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SA1718-028: Resolution to Support General Education Program Revision

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WHEREAS, the current UWL General Education (GE) program has a minimum requirement of 48 credits which is the highest requirement in the University of Wisconsin system;

WHEREAS students can only receive 39 credits when completing all defined credit requirements in each category of the current GE structure;

WHEREAS, it will be beneficial to remove this nine-credit discrepancy while also adding a three credit First Year Seminar requirement for all New Students and Transfer Students coming into UWL with less than 30 credits;

WHEREAS, First Year Seminars are a High Impact Education Practice (as defined by the American Association of Colleges and Universities) aimed at encouraging intellectual curiosity, instilling the importance of a liberal arts education, and helping them engage in the world around them;

WHEREAS, the addition of a first-year seminar after the overall credit reduction of the GE program will result in a 42 credit GE Curriculum;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the UWL Student Senate supports the revision of the university General Education program to include the addition of a First Year Seminar and a reduction in minimum required credits to 42.

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Pro-Tempore, Student Senate
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