Trends in General Education at the University of Florida Since 2022

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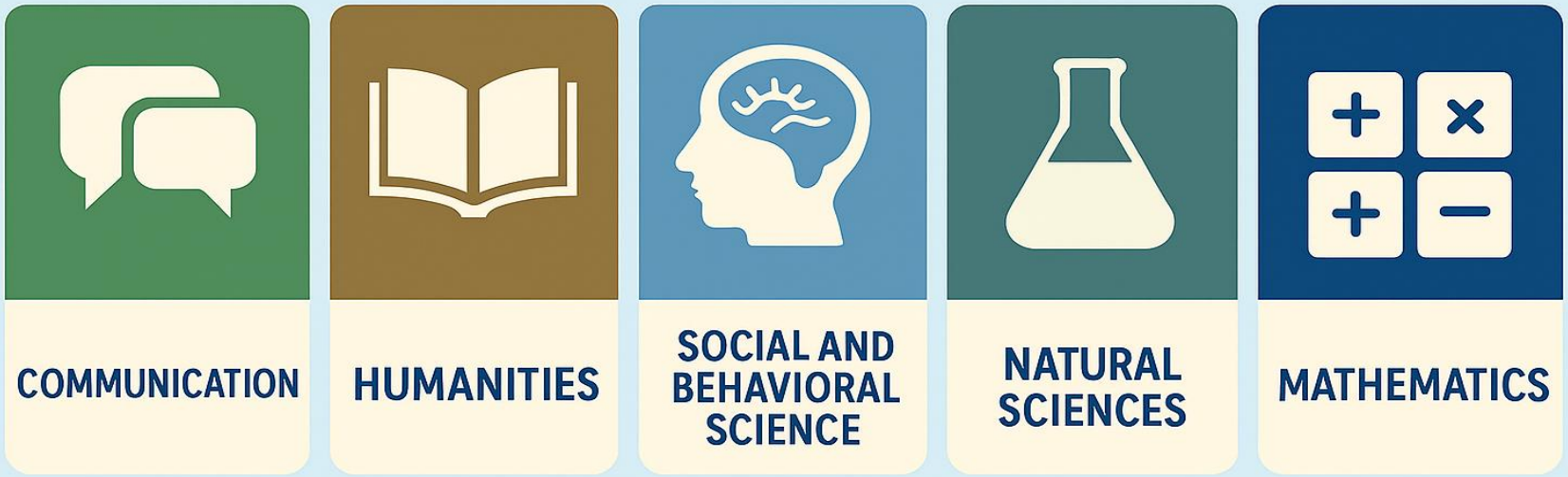
About General Education

GENERAL EDUCATION CATEGORIES IN FLORIDA'S PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES



Full listing of state-approved General Education Courses: https://www.flbog.edu/universities/key-university-info/general-education-courses/

Changes to General Education requirements and courses effective 2025-2026

- Creation of “state core” General Education courses and category definitions: statewide standardization of a handful of courses in each category
- Annual review and approval of ALL General Education courses to ensure compliance with state laws and regulations
- All General Education courses must be at 1000 or 2000 level
- Many courses at UF no longer qualified General Education designation after the changes, including some Quest courses

UF General Education Requirements

Subject Area	State Core	Gen Ed. Courses	Totals
Biological and Physical Sciences	3	3	6
Composition	3	3	6
Humanities	3	3	6
Social & Behavioral Science	3	3	6
Mathematics	3	3	6
Additional Required Gen Ed. Coursework (Humanities, Social Science, or Natural Science)[1]		6	6
Overall Totals	15	21	36

3-credit course with the International (N) designation also required to complete General Education

For more information about UF's requirements, see https://curriculum.aa.ufl.edu/general-education/

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The Data and Relevant Questions

Before vs After Datasets Summary

“Before” Dataset

29,503 unique students (Fall 2022–Spring 2025 graduates), single majors only, 857,199 rows of course records.

“After” Dataset

7,869 unique students (Summer–Fall 2025 graduates), single majors only, 135,797 rows of course records.

Questions

1. Do students take all of their General Education courses at UF?
2. What are trends in each of the categories of General Education at UF?

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Methods to Earn Credits for General Education

UF Course

- Enrolled in UF Course and counted for GE credit

Test Score

- AP/IB/AICE, Cambridge or other form of test credit from high school

Transfer Credit

- Took class as dual enrollment or enrolled at higher education institution

Course	Course Title	UF Course	Test Score	Transfer Credit
MAC2311 *	Analytical Geometry and Calculus 1	2782	8367	926
ARH2000*	Art Appreciation	2011	614	753
CHM2045*	General Chemistry 1	1741	998	350
ECO2013*	Principles of Macroeconomics	1531	3916	993
MUL2010*	Experiencing Music	1504	38	690
THE2000*	Theatre Appreciation	1493	37	119
STA2023*	Introduction to Statistics 1	1420	1038	450
MAC2312	Analytical Geometry and Calculus 2	1420	1359	249
CHM2045L	General Chemistry Laboratory	1281	648	160
PHY2048*	Physics with Calculus 1	1212	414	246
BSC2010*	Integrated Principles of Biology 1	1138	2584	639
ECO2023	Principles of Microeconomics	1016	1224	248
PHI2010	Introduction to Philosophy	946	83	543
ENC1101*	Expository and Argumentative Writing	806	10184	3250
ENC1102	Argument and Persuasion	747	3465	1612
PSY2012*	General Psychology	721	1379	295
EVR2001*	Introduction to Environmental Science	680	1329	341

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What are trends in each of the categories of General Education at UF?

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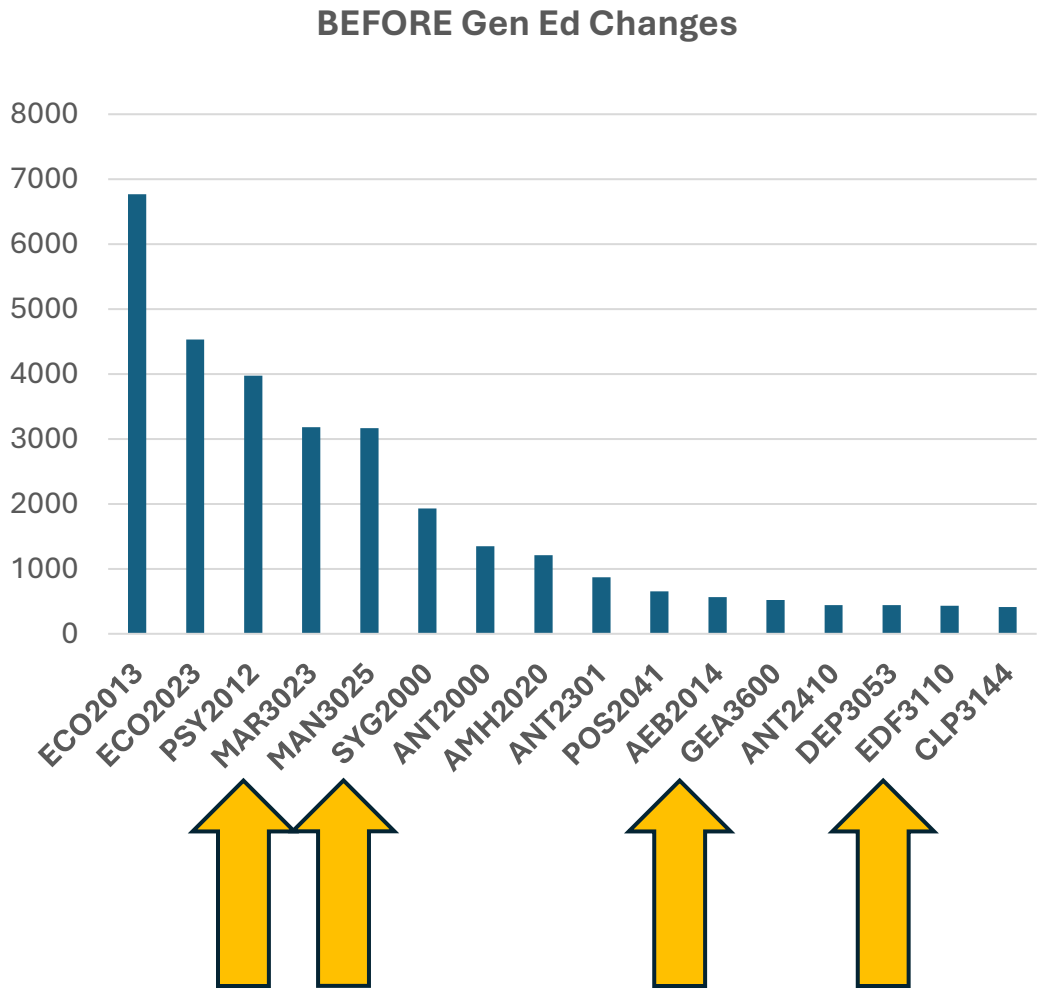
Trends in Social and Behavioral Science: Courses Taken at UF



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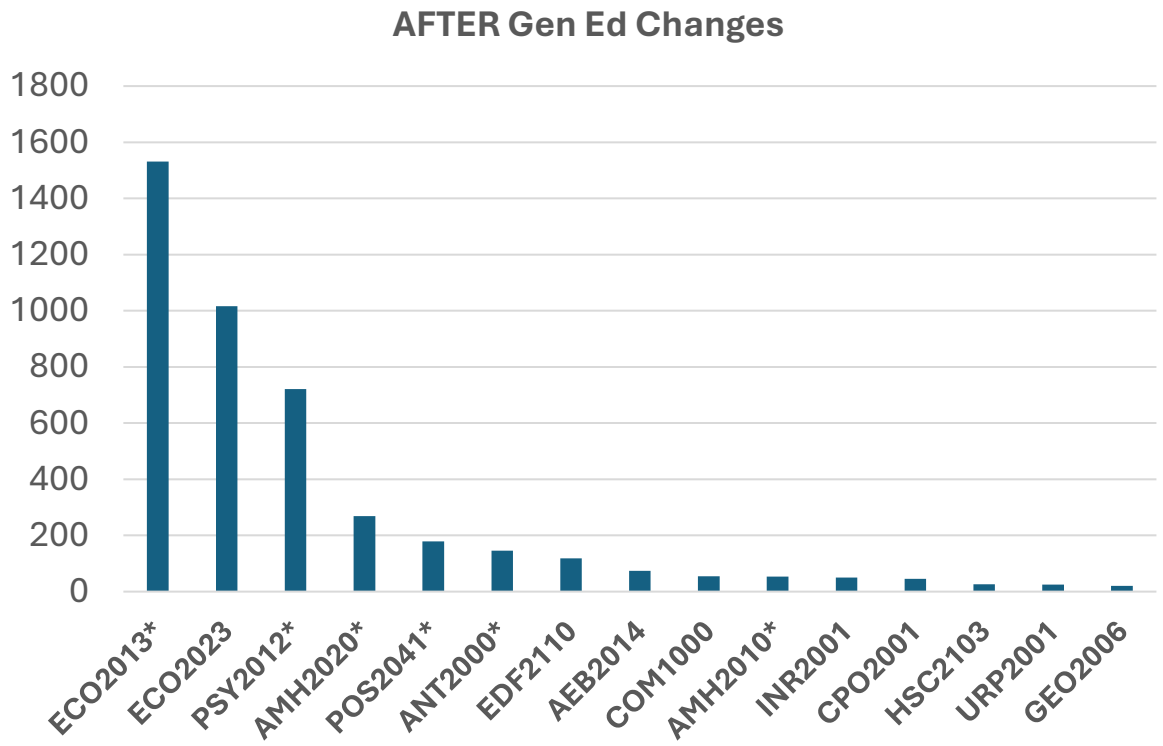
- 3000-level courses no longer Gen Ed



- (*) Denotes state core Gen Ed-S
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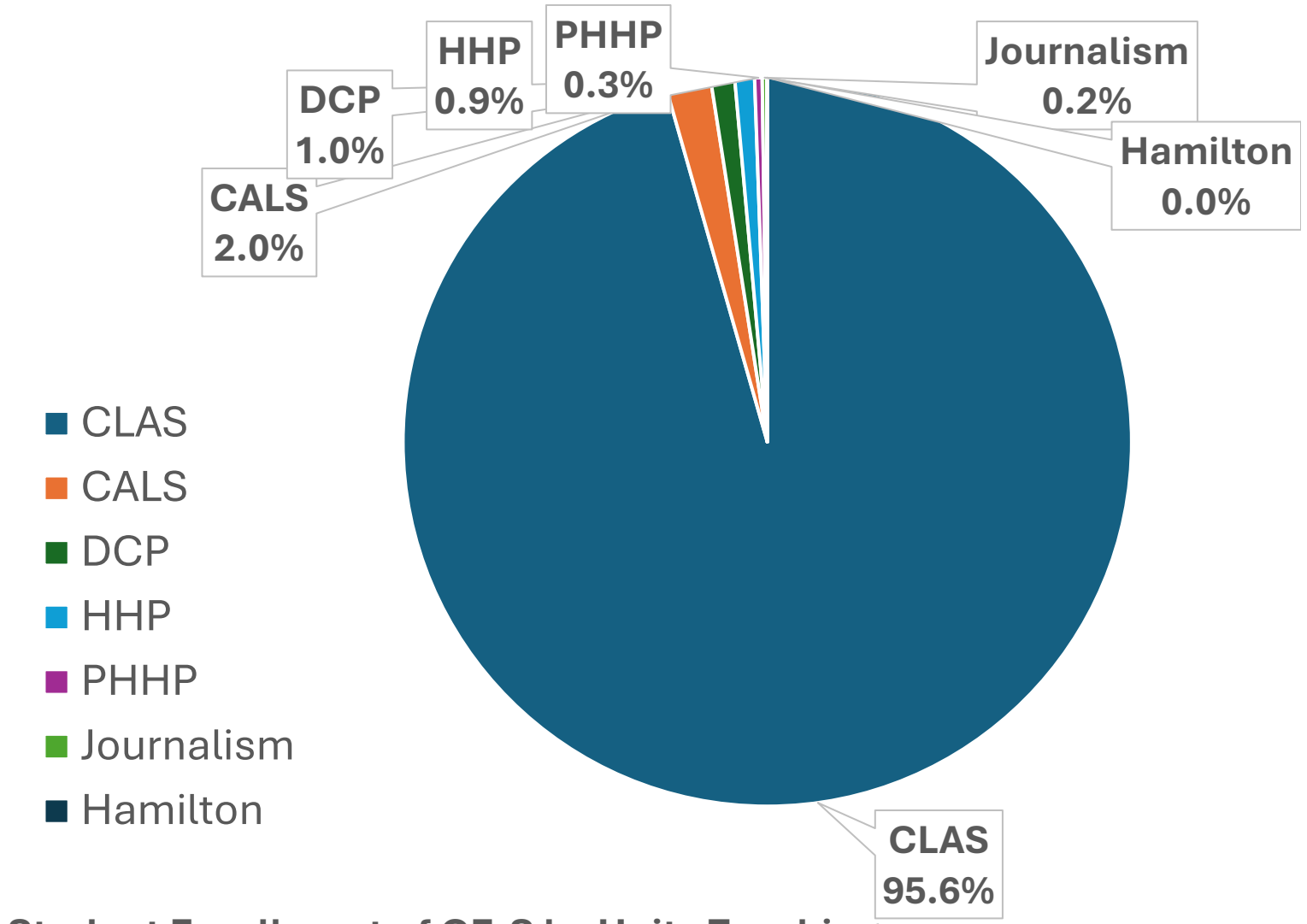
Trends in Social and Behavioral Science: Top Courses Taken at UF by Unit Teaching

Course	Title	Students	Unit Teaching
ECO2013*	Principles of Microeconomics	1531	CLAS
ECO2023	Principles of Macroeconomics	1016	CLAS
PSY2012*	General Psychology	721	CLAS
AMH2020*	United States Since 1877	269	CLAS
POS2041*	American Federal Government	179	CLAS
ANT2000*	General Anthropology	146	CLAS
EDF2110	Human Growth and Development	118	Education
AEB2014	Current Economic Issues, Food and You	74	CALS
COM1000	Introduction to Communications Studies	55	CLAS
AMH2010	United States Before 1877	54	CLAS
INR2001	Introduction to International Relations	50	CLAS
CPO2001	Comparative Politics Introduction	45	CALS
LEI2181	Leisure in Contemporary Society	34	HHP

Trends in Social and Behavioral Sciences: Units Teaching Courses



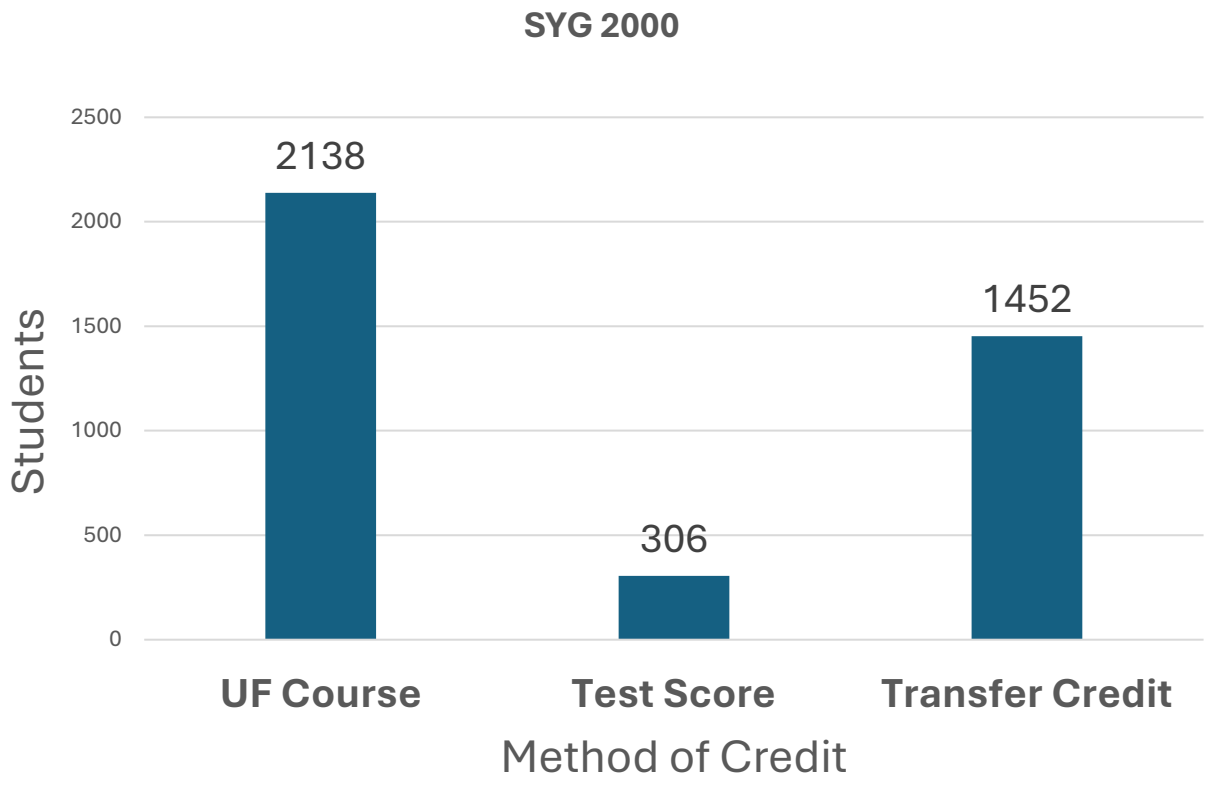
Unit	Students Taught
CLAS	4295
CALS	88
DCP	47
HHP	39
PHHP	15
Journalism	9
Hamilton	1

Student Enrollment of GE-S by Units Teaching

Sociology Courses and General Education Social and Behavioral Science Credits

- SYG 2000 will no longer count as GE-S as of 2026-2027
- Was 6th most popular GE-S course at UF

SYG 2000 (Introduction to Sociology) Fall 2022-Fall 2025 graduating students who used this course for GE-S



Courses Removed from GE-S for 2025-2026

SYG 2430: Marriage and Family

SYG 2430 was less frequently used, with **249** students taking the course for GE-S and 164 students transferring the credit in Fall 2022-Spring 2025

SYG 2010: Social Problems

SYG 2010 was much less frequently used, with only **32** students taking the course for GE-S and 141 students transferring the credit in Fall 2022-Spring 2025

All 3000 and 4000 level courses are no longer eligible for General Education in any category

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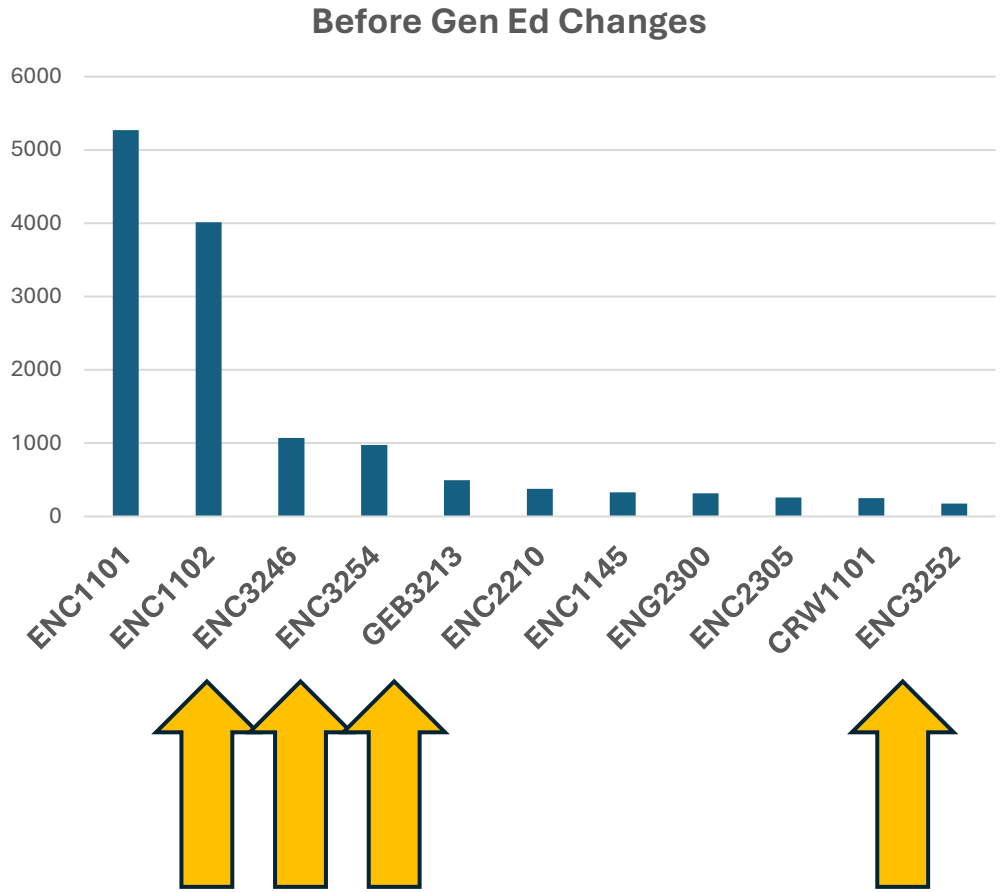
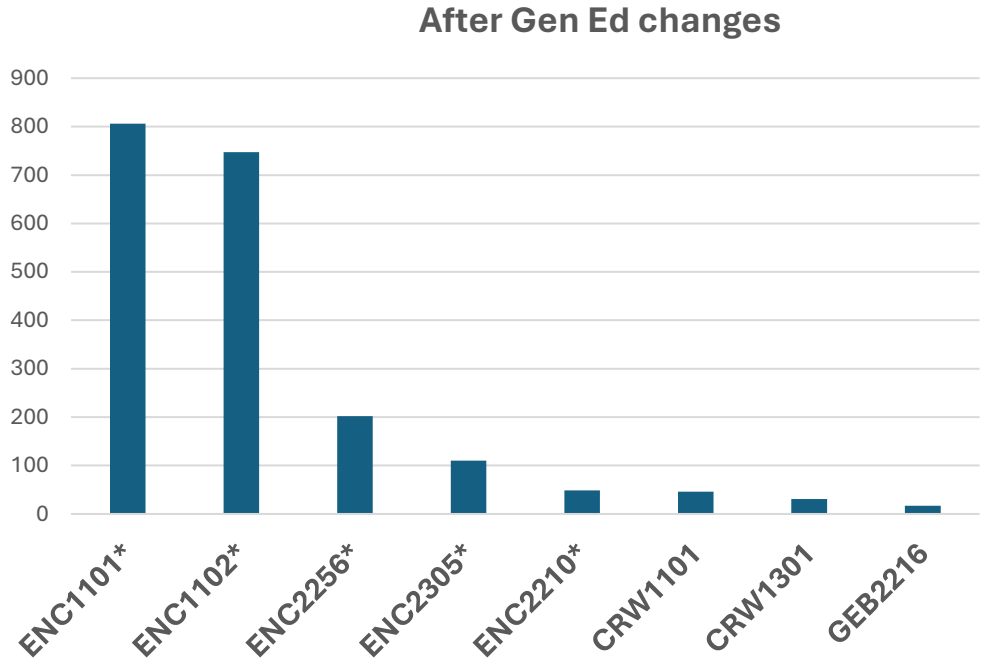
Trends in Composition: Courses Taken at UF

Note: The category is "Communication" at the state level and can include oral communication; at UF, it is "Composition" only



- New permanent courses created for Writing in the Disciplines
- 3000-level courses no longer Gen Ed



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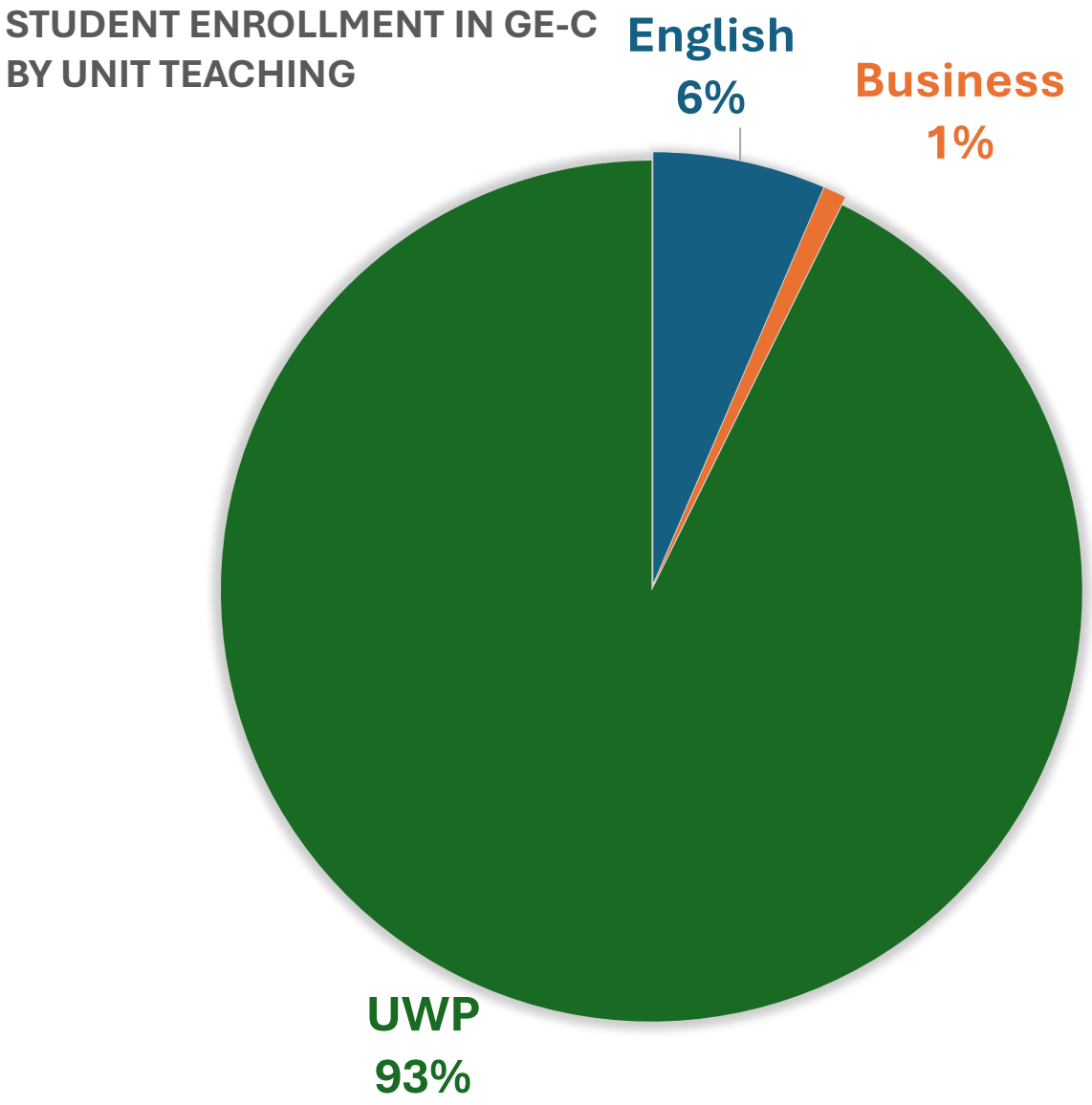
Trends in Composition: Courses Taken at UF by Unit Teaching

Course	Title	Students	Unit Teaching
ENC1101*	Expository and Argumentative Writing	806	UWP
ENC1102	Argument and Persuasion	747	UWP
ENC2256	Writing in the Disciplines	202	UWP
ENC2305	Analytical Writing and Thinking	110	UWP
ENC2210	Technical Writing	49	English
CRW1101	Beginning Fiction Writing	46	English
CRW1301	Beginning Poetry Writing	31	English
GEB2216	Professional Writing in Business	17	Business
ENG1131	Writing Through Media	4	English

Trends in Composition: Units Teaching Courses



Unit	Students Taught
University Writing Program	1865
English	130
Business	17

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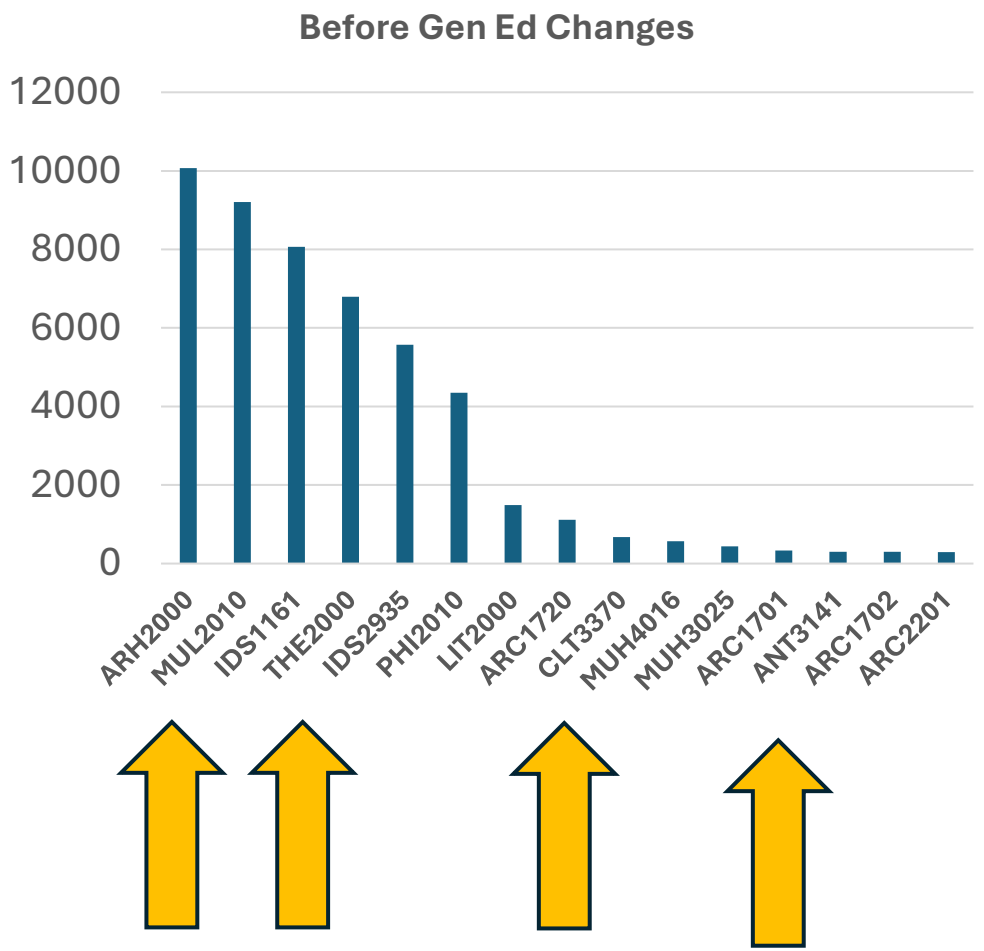

- IDS courses: Good Life/Quest moved to permanent courses
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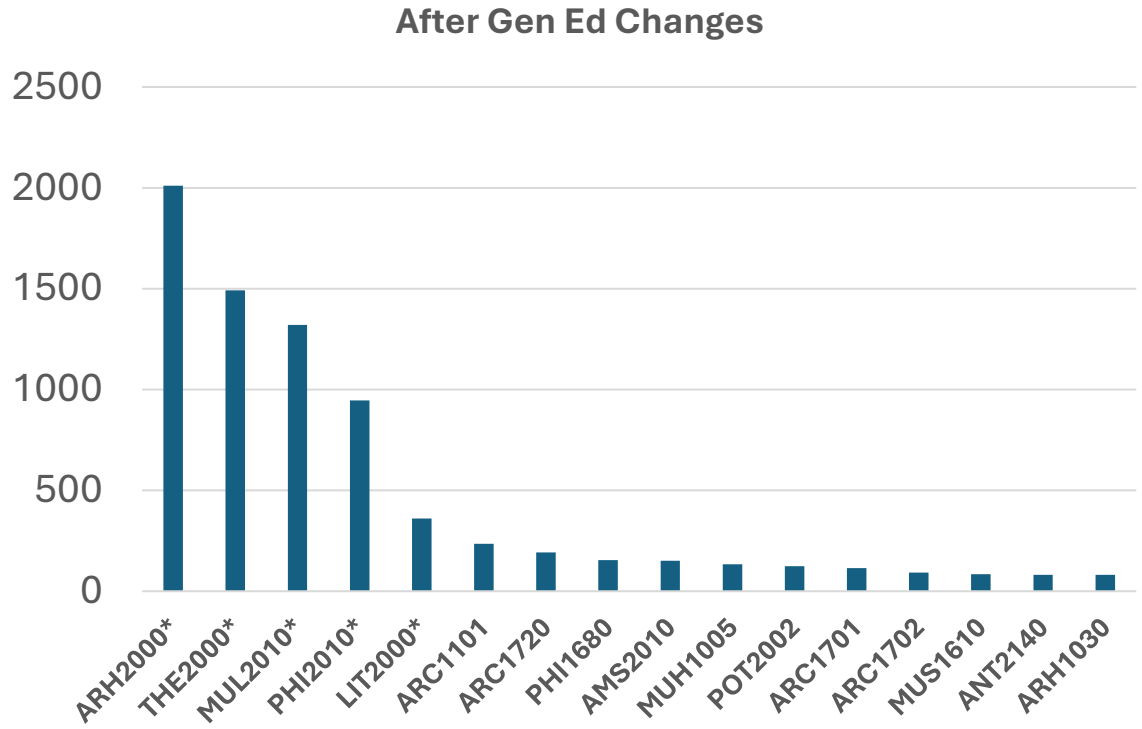

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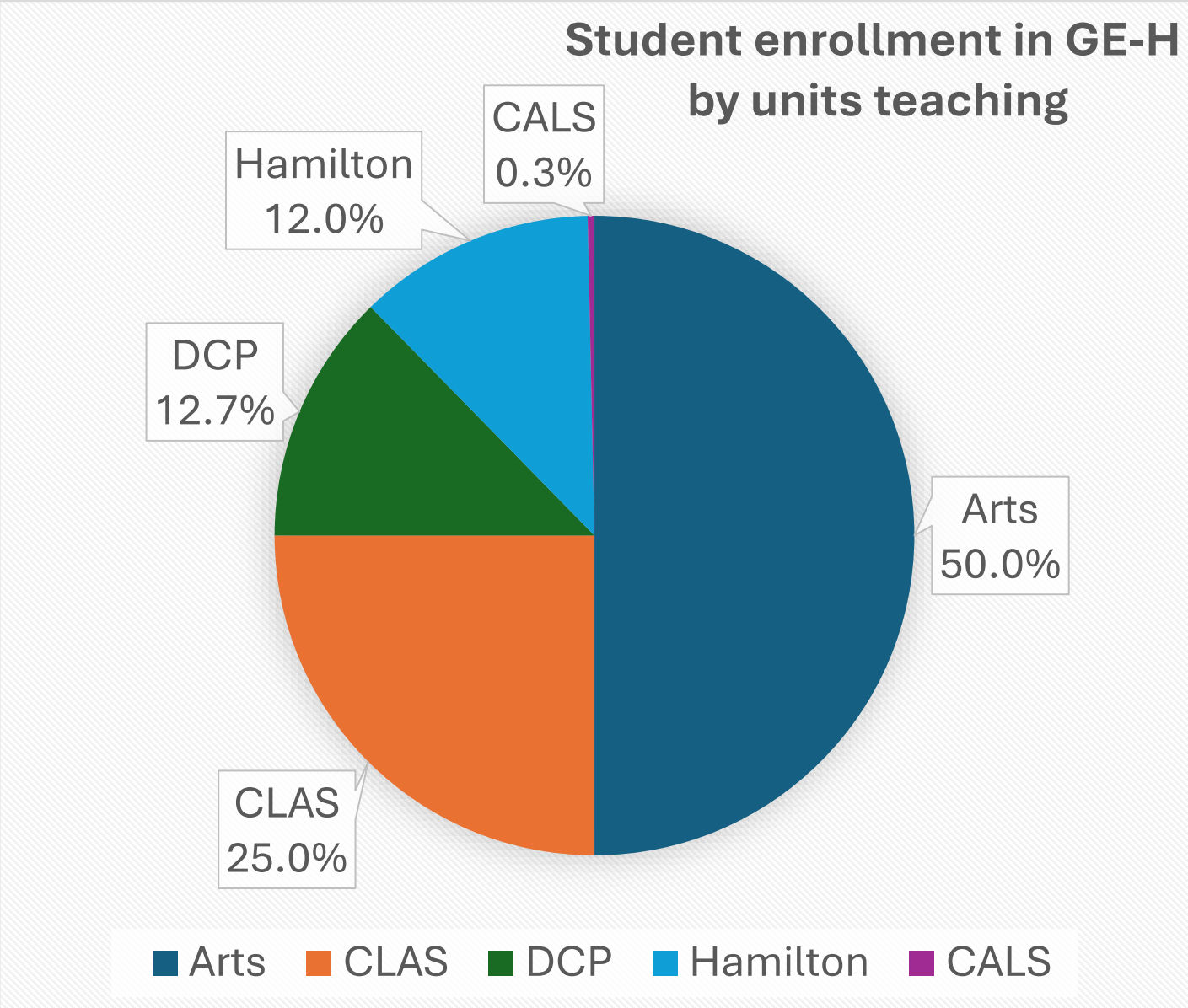
Trends in Humanities: Top Courses Taken at UF by Unit Teaching

Course	Title	Students	Unit Teaching
ARH2000*	Art Appreciation	2011	Arts
MUL2010*	Experiencing Music	1504	Arts
THE2000	Theatre Appreciation	1493	Arts
PHI 2010	Introduction to Philosophy	946	CLAS
LIT2000*	Introduction to Literature	360	CLAS
ARC1101	Places and Spaces	235	DCP
ARC1720	Survey of Architectural History	193	DCP
PHI1680	AI, Philosophy and Society	154	CLAS
AMS2010	Civil Discourse and the American Political Order	151	Hamilton
MUH1005	Artistic Revelation	134	Arts
POT2002	Introduction to Political Theory	124	CLAS
ARC1701	Survey of Architectural History 1	114	DCP

Trends in Humanities: Courses Taught by Unit



Unit	Students Taught
Arts	3536
CLAS	1768
DCP	896
Hamilton	848
CALS	24

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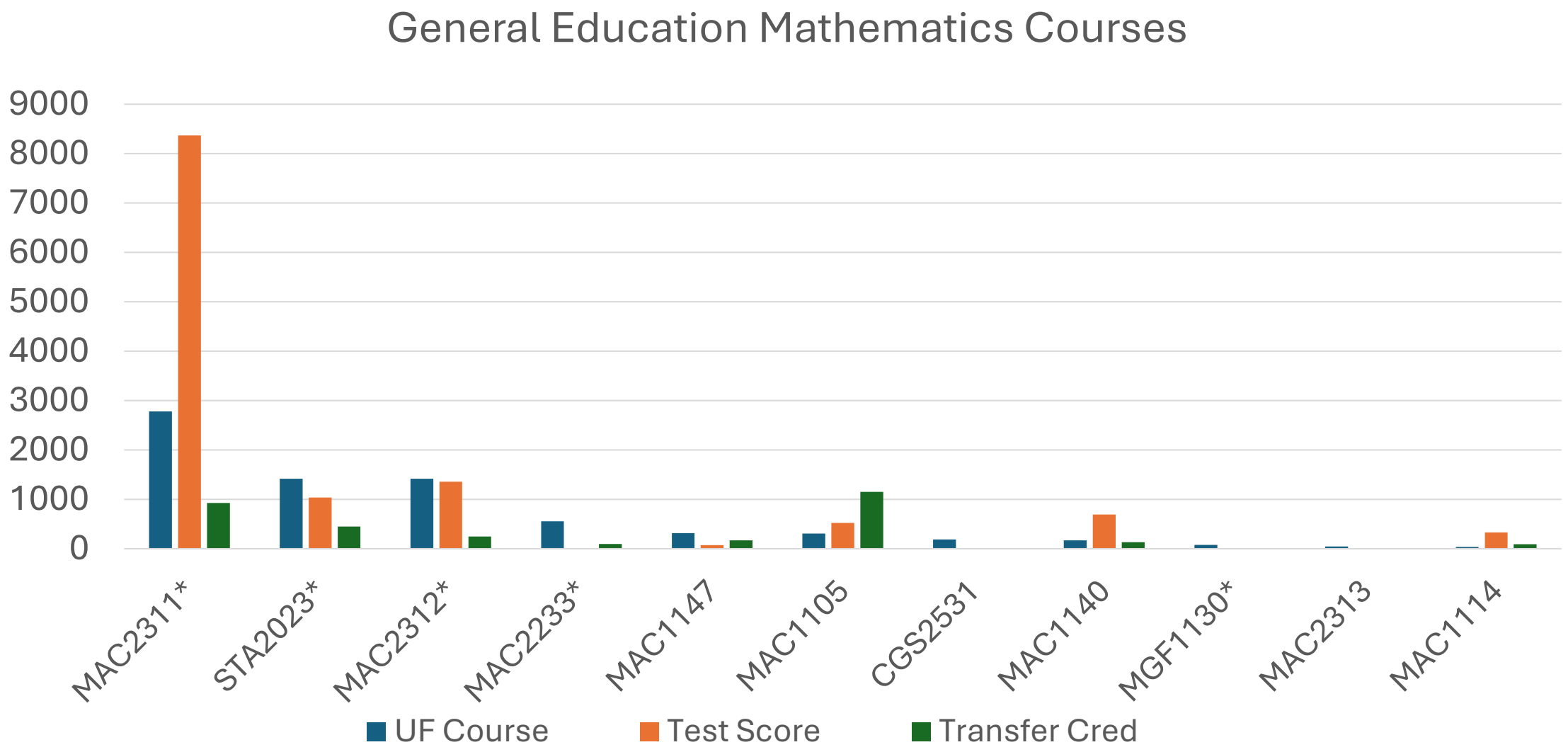
Trends in Mathematics: Top Courses Taken at UF by Unit Teaching

Course	Title	Students	Unit Teaching
MAC2311*	Analytical Geometry and Calculus 1	2782	CLAS
STA2023*	Introduction to Statistics 1	1420	CLAS
MAC2312*	Analytical Geometry and Calculus 2	1420	CLAS
MAC2233*	Survey of Calculus 1	556	CLAS
MAC1147	Algebra and Trigonometry	317	CLAS
MAC1105	Basic College Algebra	306	CLAS
CGS2531	Problem Solving Using Computer Software	187	Engineering
MAC1140	Precalculus Algebra	169	CLAS
MGF1130*	Mathematical Thinking	80	CLAS
MAC2313	Analytical Geometry and Calculus 2	44	CLAS
MAC1114	Trigonometry	35	CLAS

Trends in Mathematics: Courses by Enrollment Method



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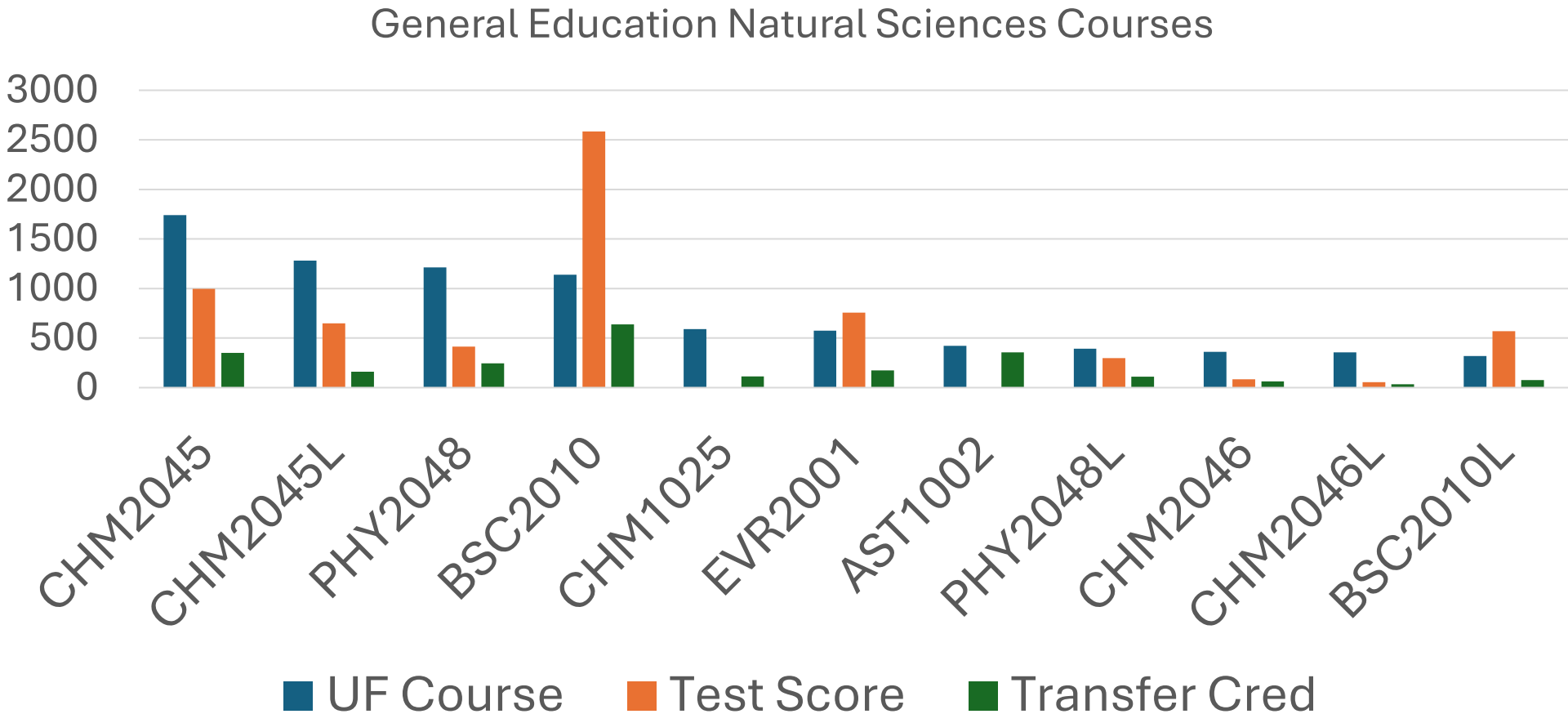
Trends in Natural Science: Top Courses Taken at UF by Unit Teaching

Course	Title	Students	Unit Teaching
CHM 2045*	General Chemistry 1	1741	CLAS
CHM 2045L	General Chemistry Laboratory	1281	CLAS
PHY 2048*	Physics with Calculus 1	1212	CLAS
BSC 2010*	Integrated Principles of Biology 1	1138	CLAS
CHM 1025	Introduction to Chemistry	590	CLAS
EVR 2001*	Introduction to Environmental Science	574	CALS
AST 1002*	Discovering the Universe	422	CLAS
PHY 2048L	Physics with Calculus Laboratory 1	393	CLAS
CHM 2046	General Chemistry 2	361	CLAS
CHM 2046L	General Chemistry Laboratory 2	357	CLAS
BSC 2010L	Integrated Principles of Biology Laboratory 1	320	CLAS

Trends in Natural Sciences: Courses by Enrollment Method



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Course	Title	Students	Unit Teaching
WIS2040	Wildlife Issues in a Changing World	290	CALS
BSC2011	Integrated Principles of Biology 2	268	CLAS
CHM2095	Applied General Chemistry 1	258	CLAS
ESC1000*	Introduction to Earth Sciences	234	CLAS
PHY2049	Physics with Calculus 2	224	CLAS
CHM2095L	Applied General Chemistry Laboratory 1	223	CLAS
FOS2001	Man's Food	206	CALS
PHY2020*	Introduction to Principles of Physics	203	CLAS
WIS2552	Biodiversity Conservation: Global Perspectives	164	CALS
BSC2005*	Biological Sciences	161	CLAS
PHY2053*	Physics 1	151	CLAS
GLY1102	Age of Dinosaurs	145	CLAS

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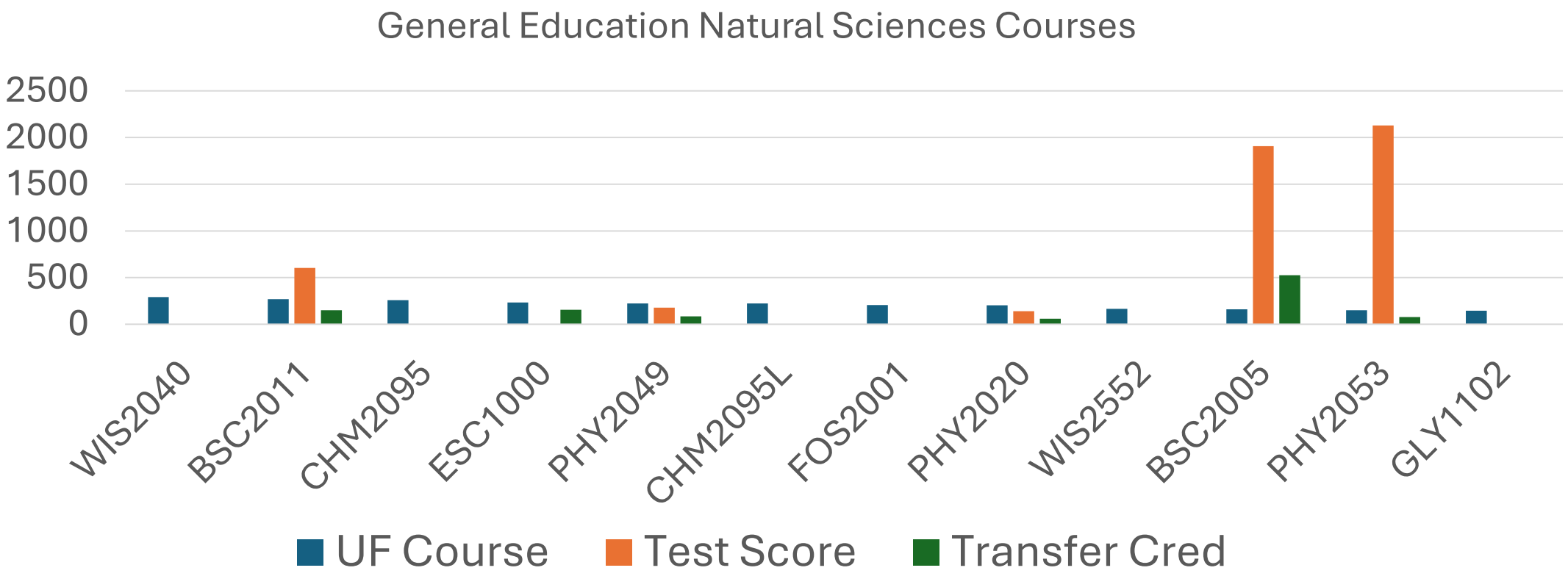

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Course	Title	Students	Unit Teaching
PHY2049L	Physics with Calculus Laboratory 2	127	CLAS
OCE1001	Introduction to Oceanography	126	CLAS
FOS2040	Introductory Food Science	116	CALS
MCB2000	Microbiology	116	CALS
SWS2007	The World of Water	100	CALS
APK2100C	Applied Human Anatomy with Laboratory	95	HHP
ENY1001	Bugs and People	93	CALS
HUN2201	Fundamentals of Human Nutrition	84	CALS
GEO2242	Extreme Weather	69	CLAS
GEO2200	Dynamic Planet Earth	63	CLAS
CHM1020*	Chemistry for the Liberal Arts	51	CLAS
BSC2005L	Biological Sciences Laboratory	49	CLAS

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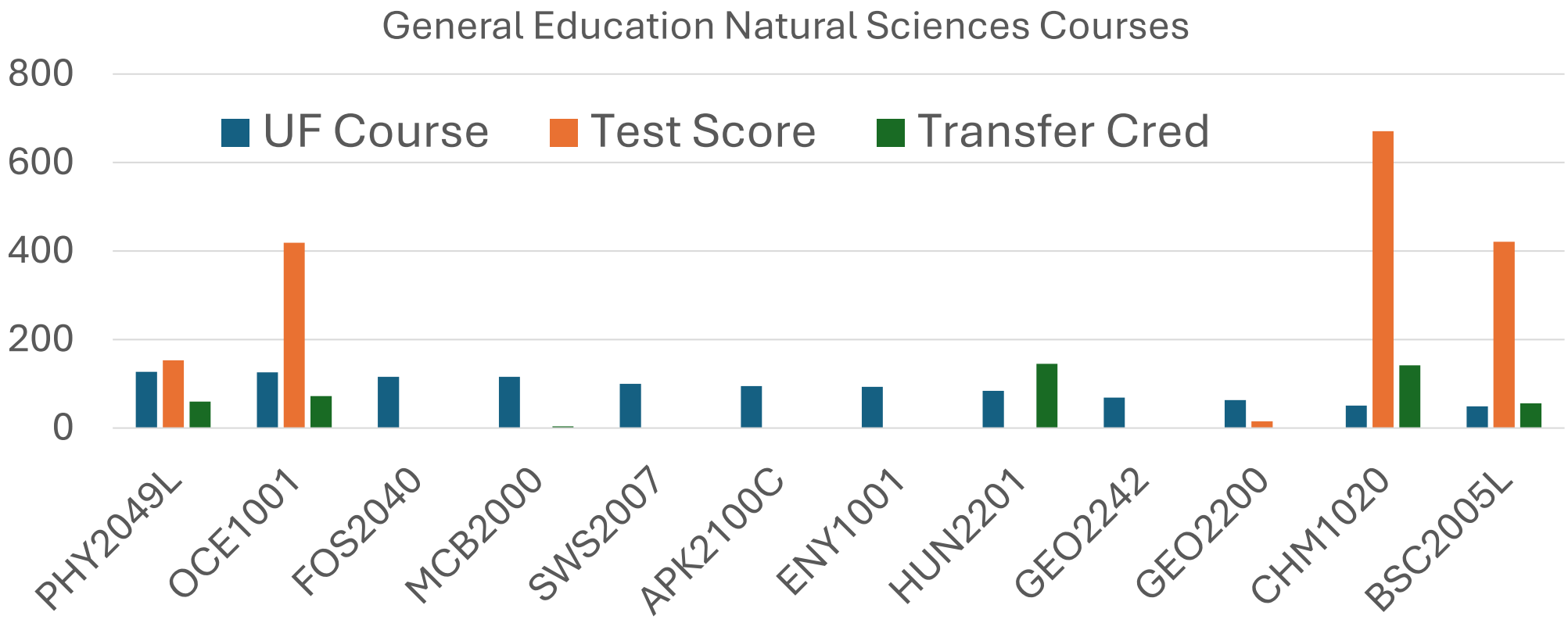

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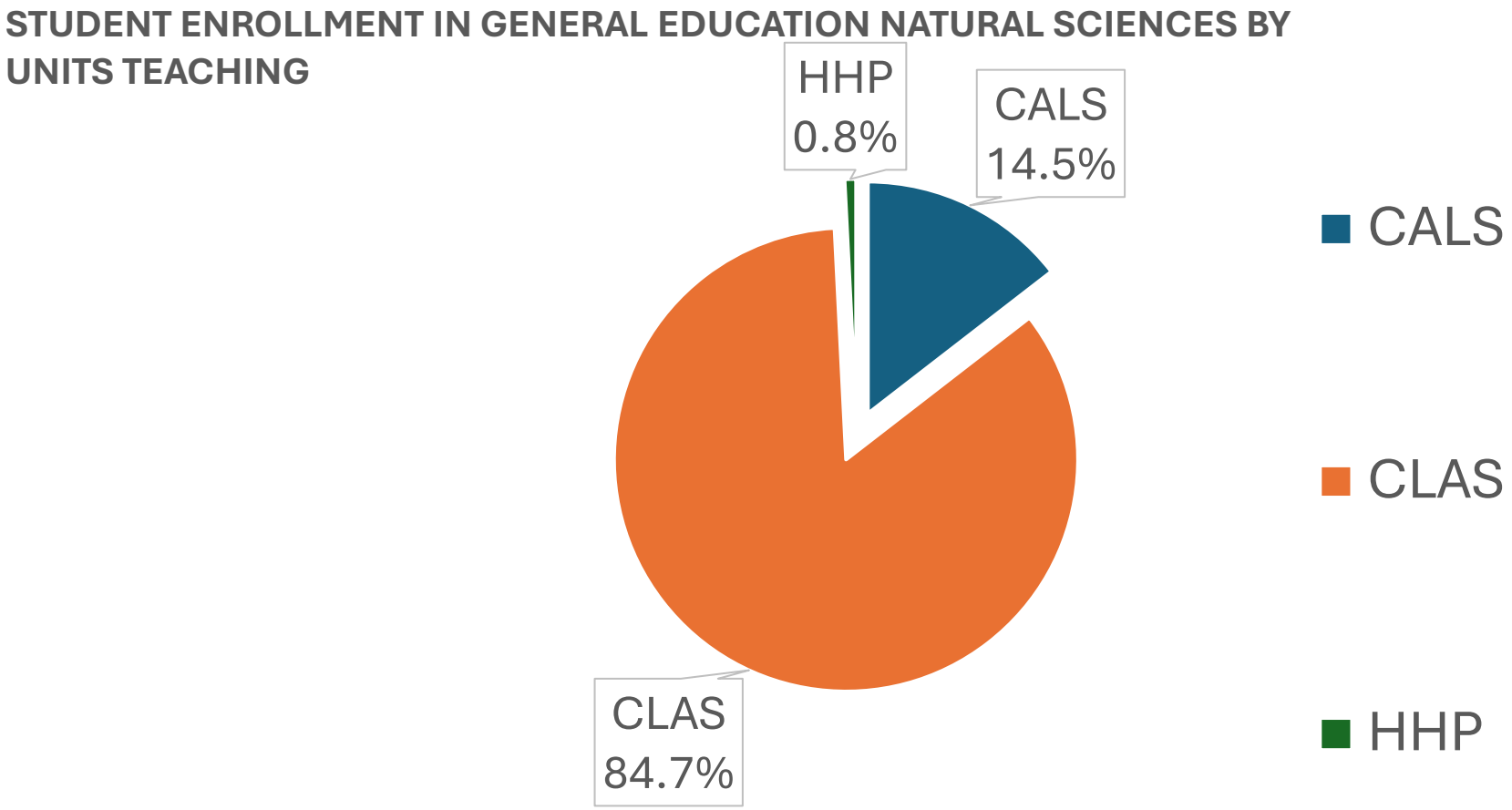
Trends in Natural Sciences: Courses Taught by Unit



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