Summary of the state of New Mexico’s new General Education model

- Full information available on the HED Webpage:
  - https://hed.state.nm.us/resources-for-schools/public_schools/general-education
- Emphasizes 5 “essential skills”
  - Communication
  - Quantitative Reasoning
  - Personal and Social Responsibility
  - Information and Digital Literacy
  - Critical Thinking
- Organized around 6 content areas:
  - Area I: Communications
  - Area II: Mathematics
  - Area III: Science
  - Area IV: Social & Behavioral Sciences
  - Area V: Humanities
  - Area VI: Creative and Fine Arts
  - Each course must address the three essential skills associated with its content area (see chart)
  - Courses may also be classified as “other” if they do not fall into any of these 6 content areas
- Institutional Flexibility
  - 22 credits are uniform state-wide
  - 9 credits are “flexible” as determined by each institution. This is an opportunity for NMSU to establish a distinctive General Education program.
- Implementation is scheduled for Fall 2019. Existing courses must be re-certified by Fall 2020 to maintain their G designation.

Table I. Required courses in each content area for previous and new general education models, for Associate* and Bachelor degrees.

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<th>Previous Model</th>
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<td>Content Area</td>
<td>Courses (Credits)</td>
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<td>I. Communications</td>
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<td>II. Mathematics / Statistics</td>
<td>1 (3)</td>
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<td>III. Laboratory Science</td>
<td>2 (8)</td>
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<td>IV. Social &amp; Behavioral Sciences</td>
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<td>V. Humanities and Fine Arts</td>
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* Requirement includes a total of 5 classes (15 credits) from Areas IV and V together.

*Applied Associate degree requirements: 12 credits from four different content areas + 3 elective credits (from any other “G” course)