

Certified USG eCore Faculty by Sector in FY 2014

Sector	Institution	Number of Faculty
Research Universities		
	Georgia Regents University	1
Comprehensive Universities		
	Kennesaw State University	1
	University of West Georgia	11
	Valdosta State University	5
State Universities		
	Albany State University	1
	Clayton State University	4
	Savannah State University	10
	Southern Polytechnic State University	1
	University of North Georgia	9
State Colleges		
	Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	5
	Atlanta Metropolitan State College	6
	College of Coastal Georgia	2
	Dalton State College	2
	Darton State College	1
	Georgia Gwinnett College	2
	Georgia Perimeter College	1
	Gordon State College	2
	Middle Georgia State College	5
Total		69

Revised Courses

Revision and Development

During FY 2014, ten courses were revised by a total of twenty content experts.

eCore Course Revision FY 14	Number of Faculty
COMM 1100 - Human Communication	2
ENGL 1101 - English Composition I	2
ENGL 1102 - English Composition II	2
MATH 1101 - Mathematical Modeling	2
MATH 1111 - College Algebra	2
MATH 1113 - Pre-Calculus	2
MATH 1401 - Introduction to Statistics	2
MATH 1501 - Calculus	2
PHYS 1211K - Principles of Physics I and Lab	2
POLS 1101 - American Government	2

Assessment of New and Revised Courses

Faculty and the instructional design team perform a 5-Star Review of new and revised courses, once they are developed. Faculty teaching a new or revised course in its first live semester are also asked to submit a 5-Star Review at the mid-point of the semester. The 5-Star Review is an assessment of whether the course meets the highest standards of widely-recognized principles of good practice in five areas: Course Introduction and Information; Learning Materials/Content; Assessment and Evaluation; Instructional Design and Interaction; Course Technology, Innovation, and Accessibility.

Current Initiatives

SMARTHINKING and GoVIEW Integration

A Smarthinking icon was added to all eCore courses in Spring 2014. The icon was linked to the main Smarthinking page initially and then later updated to include the integrated login page link. Smarthinking provides free tutoring to eCore students.



Course Homepage Updates:

The eCore Course homepage was redesigned to be more mobile friendly in Spring 2014. The number of columns displayed was reduced from 3 to 2 and all widgets were repositioned to maximize visibility on a variety of mobile devices.

A Tutor Talk widget was added to all MATH eCore courses in Fall 2013. The Tutor Talk widget provides quick access to the Tutor Discussion forum in courses.

Faculty Information

Textbooks

MBS Direct is the official supplier of textbooks for the University System of Georgia's eCore Program. The students have the option to safely and securely purchase their books through the eCore Virtual Bookstore. MBS Direct offers students the option to resell their used books with the Guaranteed Buyback program. Students also have the option to purchase eBooks or rent books.

Furthermore, the University of West Georgia and Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College partnered with MBS Direct in a program called Book Store to the Rescue which allows students to purchase their books by using the available financial aid bookstore credit.

The following courses were redesigned to incorporate Open-Textbooks. Open Educational Resources (OER) are course resources that are accessible inside the course at no cost, unless a printed copy is ordered: ENGL1101, ENGL1102, ENGL2112, ENGL2131, ETEC1101, HIST2111, MATH1101, MATH1111, MATH1113, MATH1401, MATH 1501, POLS1101, and SOCI1101.

Average Cost Savings

	FY14	REASON
CHEM 1211K	\$110.00	Different Lab Kit
CHEM 1212K	\$110.00	Different Lab Kit
COMM 1100	\$41.50	eBook Offering
ENGL 1101	\$83.60	OER Adoption
ENGL 1102	\$85.65	OER Adoption
ENGL 2111	NA	<i>Future</i>
ENGL 2132	NA	<i>Future</i>
ENVS 2202	NA	<i>Future</i>
ETEC 1101	\$90.75	eBook Offering
GEOL 1011K	NA	<i>Future</i>
HIST 1111	\$48.13	eBook Offering
HIST 2111	\$45.10	OER Adoption
MATH 1101	\$230.63	OER Adoption
MATH 1111	\$189.83	OER Adoption
MATH 1113	\$154.50	OER Adoption
MATH 1401	\$111.00	OER Adoption
MATH 1501	\$177.00	OER Adoption
PHIL 2010	\$76.08	eBook Offering
PHYS 1211K	\$157.94	OER Adoption
POLS 1101	NA	<i>Future</i>
PSYC 1101	\$81.25	eBook Offering
SOCI 1101	NA	<i>Future</i>
SPAN 2001	NA	<i>Future</i>
SPAN 2002	NA	<i>Future</i>

Effectiveness of Faculty Instruction

In the eCore Course Evaluation that is provided at the end of each semester, students were asked whether the instructor taught the online course effectively. The table below shows results for FY 2014.

FY 2014 eCore Faculty Effectiveness

Overall, the instructor taught this online course effectively.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	62.5%	1900
Agree	26%	789
Neutral	6.5%	198
Disagree	2.7%	82
Strongly Disagree	2.2%	67
Not Applicable	0.1%	4
Answered question		3040

DID YOU KNOW?

eCore implemented open textbooks (available free online to students) into ten courses during FY 2014.

There were 27 Seminar Yards held during FY 2014, which included two Turnitin webinars to promote the improvement of student writing.

eCore's LMS, GoVIEW Powered by Desire2Learn, was upgraded to version 10.2 beginning Spring 2014. While the overall functionality remained the same, several tools and features were enhanced.

The open-text utilized by eCore's Calculus course was customized specifically for eCore students.