

General Education

Philosophy of General Education

The university's general education curriculum provides a broad-based, integrative, and practical learning experience meant to prepare students for responsible civic and cultural engagement in a global context. By completing general education coursework, you will have gained skills and knowledge in arts, humanities, literature, communication, civics, political science, social science, mathematics and applied reasoning, and natural sciences. This level of knowledge and skill helps our students to become effective leaders, creative thinkers, responsible citizens, and ethical decision makers.

The general education categories span six broad areas of study that encompass existing disciplines frequently found in liberal education, while providing the flexibility to explore topics of interest relevant to your degree program. Completion of the courses listed below fulfills the university's general education requirements within all associate and bachelor's degree programs, but your program may have unique requirements. We encourage you to carefully review the course requirements in your academic plan.

Arts & Humanities (6 semester hours)

Courses in the arts, humanities, and literature provide students with the opportunity to analyze and interpret artifacts within the appropriate historical, cultural, economic, social, or religious contexts. Students gain an appreciation for the myriad ways art, music, literature, cinema, theater, media, sports, and other artistic and creative forms of community and self-expression contribute to the production and reception of ideas, and how these shape all aspects of society both within and across cultural boundaries.

Competency: Explain the value and contribution of the humanities in contemporary society.

Code	Title	Semester Hours
ARAB100	Arabic I	3
ARAB101	Arabic II	3
ARTH200	Art Appreciation	3
ARTH240	Survey of Photography	3
ARTH241	Film and Literature	3
DSIN141	Image Enhancement using Adobe Photoshop®	3
FREN100	French I	3
FREN101	French II	3
GERM100	German I	3
GERM101	German II	3

JAPN100	Introduction to Japanese	3
LITR215	Literature of American Encounters, Revolution, and Rebellion	3
LITR218	From Abolition to #MeToo: Literature of the American Civil Rights Movement	3
LITR222	Pivotal Figures in Early British Literature	3
LITR225	British Literature from Wordsworth through the Wasteland	3
LITR231	Leadership in World Literature: Antiquity to the Early Modern Period	3
LITR233	Literature of the Newly Globalized World: The Individual's Struggle to Adapt	3
MUSI200	Music Appreciation	3
MUSI212	Jazz and Rock	3
MUSI250	World Music and Cultures	3
PHIL101	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL110	Critical Thinking	3
PHIL200	Introduction to Ethics	3
PHIL202	Philosophy of Science	3
PORT100	Introduction to Brazilian Portuguese	3
RELS101	Introduction to the Study of Religion	3
RELS201	Introduction to World Religions	3
RUSS100	Russian I	3
SPAN100	Spanish I	3
SPAN101	Spanish II	3
STEM270	Thinking and Acting Ethically	3

Civics, Political & Social Sciences (6 semester hours)

Explore cultural, economic, historical, political, psychological, social, or technological systems and issues that have shaped and continue to shape societies around the world. Courses explore trends and issues in globalization, emerging technologies, theoretical and practical models used for understanding local, transnational and transglobal problems, and differences in the ways individuals and societies experience and perceive the world.

Competency: Explain the inter-dependence of cultural, economic, historical, political, psychological, social, or technological systems within and across cultures.

Code	Title	Semester Hours
ANTH100	Introduction to Anthropology	3
ANTH202	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3
CHFD220	Human Sexuality	3
COMM211	Social Media and Society	3

COMM240	Intercultural Communication	3
ECON101	Microeconomics	3
ECON102	Macroeconomics	3
ECON201	Microeconomics for Business (Business Majors)	3
ECON202	Macroeconomics for Business (Business Majors)	3
EDUC200	Humane Education: A Global Interdisciplinary Perspective	3
GEOG101	Introduction to Geography	3
HOSP110	Practical Food Safety and Awareness	3
IRLS210	International Relations I	3
LITR212	Forgotten America—Under Represented Cultures in American Literature	3
LITR235	Four Points of the Compass: Culture and Society Around the World	3
POLS101	Introduction to Political Science	3
POLS210	American Government I	3
PSYC101	Introduction to Psychology	3
RELS250	Death and Dying	3
RELS260	Race & Religion	3
RELS270	Hope and Resilience	3
SOCI111	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOCI212	Social Problems	3
SOCI220	American Popular Culture	3
STEM280	Exploring Society and Cultures via Science Fiction	3

Communication: Written, Oral, and Multimedia (9 semester hours)

Communication includes interpersonal, intercultural, and professional exchanges of information, including interactive, social, public and mass exchanges. Categories of communication include digital, oral, and written, as well as engaging in multi-modal forms of communication mediated by technology (new media), popular social media, and traditional and non-traditional public relations.

Competency: Be conversant in one or more forms of communication (digital, written, and oral).

Code	Title	Semester Hours
COMM120	Information and Digital Literacy	3
COMM200	Public Speaking	3
COMM285	Interpersonal Communications (Public Health Majors)	3
ENGL101	Proficiency in Writing	3
ENGL110	Making Writing Relevant	3

ENGL115	Argumentation and Rhetoric	3
ENGL210	Introduction to Literature	3
ENGL220	Technical Writing	3
ENGL221	Scientific Writing	3
ENGL226	Effective Business Communication	3
HRMT101	Human Relations Communication	3
IRLS200	Information Literacy and Global Citizenship	3
ITCC231	Introduction to Information Technology Writing	3
MGMT100	Human Relations	3

History (3 semester hours)

Courses explore cultural heritage around the world in both ancient and modern civilizations. Students will recognize the importance of various historical events in analyzing contemporary, social, political, technological, and economic issues.

Competency: Contemplate and interpret the impact and relevance of various historical events on contemporary issues.

Code	Title	Semester Hours
HIST101	American History to 1877	3
HIST102	American History since 1877	3
HIST111	World Civilization before 1650	3
HIST112	World Civilization since 1650	3
HIST121	Western Civilization before The Thirty Years War	3
HIST122	Western Civilization since The Thirty Years War	3
HIST221	African-American History before 1877	3
HIST222	African-American History since 1877	3
HIST223	History of the American Indian	3
HIST270	History of Science	3
STEM185	The History and Context of STEM	3

Mathematics and Applied Reasoning (3 semester hours)

Focuses on the development of quantitative and qualitative logical literacy. Students will prepare for advanced study by practicing analytical concepts and problem solving techniques. This category focuses on the conceptual and theoretical tools students need to make decisions based on the evaluation of data, and to gather, organize, analyze, and draw inferences from information.

Competency: Utilize qualitative and quantitative analysis in addition to scientific reasoning to problem-solve effectively.

Code	Title	Semester Hours
ACCT100	Accounting I	3
ACCT105	Accounting for Non Accounting Majors	3
ENTD200	Fundamentals of Programming	3
MATH110	College Algebra	3
MATH111	College Trigonometry	3
MATH112	Pre-Calculus	3
MATH120	Introduction to Statistics	3
MATH125	Math for Liberal Arts Majors	3
MATH225	Calculus	3

Natural Sciences (3 - 4 semester hours)

Provides students with the ability to use the inquiry-based process of science to describe, evaluate, and consider alternative explanations for scientific findings. Students will apply key concepts, facts, and theories about living systems and the physical universe, and use describe the scientific method and the quantitative tools of science. Students will relate that information to problems of wide global and societal concern.

Competency: Describe the inquiry-based scientific process to formulate hypotheses, make observations, design experiments, collect and analyze data, and reach conclusions.

Code	Title	Semester Hours
BIOL180	Introduction to Biology ²	3
BIOL181	Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology ²	3
CHEM180	Introduction to Chemistry ²	3
ERSC180	Introduction to Meteorology ²	3
ERSC181	Introduction to Geology ²	3
EVSP180	Introduction to Environmental Science ²	3
PHYS180	Introduction to Physics ²	3
SPST180	Introduction to Astronomy ²	3
STEM100	Introduction to STEM Disciplines (Computer Technology and Electrical Engineering Majors) ²	3
BIOL133	General Biology I with Lab (Health Sciences and Sports and Health Sciences Majors) ²	4

¹ All literature courses require successful completion of ENGL101 Proficiency in Writing or ENGL110 Making Writing Relevant.

² Please note that some degree programs specify science courses to fulfill general education requirements, while others allow for a choice of any science course from the list above.