



University of Idaho

Academic Initiatives

TO: University of Idaho Faculty and Staff
FROM: Cher Hendricks, Vice Provost for Academic Initiatives
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SUBJECT: Update on the State Common Course Indexing Project

On January 12, 2018, the Idaho State Board of Education (SBOE) directed all Idaho public two- and four-year institutions to develop a common indexing convention for a core set of curricula offered in the General Education Matriculation (GEM) framework. This follows several months' work and consultation with GEM discipline groups and SBOE workgroups. You can download the State Board memo at the bottom of this email.

The SBOE has provided institutions with a list of courses that are:

1. available to students across most of our Idaho public institutions,
2. at the 100- or 200-level,
3. equivalent based on the **Idaho Course Transfer website**,
and

4. designated with a GEM stamp and most institutions.

For courses on this list offered at the University of Idaho, we must ensure we are using the course number and course name provided by the state and that these courses are GEM stamped in the common GEM area designation.

Over the next several months, General Education Director Dean Panttaja will meet with faculty, administrators, the Registrar's Office and the University Committee on General Education to guide the work of updating our course titles and course numbers and to ensure we meet the SBOE's deadline of having changes in our catalog no later than the 2019-20 academic year.

Please reach out to **Dean Panttaja** if you have specific questions about this process.

Thank you for your assistance in this work.

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