

UP GENERAL EDUCATION THROUGH THE YEARS: A TIMELINE FROM 1910 TO 2017

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1910

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1952

1958

The College of Liberal Arts is established

6/10

President R.A. Palma, in his inaugural address, talks about the concept of liberal education for the Filipino

7/18/1925

President V.A. Tan, in his inaugural address/ commencement speech, expounds on the importance of liberal education

4/8/1952

6/18/1958

President Sinco presents his plans for a GE program in UP

5/22/1958

President V.G. Sinco creates committee to formulate a GE curriculum

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1958

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UC approves curriculum of the first 2 years of basic GE ; total of 63 units = 9 u of English, 12 u of Spanish, 6 u of Math, 3 u of Logic, 9 u each of Hum and SocSci courses, 6 u each of Bio and Physical Sciences courses, and PI 1 as required course

6/21/1958

University College is established

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University College is abolished; GE courses are integrated in the Arts and Sciences curricula

6/1/1966

UC gives student the option to take 12 units of Pilipino and/or English

9/11/1971

UP System is created

11/21/1972

President S. P. Lopez releases a paper on Liberal Education

10/22/1973

10/61

University College Journal publishes first issue

6/2/1969

Prof. A. Bonifacio presents his critique of the GE program philosophy

6/1/1966

University College Journal is renamed as General Education Journal

3/25/1971

BOR suggests a study of the GE curriculum

9/30/1976

BOR approves reorganization of the College of Arts & Sciences into 3 divisions: Humanities, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences & Math

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1978



1997

CAS Humanities Department holds workshop on Humanities for GE
04/15/1983

CAS is reorganized into 3 colleges: CAL, CSSP, and CS; an Arts and Sciences Council is formed
10/06/1983

UPD UC approves the new GE Program: 42 units and 3 domains = 15 u Comm & Hum, 12 u Nat Sci & Math, 15 u Soc Sci & Philo courses
04/11/1986

Chancellor R. Posadas forms a Task Force on Undergraduate Programs
02/23/1994

Chancellor R. Posadas forms a Task Force to review the 1986 GE Program
05/12/1995

03/23/1983
The decentralized UP System with 4 autonomous units is established

6/83
Pres. E. J. Angara launches the first-ever review of the GE Program

6/85
OP holds System-wide conference to set objectives for a System GE Program

1/91
Prof. T. Kintanar traces the history of the liberal arts tradition in UP

07/06/1991
Pres. J. V. Abueva establishes System GE Council

06/01/1992
BOR establishes 25 GE professorial chairs and faculty grants

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1998

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6/8/1999
▶ OVPAA conducts System-wide workshop to review the GE Program objectives

7/31/2000
▶ Pres. Nemenzo assigns System GE Council to study the GE Program revitalization

▶ Pres. F. Nemenzo calls for revitalizing the GE Program
3/2/2000

3/12/2001
▶ Pres. Nemenzo issues campaign for a Revitalized GE Program

5/02
▶ The Summer Bridge program as support to RGEF is launched

6/02
▶ CUs except UP Mla start offering RGEF courses; 47 new courses are approved under the RGEF

▶ UPD UC adopts new GE framework under the RGEF: 45 units = 15 units of free choice courses in each domain (AH, SSP, MST)
12/12/2001

▶ BOR approves establishment of Interactive Learning Center in every CU
9/25/2003

7/15/2004
▶ UPD ad hoc committee conducts orientation on evaluation of existing GE courses

6/1/2004
▶ Chancellor E. R. Roman forms ad hoc committee to review existing GE courses in Diliman

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2005



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Chancellor S. S. Cao reconstitutes UPD ad hoc committee to review RGEP
3/30/2007

OVCAA submits to OC an update on the RGEP review
5/19/2008

UPD OC conducts echo conference on "The Challenge of Being a National University"
11/20/2009

OVPAA holds System-wide GE conference
10/20/2010

7/4/2007
UPD ad hoc committee conducts orientation sessions for GE coordinators and evaluators

5/20/2009
OP conducts System-wide conference on "The Challenge of Being a National University"

11/15/2010
OVPAA releases final report on "Re-examining UP's General Education Program"

8/1/2010
UPD conducts, in Aug and Sept, a series of FGDs to evaluate RGEP

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2011

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2012

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2/15/2011

ODI-OVCAA releases "2009 UPD RGEP Evaluation Report"

9/29/2011

Chancellor C. A. Saloma constitutes ad hoc committee for 2011 UPD GE Conference

10/6/2011

OVCAA holds 2011 UPD GE Conference; UPD decides to adopt Hybrid RGEP

12/12/2011

UPD UC approves Hybrid RGEP; prescribed courses = Math GE, Philo 1, Kas 1, Engl 10, Comm 3, Fil 40, STS

10/18/2012

OVCAA holds 2012 UPD GE Conference; UPD decides to form UPD GE Council

1/13

UP System releases "The UP General Education Program (2013): A Proposal"

10/4/2013

UPD GE Council holds its first meeting

10/17/2013

OVCAA conducts 2013 UPD GE Conference

5/21/2014

OVPAA holds System-wide GE workshop

7/28/2014

UPD GE Committee (reconstituted from the UPD GE Council) holds its first meeting

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GE Mini-Conference: Philippine History,
Heritage and Culture
7/28/2014

GE Mini-Conference: Self and Society
8/5/2014

GE Mini-Conference: Living Systems
9/17/2014

GE Mini-Conference: Filipino
9/25/2014

GE Mini-Conference: Math, Culture and
Society
8/28/2014

GE Mini-Conference: Living
Art
10/14/2014

GE Mini-Conference: Science, Technology
and Society
9/4/2014

CSSP holds GE
Forum
10/20/2014

GE Mini-Conference: The Life and
Works of Dr. Jose Rizal
7/30/2014

GE Mini-Conference: Probing the Physical
World
9/20/2014

GE Mini-Conference: Communication
8/18/2014

2014

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Aug

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Oct

8/11/2014

CAL launches GE Lecture Series: Tatak UP

10/7/2014

GE Mini-Conference: Ethics

2014

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2015

UPD, during the 2014 UPD GE Conference, endorses establishment of GE Center
10/28/2014

UPD ExeComm endorses creation of administrative GE Center
12/11/2014

CAL and CSSP hold joint GE Forum
4/15/2015

Philippine Humanities Review special edition on the 2014 CAL GE Lecture Series is released
04/15/2015

UPD Mngt & Econ cluster (AM schedule) and Soc Sci & Law cluster (PM schedule) hold half-day faculty workshops on the GE framework
6/11/2015

UP GE Task Force releases the draft framework for GE for UP in the 21st century
6/8/2015

11/20/2014

OVPAA conducts System GE Workshop/Advocates Meeting

2/5/2015

OVPAA holds System-wide GE Conference

3/16/2015

UPD conducts roundtable discussion on the UPD GE framework

6/10/2015

UPD Arts & Letters cluster (AM schedule) and Science & Technology cluster (PM schedule) hold half-day faculty workshops on the GE framework

6/15/2015

UPD M&E cluster holds Part 2 of its faculty workshop on GE framework

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2015

2016

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8/24/2015
UPD OVCAA conducts pre-conference symposium on the number of GE units

11/9/2015
UPD ExeComm notes feedback of colleges/units on Potential Resolutions; requests UPD GE Committee to further study while UC meeting is postponed

10/30/2015
UPD OVCAA circulates UPD GE Conference Summary Report and Potential GE Resolutions for discussion at 23 Nov 2015 Special UC Meeting (TBC)

1/12/2016
UPD OVCAA circulates Potential Resolutions on GE and calls for participants to the GE Symposium on 21 January 2016

1/11/2016
UPD ExeComm affirms call for UC Special Meeting on 25 January 2016; supports plan to hold GE Symposium before the meeting

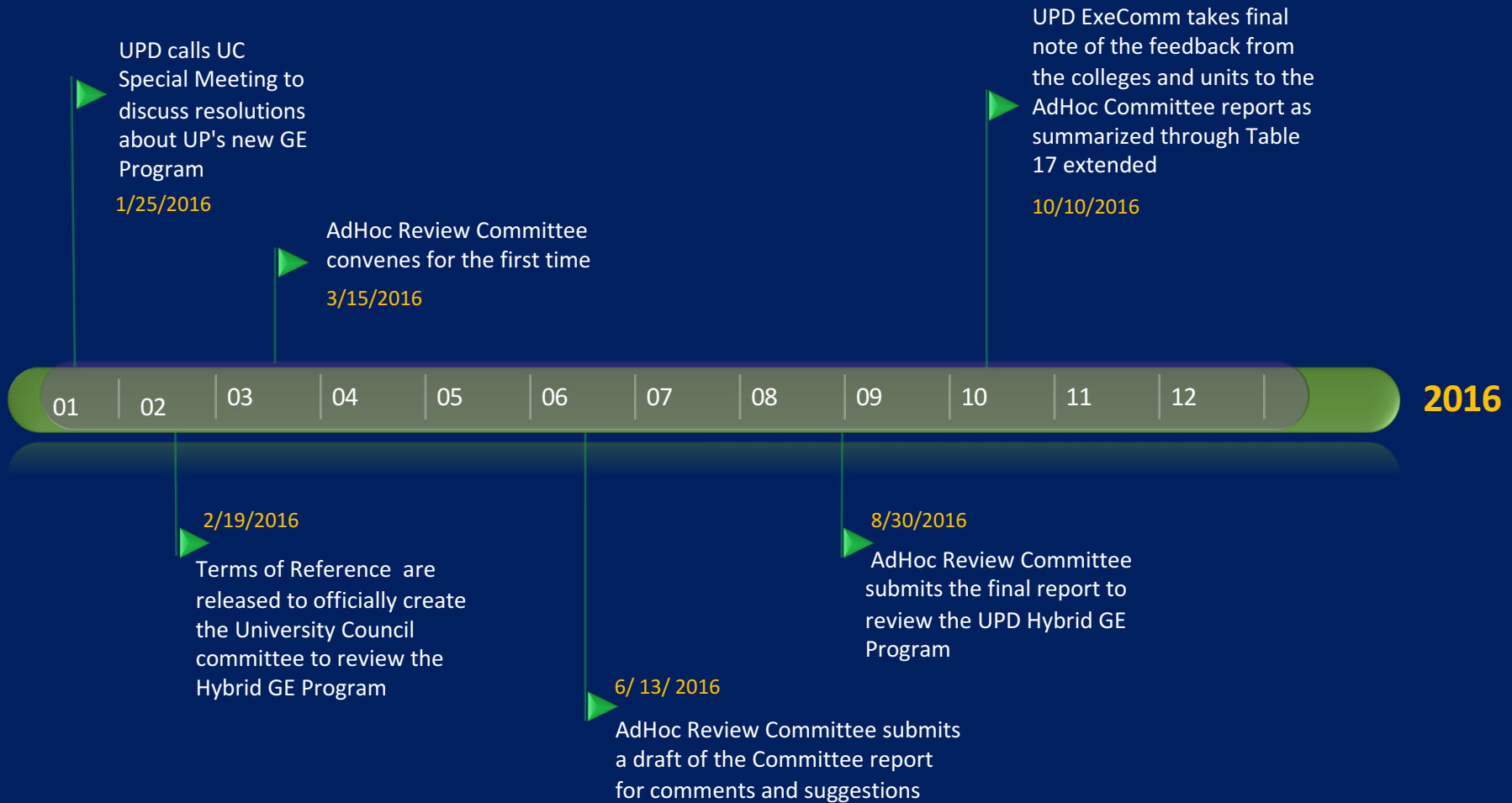
The UPD GE Conference 2015 is held on 28-29 Sept 9/28/2015

UPD GE Committee revises Potential Resolutions based on feedback of UPD colleges/units 11/23/2015

UPD ExeComm revises and endorses the 18 Potential Resolutions on GE; calls for UC Special Meeting on 25 January 2016 12/22/2015

UPD holds Symposium on Potential New GE Courses 1/21/2016

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2017

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The UPD GE Program Online Feedback Form is released to the alumni and students
1/17/2017

2/3/2017
UPD GE Committee conducts student council consultations with the Chancellor

1/10-11/2017

UPD GE Committee, jointly with the Ad Hoc Review Committee, conducts UPD GE Workshop on Jan 10- 11, 2017

Outcome: January 10, 2017 Joint Recommendation by the AdHoc Committee to Review the UPD Hybrid GE Program and the UPD GE Committee

2/13/2017

UPD ExeComm deliberates on the Joint Recommendation and reconsiders curriculum revision approved by some units

Outcome: February 13, 2017 Recommendation by the UPD Executive Committee

2017

3/3/2017

UPD GE Committee conducts student council consultations with the Chancellor

3/20/2017

The UPD GE Conference 2017 is held in the morning

UPD holds a Special UC Meeting in the afternoon to decide on the UPD GE Program

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