Information on courses that focus on General Education Abilities are being collected so that UGA will have a catalog of courses that allows us to determine how well our undergraduates are fulfilling desired abilities in (1) written communication, (2) spoken communication, (3) critical thinking and (4) ethical reasoning.*

Below are a few guidelines in submitting courses for the General Education Abilities:

1) Most courses will cover many of these general education abilities; however, this process is an attempt to identify courses that have the general education ability as a substantive and specific focus of the course. All courses in your department do not need to satisfy the abilities. You should include only those courses that you specifically feel will help your students acquire those abilities.

2) Most courses will satisfy only one general education ability. Justification should be included if a course is submitted to satisfy multiple abilities.

3) If you check an ability for a course, then the course objectives and topical outline for the course must reflect this ability specifically. For example: if you check writing abilities, your outline should reflect that students will have substantive writing assignments, that students will receive feedback and that a goal of the course is improved writing.

4) Since the course objectives and learning outcomes should provide evidence for how the ability will be achieved, it is important that the learning outcomes for the ability are integrated into the course objectives and topical outline for the course. In order to facilitate this process, course objectives and topical outlines for any course can be quickly updated using the CAPA Course Objectives and Topical Outlines Update System (available online from the CAPA homepage at: https://www.capa.uga.edu/Capa/Syllabus/Login.html).

5) If a course varies from instructor to instructor to a great degree (for example, one instructor assigns substantive writing assignments, but another does not), it should not be submitted as a course to satisfy abilities.

*Computer Literacy has been removed from the list of General Education Abilities. It is assumed that the majority of courses at the University include learning outcomes for this ability, and it is not necessary to collect this information.