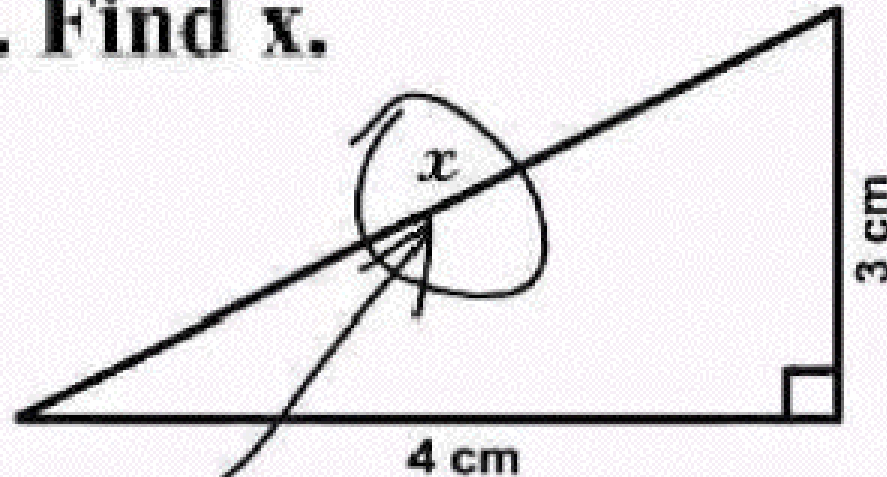


# General Studies Program Review

2012 - 2013

# Obligatory Joke

3. Find  $x$ .



*Here it is*

# SIMPLICITY

The simplest solutions are often the cleverest  
They are also usually wrong

# Different Kind of Program Review

- Multiple Teams
- Multiple Programs
- Different Questions
- History lesson

# Questions Needed To Be Answered

- Identity
- What's working
- What to do

# Program Identity

- What is the program?  
Program Definition/purpose
- Who are the program's students?

# Program Definition

OLD:

The Associate Degree in General Studies at NECC is designed to provide a flexible curriculum which combines a core of **transfer** courses with an opportunity to explore either particular **liberal arts** interests such as arts, graphic design, mathematics, natural sciences or social science, or occupational courses in such careers as engineering, computer science, management and health professions.

Graduates will be able to **transfer** to a four-year college or university to pursue many different career paths.

# Program Definition

Revised:

The Associate Degree in General Studies offers a flexible curriculum that provides students with a broad background of general knowledge. It allows students to **explore** particular liberal arts interests such as the natural and social sciences, mathematics, art and graphic design, or occupational courses in careers such as engineering, computer science, management and the health professions. **Students in General Studies will develop independent thinking skills and a lifelong appreciation for the arts and sciences. Graduates of this program will be more prepared to adapt to the demands and changes that occur in society and in the workplace.**

This program offers a core of **12 transfer courses** that will apply towards a degree at a four-year-college or university, along with electives that may allow students to pursue many different career paths.

# Liberal Arts

# General Studies

## Courses & Requirements

The associate in arts degree in Liberal Arts is designed to give students the knowledge skills and abilities to make sound judgments, to reach reasoned conclusions and to express themselves confidently and effectively. It also offers a course of study appropriate for students who plan to transfer to a four-year educational institution. A minimum of 62 credit hours are required for graduation.

Requirements:		
Courses	Credits	Comments
ENG101 English Composition I	3	
ENG102 English Composition II	3	Prerequisite
Electives:		
Courses	Credits	Comments
Behavioral Science Electives	6	
History & Government Electives	6	
Fine & Performing Arts/Foreign Language/Philosophy & Religion Electives	6	
Literature Electives	6	
Math Electives	6/8	MAT111 or higher
Science Electives	8	Must be 2 lab science courses
Liberal Arts Electives	12	3 credits PED may be substituted for 1 Liberal Arts elective.
Free Electives	6	

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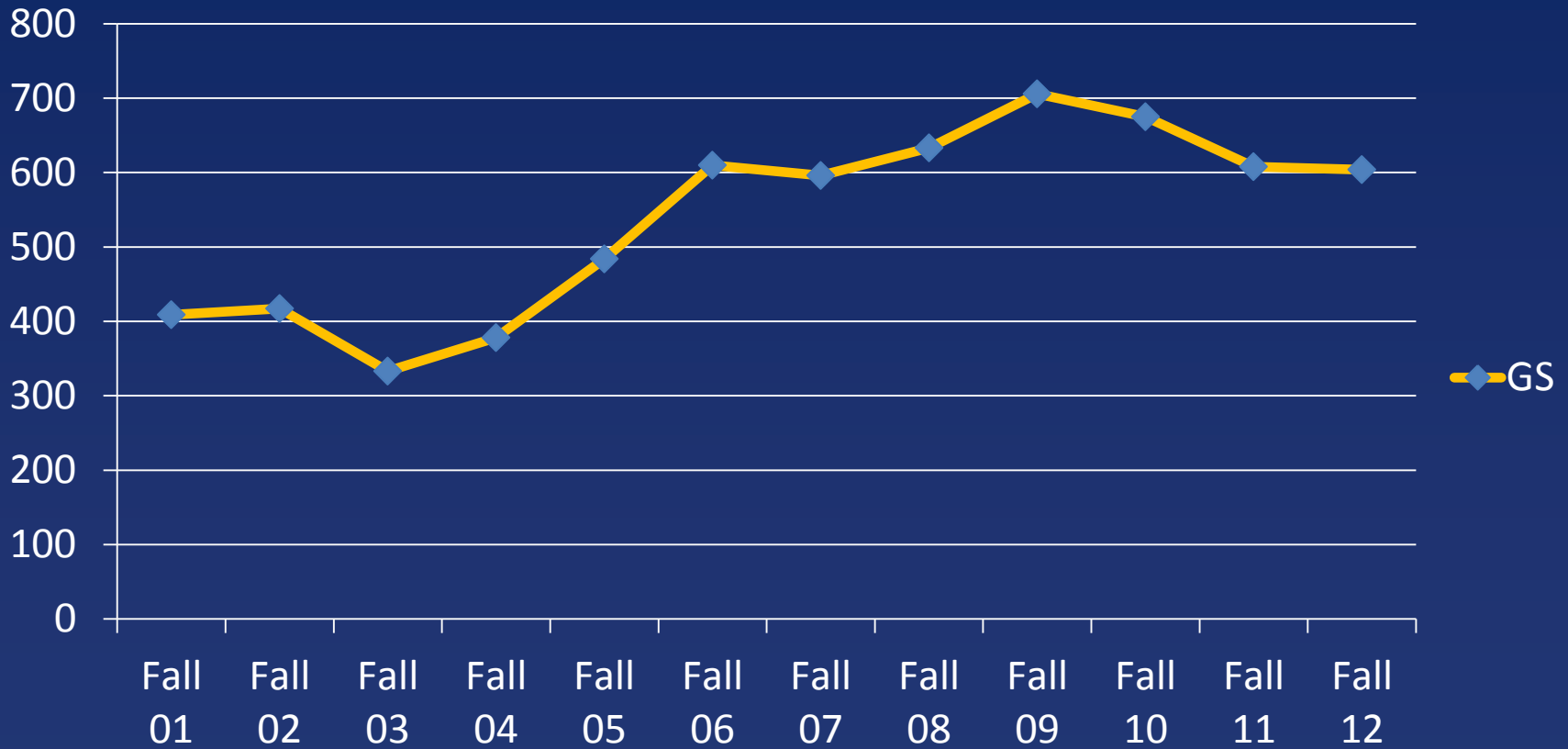
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Math Elective	3/4	
Science Electives	7/8	
Social Science Elective	3	
Liberal Arts Elective	3	
Free Electives	24	



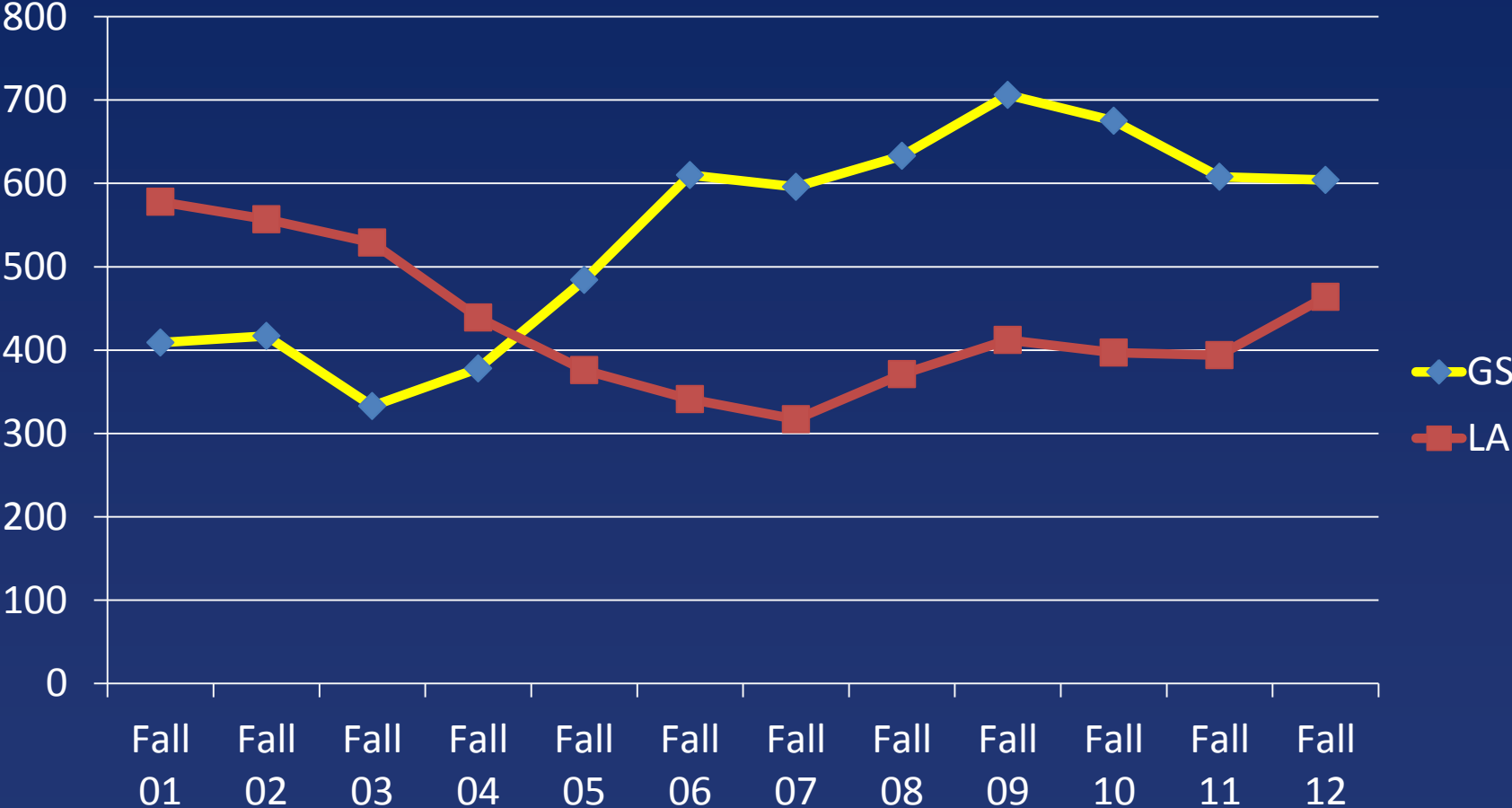
# Identity – Who are General Studies Students?

# G.S. Enrollments

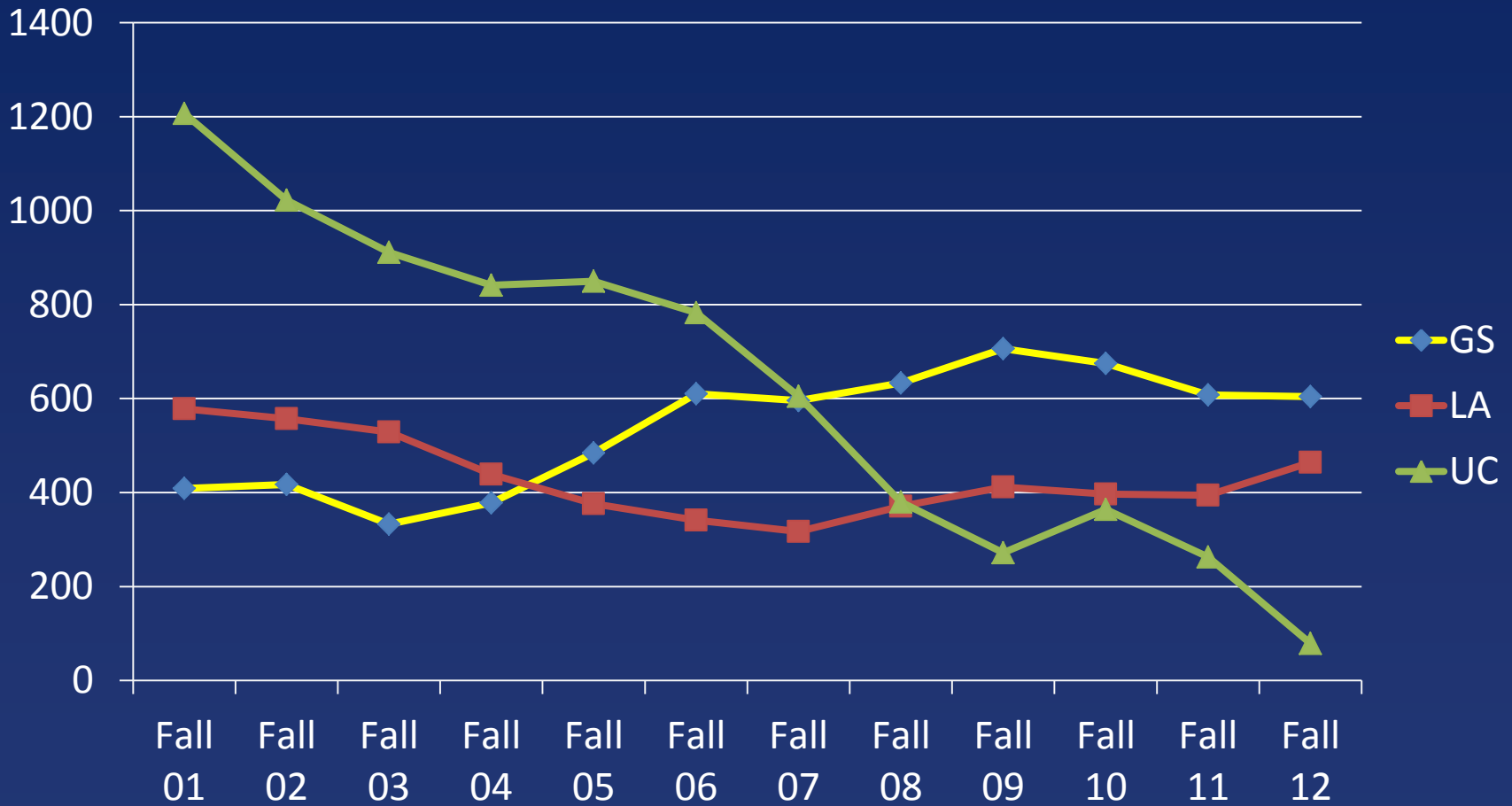
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# G.S. & L.A. Enrollments



# G.S., L.A., & UC Enrollments



# General Studies Students

- Enter GS – Remain GS
- Transfer/Readmitted into GS
- “Holding Pen”

# Completion Rates

Total Unduplicated Enrollment	885	884	732	834
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## **Chart 2. Program Completion/Student Transfer**

	AY 2009- 2010	AY 2010- 2011	AY 2011- 2012	3 Year Average
Program Graduates	102	110	110	107
Students who transfer prior to graduation from program (multiple years out)	240	NA	NA	NA

# First Thirty Credits

## Sorting Process

- Overwhelming number of graduates are readmits or transfers into the program
- “Holding Pen”
- 27% transfer before completion
- Start-to-Finish General Studies Students

# Mass Transfer Block

[MassTransfer Home](#) > [For Students and Families](#) > MassTransfer Block

## MassTransfer Block

The *MassTransfer* Block refers to a set of [general education](#), core, or distribution requirements, consisting of 34 college-level credits:

Credits	Subject Areas	Notes
9	Behavioral and social sciences	Courses may be in either subject area.
9	Humanities and fine arts	Courses may be in either subject area.
7	Natural or physical science	Must include at least one course with a lab.
6	English composition/writing	
3	Mathematics/quantitative reasoning	

These credits, when completed together with a 2.0 or higher [GPA](#), fully transfer to any Massachusetts public higher education institution...even if you don't have your [associate degree](#). These credits also satisfy the [general education](#)/distribution/core requirements at any other [Massachusetts public higher education institution](#), with the [receiving institution](#) being able to add no more than six additional credits/two courses.



# First Thirty Credits – one key question at two key points

1. Sorting Process: Students who might be

- GS 27/26 credits transfer before completion
- Are you planning on transferring?

Students

2. GS students at 30 credits:

Are you planning on transferring?

# Recommendation 2

Things that matter need:

1. A home
2. A clear owner
3. A budget

If general studies remains a program . . .

# Recommendation 3

College Success Seminar as a Requirement for GS students.

1. “Holding Pen”
2. Transfer/Readmitted into GS
3. Enter GS – Remain GS

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