GENERAL EDUCATION

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What is General Education (Gen Ed)?

Gen Ed is shared by all degree-seeking students. Gen Ed credits (~34-41) account for about 2/3 of the Associate's and 1/3 of the Bachelor's degrees. Gen Ed provides broad exposure to diverse disciplines and is the foundation for developing intellectual tools and responsibility to the self and others.

What is the mission of General Education?

To provide students with foundational knowledge and intellectual tools that enhance and transcend their academic program of study. The big questions posed by Gen Ed courses address significant issues about the world. Gen Ed courses help students apply their learning and develop personal and social responsibility, which is demonstrated through signature assignments.

Why is General Education required of all students?

Gen Ed is not a random series of courses to "*get out of the way*" – it is a program of courses to lead the way to students' future success in higher education, the workplace, and the community. Because Gen Ed courses are framed around a Big Question, which is tapped by a Signature Assignment, students repeatedly exercise Gen Ed Learning Outcomes (GELOs) and "*cross-train*" their mind.

What are the General Education Program Requirements?

Students are required to take CORE courses in Composition, Quantitative Literacy, American Institutions, Information Literacy and Diversity (~10-17 credits) and BREADTH courses in Creative Arts and Humanities (9 credits), Physical and Life Sciences (9 credits), and Social Sciences (6 credits).

What are WSU Courses?

The WSU Program provides students access to team taught, high-impact, interdisciplinary, variable credit (3-5), and limited enrollment WSU courses that satisfy requirements in two areas (core or breadth) of Gen Ed (with a passing grade). Students get the benefit of the expertise of two WSU faculty members in courses that engage their mind and challenge their thinking (see https://weber.edu/GenEd/WSU_Courses.html).

What is the Gen Ed Certificate of Completion?

The Certificate of Completion is awarded when students complete all core and breadth requirements with a minimum 2.0 GPA. Once awarded, it will appear on students' transcripts and is considered part of their official record. The Certificate allows students to "*lock in*" their Gen Ed credits and is transferable between institutions in the Utah System of Higher Education.

What is the Interstate Passport?

WSU participates in the Interstate Passport Initiative wherein a block of Gen Ed courses is accepted between institutions and noted on students' transcripts for articulation purposes. WSU issues the Passport upon completion of the Gen Ed Certificate of Completion with a C or better in all Gen Ed courses. WSU Gen Ed requirements are met (except for American Institutions, a Gen Ed requirement mandated by the Utah State Legislature) for incoming students who have earned a Passport elsewhere (see https://weber.edu/passport).

CORE GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

COMPOSITION (EN) (3-4 credits)

Complete ENGL 2010 Intermediate College Writing (3) **OR** ENGL 2015 Intermediate College Writing and Research (4) and earn a "C" grade or better:

See the WSU Catalog or *weber.edu/placement* for prerequisite information.

AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS (AI) (3-6 credits)

Select **one** of the following options and earn a "C" grade or better:

HIST 1600	The Black Experience (3)	POLS 1100	American National Government (3)
HIST 1610	The Latinx Experience (3)	ECON 1740	Economic History of the United States (3)
HIST 1620	The LGBTQ Experience (3)		
HIST 1700	American Civilization (3)		
HIST 2700 & 2710	History of the U.S. to 1877 (3) **AND** History of the U.S. since 1877 (3) *recommended for History majors*		

QUANTITATIVE LITERACY (QL) (3-6 credits)

Select **one** of the following options and earn a "C" grade or better:

MATH 1030	Contemporary Mathematics (3)	MATH 1080	Pre-calculus (5)
MATH 1035	Contemporary Mathematics w/Prereq Topics (6)	MATH 1090	Business College Algebra (3)
MATH 1040	Introduction to Statistics (3)	MATH 1120	Foundations of Data Science (3)
MATH 1050	College Algebra (4)	MATH 2020	Geometry for Elementary Teachers (3)

OR earn a "C "or better in any WSU Math course for which either MATH 1050 or 1080 is a prerequisite

OR score of 65 or higher on ALEKS or score of 70 or higher on College Level Math portion of Accuplacer exam

OR score of 3 or higher on AP Calculus or AP Statistics exam; score of 50 or higher on CLEP Calculus, College Algebra, or Pre-Calculus exam

OR score of 26 or higher on Math ACT

See the WSU Catalog or *weber.edu/placement* for prerequisite information.

Majors, other than General Studies, may require a specific QL course to complete program requirements. Consult your program advisor and materials for your best QL option.

INFORMATION LITERACY (IL) (1 credit)

Complete an exam or course option (see table below) and earn a "C" grade or better for a course or a passing exam score.

Competency Exam	LIBS 1504 (1)	
Courses	LIBS 1704	Information Navigator (1)
	LIBS 2504	Info. Resources in History (1)
	LIBS/EDUC 2604	Info. Resources in Education (1)
	LIBS/BSAD 2704	Info. Resources in Business Disciplines (1)
	LIBS 2804	Info. Resources in Social Sciences (1)
	LIBS/HTHS 2904	Info. Resources in Health Professions (1)
	ENGL 2015	Intermediate College Writing and Research (4) This course satisfies EN and IL requirements

DIVERSITY (DV)

Select 3 credits from the list of approved courses and earn a passing grade. Breadth general education courses marked with "❖" fulfill the Diversity requirement as well as the specified Breadth requirement.

BREADTH GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

DO NOT DUPLICATE DEPARTMENTS: *Courses selected to fulfill breadth requirements must each be from a different program, with the exception of Honors.*

HUMANITIES & CREATIVE ARTS Select 9 credits (with at least 3 credits from Humanities and at least 3 credits from Creative Arts) and earn a passing grade.

HUMANITIES

Anthropology
ANTH 1040 Language and Culture (3) ❖

Communication
COMM 1020 Principles of Public Speaking (3)
COMM 2010 Mass Media and Society (3)
COMM 2110 Interpersonal and Small Group Communication (3)

Foreign Language
FL 2020 Fourth Semester (ASL, CHNS, FRCH, GRMN, ITLN, JPNS, PTGS, SPAN, 3)
FL 2600 Introduction to Cultural & Literary Studies in Translation (FRCH, GRMN, SPAN, 3)

Honors
HNRS 1110 Introduction to Honors: The Construction of Knowledge (3)
HNRS 1540 Perspectives in the Humanities (3)
HNRS 2010 Exploring Key Concepts in the Disciplines: Humanities (3)
HNRS 2110 Intellectual Traditions: Great Ideas of the West in Classical and Medieval Eras (3)
HNRS 2120 Intellectual Traditions: Great Ideas of the West in the Modern Era (3)
HNRS 2130 Intellectual Traditions: Great Ideas of the East (3) ❖

English
ENGL 2200 Introduction to Literature (3) ❖
ENGL 2220 Introduction to Fiction (3) ❖
ENGL 2230 Introduction to Drama (3) ❖
ENGL 2240 Introduction to Poetry (3) ❖
ENGL 2510 Masterpieces of Literature (3) ❖
ENGL 2710 Perspectives on Women's Literature (3) ❖
ENGL 2750 Topics and Ideas in the Humanities (3)
ENGL 3500 Introduction to Shakespeare (3)
ENGL 3510 World Literature (3) ❖
ENGL 3520 Literature of the Natural World (3)
ENGL 3750 Topics and Ideas in Literature (3)

Music
MUSC 1043 Music, the Arts & Civilizations (3)

Philosophy
PHIL 1000 Introduction to Philosophy (3)
PHIL 1120 Contemporary Moral Problems (3)
PHIL 1250 Critical Thinking (3)

Theatre
THEA 2821 Period Styles in Design (3)

CREATIVE ARTS

Art •
ART 1010 Introduction to the Visual Arts (3)
ART 1030 Studio Art for the Non-Art Major (3)
ART 1110 Drawing I
ART 2450 Foundations of Photography: Color/Digital
ARTH 1090 Art and Architecture of the World: Paleolithic to AD 1000 (4)
ARTH 1100 Art and Architecture of the World: AD 1000 to Present (4)

Computer Science
CS 1010 Introduction to Interactive Entertainment (3)

Dance
DANC 1010 Introduction to Dance (3) ❖

English
ENGL 2250 Creative Writing (3)
ENGL 2260 Introduction to Writing Short Fiction (3)
ENGL 2270 Introduction to Writing Poetry (3)

Honors
HNRS 1530 Perspectives in the Creative Arts (3)
HNRS 2020 Exploring Key Concepts in the Disciplines: Creative Arts (3)

Construction and Building Sciences
BDC 1040 Introduction to Architecture (3)
IDT 1010 Introduction to Interior Design (3)

Music
MUSC 1010 Introduction to Music (3)
MUSC 1030 Introduction to Jazz (3)
MUSC 1033 Introduction to American Music (3)
MUSC 1035 History of Rock and Roll (3)
MUSC 1040 Music of World Cultures (3) ❖
MUSC 1063 Music In Religion (3)

Theatre
THEA 1013 Introduction to Theatre (3)
THEA 1023 Introduction to Film (3)
THEA 1033 Introduction to Acting (3)
THEA 1043 Introduction to American Musical Theatre (3)

• *Only one course from either ART or ARTH may be used to fulfill Creative Arts*

SOCIAL SCIENCES Select 6 credits and earn a passing grade.

Anthropology
ANTH 1000 Introduction to Anthropology (3) ❖
ANTH 2010 Peoples and Cultures of the World (3) ❖
ANTH 2030 Principles of Archaeology (3)

Child and Family Studies
CHF 1500 Human Development (3) ❖
CHF 2400 Family Relations (3) ❖

Criminal Justice
CJ 1010 Introduction to Criminal Justice (3)

Economics
ECON 1010 Economics as a Social Science (3)
ECON 1100 Environmental Issues and Economic Policy (3)
ECON 2010 Principles of Microeconomics (3)
ECON 2020 Principles of Macroeconomics (3)

Engineering Technology & Culture
ETC 2001 Engineering Culture (3) ❖

Geography. Environment and Sustainability
GEOG 1300 Places and Peoples of the World (3) ❖
GEOG 1520 Geography of the United States and Canada (3) ❖

Gerontology
GERT 1010 Introduction to Gerontology (3)

Health Education
HLTH 1030 Healthy Lifestyles (3)

History
HIST 1500 World History to 1500 C.E. (3)
HIST 1510 World History from 1500 C.E. to the Present (3) ❖

Wildcat Scholars
UNIV 1110 Introduction to Social Justice in Higher Education (3)

Only one Human Rights in the World (POLS/WGS 2500) may be used to fulfill Social Sciences.

Honors
HNRS 1520 Perspectives in the Social Sciences (3)
HNRS 2050 Exploring Key Concepts in the Disciplines: Social Science (3)
HNRS 2110 Intellectual Traditions: Great Ideas of the West in the Classical and Medieval Eras (3)
HNRS 2120 Intellectual Traditions: Great Ideas of the West in the Modern Era (3)
HNRS 2130 Intellectual Traditions: Great Ideas of the East (3) ❖

Management Information Systems
MIS 1100 The Digital Society (3)

Physical Education Professional
PEP 2700 Sociohistorical Aspects of Sport (3)

Political Science
POLS 1520 Leadership & Political Life (3)
POLS 2100 Introduction to International Politics (3)
POLS 2200 Introduction to Comparative Politics (3)
POLS 2300 Introduction to Political Theory (3)
POLS 2400 Introduction to Law and Courts (3)
POLS 2500 Human Rights in the World (3)* ❖

Psychological Science
PSY 1010 Introductory Psychology (3)
PSY 2000 The Psychology of Human Relationships (3)

Social Work
SW 1010 Introduction to Generalist Social Work (3)
SW 2100 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I (3)
SW 2200 Issues in Diversity (3) ❖

Sociology
SOC 1010 Introduction to Sociology (3) ❖
SOC 1020 Social Problems (3) ❖

Women & Gender Studies
WGS 1500 Introduction to Women & Gender Studies (3) ❖
WGS 2500 Human Rights in the World (3)* ❖

BREADTH GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

DO NOT DUPLICATE DEPARTMENTS: Courses selected to fulfill breadth requirements must each be from a different program, with the exception of Honors.

PHYSICAL SCIENCES & LIFE SCIENCES

Select 9 credits (with at least 3 credits from Physical Sciences and at least 3 credits from Life Sciences) and earn a passing grade.

PHYSICAL SCIENCES

Chemistry
CHEM	1010	Introductory Chemistry (3)
CHEM	1110	Elementary Chemistry (5)
CHEM	1130	Introduction to General, Organic & Biochemistry (5)
CHEM	1210	Principles of Chemistry I (5)
CHEM	1360	Principles of Physical Science (3)***

Geography, Environment and Sustainability *
GEOG	1000	Natural Environments of the Earth (3)
GEOG	1500	The Science of Global Warming: Myths, Realities and Solutions (3)

Earth and Environmental Sciences *
GEO	1030	Earthquakes and Volcanoes (3)
GEO	1060	Environmental Geosciences (3)
GEO	1110	Dynamic Earth: Physical Geology (3)
GEO	1130	Introduction to Meteorology (3)
GEO	1350	Principles of Earth Science (3)

Honors
HNRS	1500	Perspectives in the Physical Sciences (3)
HNRS	2030	Exploring Key Concepts in the Disciplines: Physical Sciences (3)

Physics & Astronomy
PHYS	1010	Elementary Physics (3)
PHYS/ASTR	1040	Elementary Astronomy (3)**
PHYS	1360	Principles of Physical Science (3)***
PHYS	2010	College Physics I (5)
PHYS/ASTR	2040	Principles of Observational Astronomy (3)**
PHYS	2090	Environmental Physics: Energy and Power (3)
PHYS	2210	Physics for Scientists and Engineers I (5)

* Only one course from either GEOG or GEO may be used to fulfill Physical Sciences.
**Only one course from either PHYS or ASTR may be used to fulfill Physical Sciences.
*** Only one Principles of Physical Science (CHEM/PHYS 1360) may be used to fulfill Physical Sciences.

LIFE SCIENCES

Anthropology
ANTH	1020	Biological Anthropology (3) ❖

Botany
BTNY	1203	Plant Biology (3)
BTNY	1303	Plants in Human Affairs (3)
BTNY	1370	Principles of Life Science (3)*
BTNY	1403	Environment Appreciation (3-4)

Health Sciences
HTHS	1110	Integrated Human Anatomy & Physiology I (4)

Honors
HNRS	1510	Perspectives in the Life Sciences (3)
HNRS	2040	Exploring Key Concepts in the Disciplines: Life Sciences (3)

Microbiology
MICR	1113	Introductory Microbiology (3)
MICR	1153	Public Health: Sex, Travel, Food, & Drugs (3)
MICR	1370	Principles of Life Science (3)*
MICR	2054	Principles of Microbiology (4)

Nutrition
NUTR	1020	Science and Application of Human Nutrition (3)

Zoology
ZOOL	1010	Animal Biology (3)
ZOOL	1020	Human Biology (3)
ZOOL	1030	The Nature of Sex (3)
ZOOL	1110	Principles of Zoology I (4)
ZOOL	1370	Principles of Life Science (3)*
ZOOL	2200	Human Physiology (4)

* Only one Principles of Life Science (BTNY/MICR/ZOOL 1370) may be used to fulfill Life Sciences.

WSU COURSES

Earn credit for TWO General Education areas by taking ONE course

WSU courses are interdisciplinary, variable credit (3-5), team taught, and limited enrollment courses that satisfy requirements in two General Education areas (Core or Breadth). Must earn a passing grade.

Students may take as many WSU Courses as they wish, but only the non-overlapping General Education attributes from subsequent WSU courses will count toward General Education requirements.

WSU Course		General Education Areas Satisfied:
WSU 1450	Intersections of Art and Communication	Humanities (HU) and Creative Arts (CA)
WSU 1470	Integrating Chemistry and Visual Art	Creative Arts (CA) and Physical Science (PS)
WSU 1560	The Story and the Brain: Neuroscience & Literature	Humanities (HU) and Social Science (SS)
WSU 1560	Identity in the Digital Age	Humanities (HU) and Social Science (SS)
WSU 1560	Sustainability in Thought & Practice	Humanities (HU) and Social Science (SS)
WSU 1560	Research, Creativity, and Exploration Among Disciplines	Humanities (HU) and Social Science (SS)
WSU 1580	The Story and the Cell	Humanities (HU) and Life Science (LS)
WSU 1680	Microbes Rule: Impact of Disease on History	Social Science (SS) and Life Science (LS)
WSU 1680	The Sciences of Human Variation: From Sex to Gender & Race to Ethnicity	Social Science (SS) and Life Science (LS)
WSU 2340	Pattern Play: Movement and Mathematics	Quantitative Literacy* (QL) and Creative Arts (CA)
WSU 2350	Writing With Numbers	Quantitative Literacy* (QL) and Humanities (HU)
WSU 2420	Evil Chemicals, Drug Scares, and Big Business	Social Science (SS) and Physical Science (PS)

*Check with your academic advisor for QL placement and requirement for your major

See course descriptions at https://www.weber.edu/GenEd/WSU_Courses.html

Avoid Misadvising Yourself!

Consult your Academic Advisor (*weber.edu/advisors*), the WSU Catalog (*catalog.weber.edu*),
and your CatTracks degree evaluation (log in to your eWeber Student Portal).