

Summary of Student Focus Group in Response to GE Campus Forum

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Summary verified by student participant (Jasmine Taylor, Nursing)

Student majors represented:

English	Plant Science and Communication Studies
Math	Social Science (Spring '19 grad)
Nursing	

Overall thoughts about Pathway/GE Minor Names:

- Unanimous preference for names that are concise (one or two words) and extremely clear.
- Unanimous preference to avoid “activist,” “controversial,” names, especially Social Justice or Climate Crisis.
- Preference for skills-based names, but caution that students will avoid “Research Methods” in order to avoid writing research papers.
- Concern about having more than one STEM Pathway (e.g., either STV or Data Analytics).

Preference for Pathway/GE Minor Names from Campus Forum:

Cultural Studies	Global Engagement
Data Analytics	Health and Wellness
Ethics, Justice, and Policy (renamed as Society and Ethics)	Research Methods (renamed as Applied Research)
Food Studies (renamed)	Sustainability
Gender and Sexuality	Transformational Leadership

Preference for Pathway Combinations from GE Forum (against other combinations):

DIV and GS (unanimous, renamed as Diversity Studies)
INT and GDS (unanimous, renamed as Global Engagement)

Dislike of Pathway/GE Minor Names from Campus Forum:

The Arts and Social Change
Curiosity and Innovation
Design Thinking
Great Books and Ideas
Inclusive Practices
Intersectionalities
Resilience and Food