

Course-Based Focus Info Session

Friday, September 24, 3:00 pm

Thursday, September 30, 12:00 pm

Session Overview

- Overview of the move to course-based (15-20 minutes)
 - Rationale
 - Transition timeline
 - Reminders
- Q&A (40-45 minutes)

A copy of this presentation will be available on the General Education website at: <https://manoa.hawaii.edu/gened/events/>

Why Course-Based Focus?

- **Contribute stability** to the curriculum for students planning their course of study
- **Reduce confusion** for students in cases where not all sections of a course have the same Focus designation(s)
- **Contribute more consistency and clarity** to the role of Focus courses in the General Education curriculum and student learning objectives at all levels in UHM
- **Align with other General Education designations**, which are all course-based
- **Reduce “paperwork”** for faculty members and the General Education Committee, Boards and Office in preparing, reviewing, and processing Focus proposals and renewals for the same course

Transition Timeline - Fall 2021

- Submit instructor- and course-based proposals to
 - get new Spring 2022 sections designated with a Focus,
 - renew expired Focus designations for Spring 2022, and/or
 - extend the approval period of existing instructor-based designations.
- Review your department's curriculum and figure out where Focus (E, HAP, O, W) would best fit. These are the courses for which we encourage you to apply for a course-based Focus.

Transition Timeline - Spring 2022

- Submit instructor- and course-based proposals to
 - get new Summer and/or Fall 2022 sections designated with a Focus
 - renew expired Focus designations for Summer and/or Fall 2022
 - extend the approval period of existing instructor-based designations

IMPORTANT: This is the last semester in which instructor-based proposals will be accepted.

- Based on last semester's curriculum review, submit UHM forms as needed (deadline: March 15) to make course modifications and/or create new courses to be in place when instructor-based proposals are no longer accepted.

Transition Timeline - Fall 2022 and thereafter

- Submit course-based proposals to renew or get a new Focus for courses offered in Spring 2023. With the exception of special topics and directed reading/research courses, *instructor-based proposals will no longer be accepted.*

IMPORTANT: Both instructor- and course-based approvals that expire after Fall 2022 will be honored through the end of their approval period.

Focus Deadlines

- September 10, 2021: Deadline for Spring 2022 Focus proposals
- January 14, 2022 (tentative): Deadline for Summer 2022 Focus proposals
- February 4, 2022 (tentative): Deadline for Fall 2022 Focus proposals
- March 15, 2022: Deadline for UHM forms with a Spring 2023 effective term (for departments that want to modify their existing courses or create new courses)
- September 9, 2022 (tentative): Deadline for Spring 2023 Focus proposals (course-based only)

Important Reminders

- (Almost) All courses are eligible for course-based Focus* - a history of two or more instructors with previous approval is no longer required
- Course-based designations apply to all sections of the course all the time.
- If a course-based proposal is being submitted for the first time, it is a new request. It is not considered a renewal, even if the course was previously approved under individual instructors.
- The General Education Office is here to help!

*Directed Reading/Research (X99) courses and “topics” courses which vary in content each semester will continue to be instructor-based.

Online Resources

FAQs for Faculty: <https://manoa.hawaii.edu/gened/faculty/faq/>

Proposal Forms: <https://manoa.hawaii.edu/gened/faculty/proposals/forms/>

Proposal Deadlines: <https://manoa.hawaii.edu/gened/faculty/proposals/>

Focus Status List: <https://manoa.hawaii.edu/gened/faculty/proposals/fsl/>

Q&A Session