course via a Topics Form in Quali Curriculum Management, and no topics will be allowed to be requested for that course moving forward. Or,
3. Remove the General Studies designation(s) from the course and submit required documentation for each topic to be considered for review to maintain General Studies designation(s). Topics beneath permanent course numbers will now be handled like omnibus course topics, where only the topic carries the General Studies designation(s).