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New Changes coming to the General Education Curriculum

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Unknown to some students at Muskingum the General Education requirements have changed or the 2015-2016 school year and beyond.

The categories have been redesigned so that there are more options for students in certain areas that may have not been there before. For example, in the Quantitative reasoning category, which was formally the math category, has other options such as a business statics class, a psych behavioral statistics class and educ. assessments in education and a health science course statistics for the health sciences. "It may be beneficial for students that are in specific majors it may reduce or in affect allow them to double dip for instance business majors who take business 325 won't have to take that math course," said Daniel Wilson University Registrar.

Current students would not be affected by these changes unless they choose to switch to this new catalogue when it takes affect fall 2015. When the new catalogue comes into affect fall 2015 with the new freshman class, current students can switch if they aren't to far in their credits for their major, minor, or LAE's. In fact for some students in this situation it might be more beneficial to do this because of how the new Gen Ed requirements are laid out. "It may be beneficial for students to do that if they aren't very far along in their major requirements or if they aren't very far a long in their gen Ed/LAE requirements they may find some benefit in switch to gen Ed," said Wilson.

If a student decides to switch to this new catalogue first they would talk to their advisor to see if it was a smart move for them to make based on where they are with their credit hours. Then they would once or if they made the decision to switch they would need to submit in writing and emailing is fine to the registrars office that they intend to switch. Current students really need to consider if this is smart move for them because once they switch they can't switch back to an older catalogue. They also need to consider how many credits they have completed and how this switch would affect that.

If current students have questions about these changes there is a FAQ on Muskingum University's website.