

Memorandum

| То:      | The Montgomery College Community  |
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| From:    | Dr. Monica R. M. Brown, Senior Vice President for Student Affairs<br>Dr. Sanjay Rai, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs |
| Subject: | Discontinuation of General Studies Undecided Option (GENU)  |
| Date:    | February 24, 2021   |

On February 5, 2021, the Collegewide Curriculum Committee approved a proposal to discontinue the General Studies Undecided Option (GENU) for students to select on enrollment at the College. This change is an important step toward supporting student completion and student success by streamlining the path to a degree from which students can graduate, simplifying degree options, and preserving financial aid eligibility.

Students have used the General Studies Undecided option for many reasons beyond being truly undecided, which does not optimize our efforts to serve students effectively in the development of their academic and career plans.

Existing General Studies Undecided students will be required to change their majors by the time they have completed 30 credits, and an ongoing collaboration between General Studies and Counseling and Advising will continue to help undecided students determine an appropriate major. Additionally, incoming students who are identified as undecided will have the existing General Studies degree options, including General Studies Integrated Studies, which provides flexibility while creating a path to a degree.

Any questions regarding the General Studies program can be referred to Professor Samantha Veneruso, chair of General Studies at <u>samantha.veneruso@montgomerycollege.edu</u>.