

## **Essential Studies Committee**

### **Purpose:**

The Essential Studies Committee's purpose is to advance the quality of the essential studies program component through assessment, research, and innovation. Responsibilities include: Communicate with the Curriculum Committee regarding the essential studies program; Provide for the assessment of the university essential studies program; Suggest to the Curriculum Committee additions, modifications, and deletions of courses which are a part of the essential studies curriculum; and Research trends and innovations in essential studies and recommend policies and procedures to the Curriculum Committee.

### **Membership:**

The Essential Studies Committee consists of at least one faculty member from each division offering Essential Studies courses, and not more than two faculty members from any division at the University. Membership is selected by the Curriculum Committee. Faculty members appointed by the Curriculum Committee shall serve renewable staggered three-year terms, beginning in the fall semester. The Essential Studies Committee will choose a chair for purposes of coordination and reporting. If the Essential Studies Committee is unable to arrive at a chair, then the Curriculum Committee shall designate a chair.

### **Meetings:**

The committee will meet at least once per semester, but may meet more regularly for special projects.

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**Sponsor:** Vice President for Academic Affairs