GENERAL STUDIES

2020-21 CATALOG, FALL 2020

What degrees and certificates are available?

- Associate of Science (AS)
- Associate of Arts (AA) (requires proficiency in a foreign language or American Sign Language at the 1020 level)
- Certificate of Completion in General Education

What is the content of a General Studies degree?

The primary content is General Education, the purpose of which is to provide you with foundational knowledge and skills that enhance and transcend your academic program of study.

Why choose General Studies at WSU?

- Through General Education classes, you may discover an interest in a more specific major.
- If you have completed a number of General Education courses, you may have already completed many of the degree requirements.
- Some students can complete a General Studies associate's degree within two years. By earning at least 15 credits each semester, you will complete your degree in less time and for less money than students taking fewer credits per semester.
- The entire degree can be earned through online classes.
- For some (not all) bachelor's degrees, General Studies is a great way to "lock in" General Education coursework, so consult an academic advisor to inquire if this associate's degree is right for you.
- Some competitive college programs grant extra points towards admission to applicants who have earned an associate's degree.
- Other universities within the Utah State Higher Education System (USHE) will accept a WSU General Studies associate's degree or General Education certificate of completion to fulfill the General Education requirements of their bachelor's degrees.

What are the employment opportunities?

- The highly transferable knowledge and skills gained from this degree are strongly desired by employers in many different settings.
- Some employment positions require that you have an associate's degree to be hired or to earn a promotion.
- The U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Statistics reports that associate's degree graduates earn an average of approximately $7,000 more a year than people with only a high school diploma. They also report that the 2013 unemployment rate for people with an associate's degree was 5.4% compared to 7.5% for those with only a high school diploma.
- For more information on employment opportunities, contact Weber State University's Career Services at 801-626-6393.

Certificate Requirements

- Minimum 10 credits in residency (WSU courses)
- Minimum 2.0 WSU GPA
- Completion of WSU General Education requirements

Degree Requirements

- Minimum 60 credits
- Minimum 20 credits in residency (WSU courses)
- Minimum 2.0 WSU GPA
- Completion of WSU General Education requirements
- Foreign Language proficiency required for the Associate of Arts Degree (not for the Associate of Science)

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CORE GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

COMPOSITION (EN)

Complete ENGL 2010 Intermediate College Writing (3) and earn a "C" grade or better.

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

AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS (AI)

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

POLS 1100	American National Government (3)	
HIST 1700	American Civilization (3)	
ECON 1740	Economic History of the United States (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)

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

MATH 1030   Contemporary Mathematics (3)
MATH 1040   Introduction to Statistics (3)
MATH 1050   College Algebra (4)
MATH 1080   Pre-calculus (5)
MATH 2020   Geometry for Elementary Teachers (3)
OR any WSU Math class for which either MATH 1050 or 1080 is a prerequisite
A score of 65 or higher on ALEKS or score of 70 or higher on College Level Math portion of Accuplacer exam
A 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
A score of 26 or higher on the Math portion of the 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 program materials for your best QL option.

INFORMATION LITERACY (IL)

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)

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)

Interior Design
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) ❖

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	1050	Introduction to General, Organic & Biochemistry (5)
CHEM	1110	Elementary Chemistry (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
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		Counts toward these two General Education areas:
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 (SS)
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).