

UP GENERAL EDUCATION THROUGH THE YEARS: A TIMELINE FROM 1910 TO 2016

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1910

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1958

The College of Liberal Arts is established
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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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University College is established
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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 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

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
04/11/1985

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

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

06/01/1992

BOR establishes 25 GE professorial chairs and faculty grants

6/83

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

07/06/1991

Pres. J. V. Abueva establishes System GE Council

03/23/1983

The decentralized UP System with 4 autonomous units is established

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

1998

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2004

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

UPD UC adopts new GE framework under
the RGEP: 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

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

6/02

CUs except UP Mla start
offering RGEP courses; 47
new courses are approved
under the RGEP

5/02

The Summer Bridge program as support to
RGEP is launched

3/12/2001

Pres. Nemenzo issues campaign for
a Revitalized GE Program

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

2005

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2010

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

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

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

OVPAAs hold
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
OVPAAs
release
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 RGEF

2011

2011

2012

2013

2014

2014

UPD UC approves Hybrid RGEP; prescribed courses = Math GE, Philo 1, Kas 1, Engl 10, Comm 3, Fil 40, STS
12/12/2011

UP System releases "The UP General Education Program (2013): A Proposal"
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OVCAA holds 2011 UPD GE Conference; UPD decides to adopt Hybrid RGEP
10/6/2011

OVCAA conducts 2013 UPD GE Conference
10/17/2013

OVCAA holds 2012 UPD GE Conference; UPD decides to form UPD GE Council
10/18/2012

OVCAA holds System-wide GE workshop
5/21/2014

9/29/2011
Chancellor C. A. Saloma constitutes ad hoc committee for 2011 UPD GE Conference

2/15/2011
ODI-OVCAA releases "2009 UPD RGEP Evaluation Report"

10/4/2013
UPD GE Council holds its first meeting

7/28/2014
UPD GE Committee (reconstituted from the UPD GE Council) holds its first meeting

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

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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

OVPAAs conduct System GE Workshop/Advocates Meeting

2/5/2015

OVPAAs hold 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

