

Academic Program & Curriculum Committee – Annual Report –2025-2026

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< >	Student		–	–	2026	
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< > Yet to be appointed

* Designated to call first meeting

- o Serves by virtue of office
- x-o Ex-officio
- 1 Repl. M. Taani (2027-E)
- 2 Repl. R. Mello (2027-E)
- 3 Repl. D. Hannula (2026-A)4
- 4 Repl. H. Yoon (2026-E)

Charter:

A1.2 – Academic Program and Curriculum Committee

The Academic Program and Curriculum Committee (APCC) reviews recommendations concerning requirements and changes in requirements for admission to, continuation in, and graduation from undergraduate programs offered in the UWM schools, colleges, and divisions.

1. **Membership.** The committee is composed of the following members:
 - a. Fifteen Faculty members (except as additional membership may be required as determined by the committee) elected by the Faculty of each Division in proportion to its share of the total Faculty;
 - b. three students appointed annually by the Student Association;
 - c. one academic advisor appointed to by the Chancellor subsequent to recommendation by the Academic Staff Committee;
 - d. the UWM Registrar or designee;
 - e. One Dean (other than the Dean of the Graduate School) appointed annually on a rotating basis by the Chancellor;
 - f. Provost or designee.
2. **Chair.** In the spring semester the committee shall elect a Chair for the following year from among its continuing members. The decision shall be communicated to the Secretary of the University before the end of the spring semester. The duties of the Chair will commence on the first contractual day of the fall semester. A new Chair may serve over the summer by agreement of the committee if the incumbent Chair is unable to serve.
3. **Functions.**
 - a. Resolves questions of curricular responsibility where interests of two or more colleges are affected.
 - b. Reviews undergraduate courses and approves all new undergraduate courses as well as requests for changes or deletions of such courses offered in the UWM departments, schools, colleges, and Divisions. When action by the committee is decided on, the originating unit and its course and curriculum committee are notified of such action, with explanation an of the reason for it.

- c. Monitors the curricular array to identify and remove inactive courses. On identifying courses that have not been taught in six (6) years or more, the APCC shall notify the offering department/program. If the program wishes to continue the course, they must 1) schedule the course within an academic year or 2) notify the APCC that the course will be scheduled within the next two years.

In the absence of a substantive response, or if the course is not subsequently scheduled, the APCC will submit the course to the Registrar's Office for deletion.

- d. Reviews recommendations concerning requirements and changes in requirements for admission to, continuation in, and graduation from undergraduate programs offered in the UWM colleges and Divisions.
- e. Reviews recommendations concerning policies and plans for further development of such programs.
- f. Evaluates and reviews undergraduate programs and recommends necessary program additions, revisions, terminations, or other modification of undergraduate programs.
- g. Evaluates the effect of administrative implementation on the attainment of University long-range undergraduate academic plans; coordinates undergraduate instructional programs with University research and public service.
- h. Represents the Faculty in administrative councils or advisory bodies, regularly established or ad hoc, created for or having significant implications on undergraduate programs; in execution of its responsibilities, coordinates with the Graduate Faculty Committee, the School of Continuing Education, and the University Committee.
- i. Evaluates and makes recommendations to the Faculty Senate on all proposals for the establishment or termination of undergraduate degrees and majors.
- j. Evaluates and makes recommendations to UWM Administration on all proposals for the establishment or termination of undergraduate sub majors.
- k. Establishes policy for General Education Requirements, including the following responsibilities:
 - i. maintaining the array of courses designated as fulfilling the requirements, including adding and removing courses from the array;
 - ii. maintaining criteria to clarify and evaluate how courses fulfill requirements;
 - iii. reviewing and providing feedback on all proficiency examinations and minimum scores;
 - iv. establishing policies pertaining to student appeals. (Note: Student appeals will be handled in accordance with established department, school, and university procedures, but the APCC will monitor compliance by schools and colleges.);

- v. exempting programs in individual schools or colleges from any part of the general education requirements;
- vi. monitoring the academic impact of the requirements, including the use of assessment data and student success metrics in evaluating the performance of courses, areas of inquiry, and the overall array;
- vii. reviewing, in conjunction with the Admissions and Records Policy Committee, of admissions standards in relation to general education requirements.

Meetings:

The committee met monthly during the 2025-2026 academic year, with the exception of January, and completed the following items of business:

- Courses; *Sixty-three (63) new courses, three hundred sixty-five (365) course changes, and eighty-eight (88) course deactivations were approved.*
- GER.Revisions; *A new GER structure was established in 2025, and one hundred twenty-eight (128) GER courses were approved. The new structure was replaced with Core GER (CGER) in 2026, and three hundred seventy-six (376) GER courses were approved.*
- Program.Reviews; *Thirteen (13) undergraduate programs were reviewed.*
- Policy.Revisions; *The Undergraduate Program Review Policy was updated; the GER Policy and the APCC Implementation Document were revised twice; and the APCC Charter was also updated.*
- New.Programs; *One (1) minor, five (5) certificates, and five (5) microcredentials were approved; and two (2) new programs were introduced (NOI stage).*

Examples of prior annual reports are available upon request. Please contact Carrie Driscoll at cearnold@uwm.edu.