

The General Education Program is a set of requirements for all students seeking the baccalaureate degree at Western Kentucky University. It is an integral part of the undergraduate curriculum that both complements and supports the students' preparation in their major field or specialization.

The General Education Program helps students maximize their individual potential. Students develop understanding, appreciation, and acceptance of multiple "ways of knowing" (i.e., artistic, literary, philosophical, historical, scientific) through the acquisition, organization, and analysis of specific bodies of knowledge. They are encouraged to acquire aesthetic and appreciative faculties, to explore and test their own values and ethical frameworks, and to demonstrate sensitivity to diverse perspectives and cultures.

The General Education Program provides a foundation for professional success. Students learn to think critically, make rational decisions, and communicate effectively. These skills support their ability to acquire, evaluate, and use the specific knowledge in their major field or specialization and also ensure that they will be adaptable and flexible in the face of changing career plans and requirements. Students' explorations of their own values and perspectives and those of other social groups and cultures prepare them to live in a culturally diverse, globally competitive, and technologically complex world.

The General Education Program prepares students for active membership in society. It is a broadening experience that helps them acquire the shared skills, knowledge, and values that promote the well-being of society. This experience nurtures their capacity for leadership and service and helps them learn to adapt their skills and knowledge to changing societal needs.

In sum, the General Education Program gives meaning to the motto of "Life, More Life" by promoting intellectual growth, lifelong learning, and informed citizenship for all WKU graduates.

A student completing the general education program at Western Kentucky University will have:

Academic Skills

- ✓ the capacity for critical and logical thinking;
- ✓ proficiency in reading, writing, and speaking;
- ✓ competence in a language other than the native language;
- ✓ the ability to understand and apply mathematical skills and concepts;
- ✓ an informed acquaintance with major achievements in the arts and the humanities;
- ✓ a historical perspective and an understanding of connections between past and present;
- ✓ an appreciation of the complexity and variety in the world's cultures
- ✓ an understanding of the scientific method and a knowledge of natural science and its relevance in our lives;
- ✓ an understanding of society and human behavior
- ✓ an understanding of factors that enhance health, well-being, and quality of life.

All students following a four-year undergraduate degree program must fulfill certain general education requirements. Students are cautioned to note any special requirements governing the particular program they choose to follow. Students should refer to course descriptions or consult the department head for possible prerequisites for general education courses. The general education requirements and the courses which will fulfill these requirements are as follows:

[h] Course section regularly offered for honors credit.

[NOTE: The list of examples under each objective is intended to illustrate possible ways to reach the general objective.]

A. Organization and Communication of Ideas 12 hours

I. English Composition 6 hours

English (ENG) 100, Introduction to College Writing [h]
English (ENG) 300, Writing in the Disciplines [h]

- ◆ CLEP Exam—English Composition (6 hours: 3 hours applied in Category A-1 and 3 hours applied as elective).
- ◆ When 3 hours of CLEP examination credit are used in Category A-I, additional credit for English 100 may not be used in fulfilling the requirement.

II. Foreign Language 3 hours

Students who begin their college career as degree-seeking students during the 2004 summer term and thereafter will be required to take the second semester level or higher foreign language course.

The general education foreign language requirement will be waived for international students whose first language is not English, contingent upon successful completion of ENG 100 and 300 and either COMM 145 or 161 (i.e., 9 hours instead of 12 in Category A) and an additional 3 hours of course work in General Education courses selected from any category. A letter from the Office of International Programs verifying the student is a non-native speaker of English must be attached to the iCAP undergraduate degree exception form and submitted to the Office of the Registrar.

American Sign Language (CD) 101, 102
Chinese (CHIN) 101, 102
French (FREN) 101, 102, 201, 202
German (GERM) 101, 102, 201, 202
Greek (BLNG) (also RELS) 384, 385
Hebrew (BLNG) (also RELS) 382, 383
Italian (ITAL) 101, 102
Japanese (JAPN) 101, 102
Religious Studies (RELS) (LATIN) 150, 151
Religious Studies (RELS) (ARBC) 386, 387
Russian (RUSS) 101, 102
Spanish (SPAN) 101, 102, 102[h], 201, 202

Latin (credit by departmental examination—3-6 hours)

III. Public Speaking 3 hours

Communication (COMM) 145, Fund of Public Speaking and Communication [h]
Communication (COMM) 161, Business/Prof Speaking [h]

B. Humanities 9 hours

At least three fields must be represented across Category B.

I. Literature 3 hours

English (ENG) 200, Introduction to Literature [h]
English (ENG) 398, Hemingway and Faulkner (Honors participation or 3.2 GPA required)

French (FREN) 314, Introduction to French Literature
 German (GERM) 314, Introduction to German Literature
 Humanities (HUM) 172, Literature/Medieval/Renaissance Europe
 Humanities (HUM) 182, Literature/Modern Western World
 Humanities (HUM) 192, Lit and Drama/Ancient Greece and Rome
 Spanish (SPAN) 374, Literature and Culture of Spain
 Spanish (SPAN) 376, Literature and Culture of Latin America

- ◆ CLEP General Exam—Humanities (6 hours: 3 hours applied to B-I; 3 hours applied to B-II).

II. Electives 6 hours

Architectural & Manufacturing Sciences (AMS) 180, Prin. of Architectural Practice
 Art (ART) 100, Art Appreciation [h]
 Art (ART) 105, Art Survey
 Art (ART) 106, Art Survey
 Dance (DANC) 110, Dance Appreciation
 French (FREN) 323, French Civilization and Culture
 German (GERM) 333, German Civilization and Culture
 German (GERM) 335, Contemporary Culture and Civilization
 History (HIST) 305, Ancient Greece
 History (HIST) 306, Ancient Rome
 History (HIST) 307, The Middle Ages
 History (HIST) 317, Renaissance Europe
 History (HIST) 318, Age of Reformation
 Humanities (HUM) 171, Fine Arts/Medieval/Renaissance Europe
 Humanities (HUM) 173, Phil/Religion Medieval/Ren. Europe
 Humanities (HUM) 181, Fine Arts/Modern Western World
 Humanities (HUM) 183, Phil/Religion/Modern Western World
 Humanities (HUM) 191, Fine Arts of Ancient Greece and Rome
 Humanities (HUM) 193, Religion/Phil/Ancient Greece and Rome
 Music (MUS) 120, Music Appreciation [h]
 Music (MUS) 326, Music History I
 Music (MUS) 327, Music History II
 Philosophy (PHIL) 101, Truth and Relativism
 Philosophy (PHIL) 102, The Good and the Beautiful
 Philosophy (PHIL) 103, The Committed Life
 Philosophy (PHIL) 115, Elementary Logic
 Philosophy (PHIL) 120, Intro to Philosophy: Problems [h]
 Philosophy (PHIL) 201, Love and Friendship
 Philosophy (PHIL) 320, Ethics [h]
 Philosophy (PHIL) 321, Morality and Business
 Philosophy (PHIL) 322, Biomedical Ethics
 Philosophy (PHIL) 323, Social Ethics
 Religious Studies (RELS) 100, The New Testament
 Religious Studies (RELS) 101, The Old Testament/Hebrew Scriptures
 Religious Studies (RELS) 102, Introduction to Religious Studies [h]
 Religious Studies (RELS) 305, Christian Religious Traditions
 Religious Studies (RELS) 323, Social Ethics
 Spanish (SPAN) 373, Spanish Civilization and Culture
 Theatre (THEA) 151, Theatre Appreciation

- ◆ CLEP General Exam—Humanities (6 hours: 3 hours applied to B-I; 3 hours applied to B-II).

- ◆ When CLEP examination credit is used in Category BII, additional credit may be earned in any course in Category B-II.

C. Social and Behavioral Sciences 9 hours

At least three fields must be represented; History 119 or History 120 is required.

Agriculture (AGRI) 108, Rural Sociology
 Anthropology (ANTH) 125, Intro to Biological Anthropology
 Anthropology (ANTH) 130, Intro to Archaeology
 Consumer and Family Sciences (CFS) 311, Family Relations [h]
 Economics (ECON) 150, Introduction to Economics [h]
 Economics (ECON) 202, Principles of Economics (micro)
 Economics (ECON) 203, Principles of Economics (macro)
 Finance (FIN) 161, Personal Finance
 Folk Studies (FLK) 371, Urban Folklore
 Geography (GEOG) 101, Principles of Human Geography
 Geography (GEOG) 216, Geographic Information Science and Society
 Geography (GEOG) 350, Economic Geography
 Geography (GEOG) 360, Geography of North America
 Geography (GEOG) 471, Natural Resource Management
 Geography (GEOG) 480, Urban Geography
 Gerontology (GERO) 100, Intro to the Aging Experience
 History (HIST) 119, Western Civilization to 1648 [h]
 History (HIST) 120, Western Civilization since 1648 [h]
 Leadership Studies (LEAD) 200, Introduction to Leadership Studies
 Philosophy (PHIL) 202, Racial Justice
 Political Science (PS) 110, American National Government [h]
 Political Science (PS) 250, International Politics [h]
 Political Science (PS) 260, Intro to Comparative Politics
 Political Science (PS) 267, Introduction to East European Studies
 Psychology (PSY) 100, Introduction to Psychology [h]
 Psychology (PSY) 199, Intro to Developmental Psychology [h]
 Psychology (PSY) 350, Social Psychology
 Religious Studies (RELS) 202, Racial Justice
 Religious Studies (RELS) 325, Religion in Contemporary America
 Social Work (SWRK) 101, Foundations of Human Services [h]
 Sociology (SOCL) 100, Introductory Sociology [h]
 Sociology (SOCL) 210, Interaction: Self in Society
 Sociology (SOCL) 220, Marriage and Family
 Women's Studies (WOMN) 200, Introduction to Women's Studies [h]

- ◆ CLEP Exam—Social Science-History (6 hours: 3 hours applied in Category C and 3 hours applied as elective)

- ◆ When 3 hours of CLEP examination credit are used in Category C, additional credit may be earned by taking courses from two different fields in Category C, including History 119 or 120.

D. Natural Sciences—Mathematics 9 hours

At least two fields must be represented in Science (D-I) including at least one course designated as a lab course. At least three hours in this category must be in Mathematics (D-II).

I. Science Minimum 6 hours

- Agriculture (AGRI) 101, The Science of Agriculture [h]
- Agriculture (AGRI) 280, Intro/Environmental Science
- Architectural and Manufacturing Sciences (AMS) 210, Introduction to Technology
- Astronomy (ASTR) 104, Astronomy of the Solar System (DL)
- Astronomy (ASTR) 106, Astronomy of Stellar Systems (DL)
- Astronomy (ASTR) 108, Descriptive Astronomy
- Astronomy (ASTR) 214, General Astronomy (DL)
- Biology (BIOL) 113, General Biology
- Biology (BIOL) 114, General Biology Laboratory (DL)
- Biology (BIOL) 120, Biological Concepts; Cells, Metabolism and Genetics [h]
- Biology (BIOL) 121, Biological Concepts; Cells, Metabolism and Genetics Lab (DL)
- Biology (BIOL) 122, Biological Concepts; Evolution, Diversity and Ecology
- Biology (BIOL) 123, Biological Concepts; Evolution, Diversity and Ecology Lab (DL)
- Biology (BIOL) 131, Human Anatomy and Physiology (DL)
- Biology (BIOL) 207, General Microbiology
- Biology (BIOL) 208, General Microbiology Lab (DL)
- Biology (BIOL) 280, Intro/Environmental Science
- Biology (BIOL) 300, Genetics and Human Affairs
- Biology (BIOL) 302, Human Biology
- Chemistry (CHEM) 101, Introduction to Chemistry (DL)
- Chemistry (CHEM) 102, Introduction to Chemistry Lab (DL)
- Chemistry (CHEM) 105, Fundamentals of General Chemistry
- Chemistry (CHEM) 106, Fundamentals of General Chemistry Lab (DL)
- Chemistry (CHEM) 109, Chemistry for the Health Sciences
- Chemistry (CHEM) 111, Introduction to Forensic Chemistry
- Chemistry (CHEM) 116, Introduction to College Chemistry
- Chemistry (CHEM) 120, College Chemistry I [h]
- Chemistry (CHEM) 121, College Chemistry I Lab (DL) [h]
- Chemistry (CHEM) 280, Intro/Environmental Science
- Environmental Science (ENV) 280, Intro/Environmental Science
- Geography (GEOG) 100, Intro to the Physical Environment [h]
- Geography (GEOG) 121, Meteorology (DL)
- Geography (GEOG) 280, Intro/Environmental Science
- Geology (GEOL) 102, Introduction to Geology
- Geology (GEOL) 111, The Earth
- Geology (GEOL) 113, The Earth Lab (DL)
- Geology (GEOL) 112, Earth History
- Geology (GEOL) 114, Earth History Lab (DL)
- Physics (PHYS) 100, Energy
- Physics (PHYS) 101, Concepts of Motion (DL)
- Physics (PHYS) 103, Light, Color and Vision (DL)
- Physics (PHYS) 105, Concepts of the Physical World (DL)
- Physics (PHYS) 130, Acoustics of Music and Speech (DL)
- Physics (PHYS) 180, Introduction to Modern Physics
- Physics (PHYS) 181, Lab-Introduction to Modern Physics (DL)
- Physics (PHYS) 201, College Physics I (DL)
- Physics (PHYS) 231, Introduction to Physics and Biophysics I
- Physics (PHYS) 232, Physics Lab for 231 (DL)
- Physics (PHYS) 250, Introductory Mechanics
- Physics (PHYS) 251, Introductory Mechanics Lab (DL)
- Physics (PHYS) 255, University Physics
- Physics (PHYS) 256, University Physics Lab (DL)

Public Health (PH) 280, Intro/Environmental Science

- ◆ CLEP Exam—Natural Science 6 hours: 3 hours applied as Biological Sciences and 3 hours applied as Physical Sciences)
- ◆ When 6 hours of CLEP examination credit are used in Category D-I, an additional lab must be taken to fulfill Category D-I.

(DL) Designated Lab course.

II. Mathematics Minimum 3 hours

- Math (MATH) 109, General Mathematics
- Math (MATH) 116, Fundamentals of College Algebra [h]
- Math (MATH) 117, Trigonometry
- Math (MATH) 118, College Algebra and Trigonometry
- Math (MATH) 119, Fundamentals of Calculus
- Math (MATH) 122, Calculus of a Single Variable I
- Math (MATH) 136, Calculus I [h]
- Math (MATH) 142, Calculus with Applications for Life Sciences
- Math (MATH) 203, Statistics

- ◆ CLEP Exam - Mathematics (6 hours)
- ◆ When 6 hours of CLEP examination credit are earned in mathematics, 3 hours may be used in fulfilling the requirement in Category D-II and the additional 3 hours credit may be used as elective credit.

E. World Cultures and American Cultural Diversity . . 3 hours

- African American Studies (AFAM) 190, African American Experience [h]
- African American Studies (AFAM) 350, Peoples and Cultures of Africa
- African American Studies (AFAM) 358, Blacks/Amer Hist to 1877
- African American Studies (AFAM) 359, Blacks/Amer Hist since 1877
- African American Studies (AFAM) 360, History of Africa
- African American Studies (AFAM) 368, African Governments and Politics
- African American Studies (AFAM) 377, African American Folklore
- African American Studies (AFAM) 393, African American Lit
- African American Studies (AFAM) 410, African American Music
- Anthropology (ANTH) 120, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology [h]
- Anthropology (ANTH) 277, Introduction to World Music
- Anthropology (ANTH) 335, Old World Prehistory
- Anthropology (ANTH) 336, New World Prehistory
- Anthropology (ANTH) 343, Anthropology of Gender
- Anthropology (ANTH) 350, Peoples and Cultures of Africa
- Anthropology (ANTH) 410, African-American Music
- Communication (COMM) 263, Fundamentals of Communication and Culture
- Consumer and Family Sciences (CFS) 170, Introduction to International Food and Culture
- Dance (DANC) 360, Dance in Culture
- Design, Merchandising, and Textiles (DMT) 346, Architecture/Culture

(Honors participation or 3.2 GPA required.)

Design, Merchandising, and Textiles (DMT) 431, Clothing and Human Behavior
English (ENG) 370, Multicultural Literature in America
English (ENG) 387, Studies in Autobiography
English (ENG) 393, African American Literature
Folk Studies (FLK) 277, Introduction to World Music
Folk Studies (FLK) 280, Cultural Diversity in U.S. [h]
Folk Studies (FLK) 350, Peoples and Cultures of Africa
Folk Studies (FLK) 377, African American Folklife
Folk Studies (FLK) 410, African American Music
Geography (GEOG) 110, World Regional Geography [h]
Geography (GEOG) 200, Introduction to Latin America
Health Care Administration (HCA) 347, International Comparisons of Health Care System
History (HIST) 110, Introduction to Asian Civilizations
History (HIST) 200, Introduction to Latin America
History (HIST) 353, Indian Peoples of North America
History (HIST) 358, Blacks in American History to 1877
History (HIST) 359, Blacks in American History since 1877
History (HIST) 360, History of Africa
History (HIST) 364, Latin America: Colonial Period
History (HIST) 365, Latin America: The Republics
History (HIST) 370, Modern South Asia
History (HIST) 461, Modern East Asia
History (HIST) 463, 1492 and the Atlantic World: The Intersection of Cultures
Music (MUS) 119, Jazz Appreciation
Music (MUS) 277, Introduction to World Music
Political Science (PS) 200, Introduction to Latin America
Political Science (PS) 365, Government and Politics of the Middle East
Political Science (PS) 366, Government and Politics of East Asia
Political Science (PS) 368, African Government and Politics
Religious Studies (RELS) 103, Religions of Asia
Religious Studies (RELS) 302, Buddhist Religious Traditions
Religious Studies (RELS) 303, Hindu Religious Traditions
Religious Studies (RELS) 304, Judaic Religious Traditions
Religious Studies (RELS) 306, Islamic Religious Traditions
Religious Studies (RELS) 307, Native American Religious Traditions

Religious Studies (RELS) 308, East Asian Religious Traditions
Religious Studies (RELS) 320, Religions of the Middle East
Religious Studies (RELS) 324, Christianity in Africa
Sociology (SOCL) 353, Sociology of Modern Japan
Sociology (SOCL) 362, Race, Class and Gender
Sociology (SOCL) 375, Diversity in American Society
Spanish (SPAN) 200, Introduction to Latin America
Spanish (SPAN) 372, Latin American Civilization and Culture

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F. Health and Wellness 2 hours

Animal Science (ANSC) 232, Basic Equitation
Consumer and Family Sciences (CFS) 111, Human Nutrition
Dance (DANC) 108, Beginning Men's Ballet Technique
Dance (DANC) 111, Ballet I
Dance (DANC) 113, Jazz I
Dance (DANC) 117, Modern I
Dance (DANC) 211, Ballet II
Dance (DANC) 213, Jazz II
Dance (DANC) 217, Modern II
Dance (DANC) 311, Ballet III
Dance (DANC) 313, Jazz III
Dance (DANC) 317, Modern III
Military Science (MIL) 101, Military Mountaineering and Leadership
Music (MUS) 347, Marching Band
Performance (PERF) 105, Taiji
Performance (PERF) 110 Mat Pilates
Physical Education (PE) 100, Concepts of Lifetime Fitness and Wellness
Physical Education (PE) 101, 102, Activity Course
Psychology (PSY) 250, Adjustment and Personal Growth
Public Health (PH) 100, Personal Health
Public Health (PH) 111, Human Nutrition
Public Health (PH) 165, Drug Abuse
Safety (SFTY) 171, Safety and First Aid

Total Minimum General Education Requirements 44 hours

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