

2026-27 CATALOG

Your Path to Success begins in General Education

General Education matters for who you are and who you will become and prepares you for a life of consequence, inquiry, and accomplishment. General Education is the foundation of your academic experience and transcends disciplinary boundaries.

What is General Education (Gen Ed)?

Gen Ed is shared by all degree-seeking students. Gen Ed credits (27) account for 45% of the Associate's and 23% of the Bachelor's degrees. Gen Ed provides broad exposure to diverse disciplines and is the foundation for developing intellectual tools, responsibility to the self and others, and preparing students for academic, civic, and professional success.

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". General education 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 pass CORE courses (12 credits) in Composition (EN1 & EN2), Quantitative Literacy (QL), American Institutions (AI), and Cultural Competence (CC) and BREADTH courses (15 credits) in Creative Arts (CA), Humanities (HU), Social Sciences (SS), Life Sciences (LS), and Physical Sciences (PS) with a grade of "D-" or better.

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 transfer appeal process for Gen Ed requirements?

Students may have transfer courses that lack an equivalent at Weber State or do not transfer as courses with Gen Ed attributes. Transfer courses may be articulated as departmental (e.g., MATH 1XXX) or general (e.g., ELEC 1XXX) electives that may not have an associated Gen Ed attribute. Although students may appeal transfer decisions to the department chair/articulator, they also may appeal the Gen Ed attribute decisions to the Director of General Education (see <https://weber.edu/GenEd/Gen-Ed-Contact-List.html> for the Gen Ed contacts and Transfer Petition Form).

CORE GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (12 credits)

COMPOSITION (EN1) (3-6 CREDITS)

Select one of the following and earn a passing grade

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

ENGL 1005	College Reading and Introductory Writing (6)
ENGL 1006 & 1007	College Reading and Introductory Writing, Parts A & B (3 & 3)
ENGL 1010	Introductory College Writing (3)

COMPOSITION (EN2) (3-4 CREDITS)

Select one of the following and earn a passing grade

ENGL 2010	Intermediate College Writing (3)
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QUANTITATIVE LITERACY (QL) (3-6 CREDITS)

Select one of the following and earn a passing grade

MATH 1030	Contemporary Mathematics (3)	MATH 1060	Trigonometry (3)
MATH 1035	Contemporary Mathematics w/Prereq Topics (6)	MATH 1080	Pre-Calculus (5)
MATH 1040	Introduction to Statistics (3)	MATH 1090	Business College Algebra (3)
MATH 1050	College Algebra (4)	MATH 2015	Algebra for Elementary Teachers (3)

OR earn a passing grade 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

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Other than General Studies, majors may require a specific QL course. Consult your program advisor and materials for your best QL option.

AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS (AI) (3-6 CREDITS)

Select one of the following and earn a passing grade

HIST 1600	African American Studies (3) ^	ECON 1740	Economic History of the U.S. (3) ^
HIST 1610	The Latinx Experience (3) ^	POLS 1100	American National Government (3)
HIST 1700	American History (3)		
HIST 2700 & 2710	History of the U.S. to 1877 (3) and History of the U.S. since 1877 (3)		

CULTURAL COMPETENCE (CC) (3 CREDITS)

Select 3 credits from the list of approved courses and earn a passing grade.

General education courses marked with ^ fulfill the CC and the specific Core or Breadth requirement.

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BREADTH GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (15 credits)

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

HUMANITIES (HU)		
Select 3 credits from the following and earn a passing grade		
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...Communication (3)
COMM	2250	Essentials of Digital Media (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	2501	Literature Today (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)
Foreign Language		
FL	2020	Fourth Semester Foreign Language (3)
FL	2600	Intro. To...Studies in Translation (3)
History		
HIST	1100	European History to 1500 (3)
HIST	1110	European History from 1500 (3)
HIST	1300	Latin American History to 1820 (3)
HIST	1310	Latin American History since 1820 (3)
Honors		
HNRS	1100	Introduction to Honors... (3)
HNRS	1540	Perspectives in the Humanities (3)
HNRS	2010	Exploring Key Concepts...Humanities (3)
HNRS	2110	Intellectual Traditions...Medieval Eras (3)
HNRS	2120	Intellectual Traditions...Modern Era (3)
HNRS	2130	Intellectual Traditions...the East (3)
Music		
MUSC	1043	Music, the Arts & Civilizations (3)
Philosophy		
PHIL	1000	Introduction to Philosophy (3) ^
PHIL	2050	Practical Ethics (3)
PHIL	1250	Critical Thinking (3)
Religious Studies		
SBS	1550	Introduction to World Religions (3) ^
Theatre		
THEA	2821	Period Styles in Design (3)

CREATIVE ARTS (CA)		
Select 3 credits from the following and earn a passing grade		
Art *		
ART	1010	Introduction to the Visual Arts (3)
ART	1030	Studio Art for the Non-Art Major (3)
ART	1110	Drawing I (3)
ART	2450	Foundations of Photography: Color/Digital (3)
ARTH	1090	Art/Arch: Paleolithic - 1400 CE (4)
ARTH	1100	Art/Arch: 1400 CE - Present (4)
* only one course from ART or ARTH may be used to fulfill CA		
Computer Science		
CS	1010	Introduction to Interactive Entertainment (3)
Construction and Building Sciences		
ARCH	1040	Introduction to Architecture (3)
ID	1010	Introduction to Interior Design (3)
Dance		
DANC	1010	Introduction to Dance (3) ^
English		
ENGL	2250	Introduction to Creative Writing (3) ^
ENGL	2260	Introduction to Writing Short Fiction (3) ^
ENGL	2270	Introduction to Writing Poetry (3) ^
ENGL	2280	Introduction to Writing Creative Nonfiction (3)
Film Studies		
FILM	2200	Fundamentals of Film (3)
Honors		
HNRS	1530	Perspectives in the Creative Arts (3)
HNRS	2020	Exploring...in the Disiplines: Creatives Arts (3)
Music		
MUSC	1010	Introduction to Music (3)
MUSC	1025	History of Country 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)

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PHYSICAL SCIENCES (PS)

Select 3 credits from the following and earn a passing grade

Chemistry and Biochemistry		
CHEM	1010	Introductory Chemistry (3)
CHEM	1110	Elementary Chemistry (4) & 1115 Lab (1)
CHEM	1130	Intro. to Gen., Organic, & Biochemistry (4) & 1135 Lab (1)
CHEM	1210	Principles of Chemistry I (4) & 1215 Lab (1)
CHEM	1230	Engineering Chemistry (4) & 1235 Lab (1)
CHEM	1360	Principles of Physical Science (3) ***
Geography, Environment, and Sustainability *		
GEOG	1000	Planet Earth: Air, Water, Land, Life (3)
GEOG	1500	Climate Change: Science, Society & 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: 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	Energy and the Environment (3)
PHYS	2210	Physics for Scientists and Engineers I (5)
* Only one course from GEOG or GEO may be used to fulfill PS		
** Only one course from PHYS or ASTR may be used to fulfill PS		
*** Only one Principles of PS (CHEM/PHYS 1360) may be used to fulfill PS		

LIFE SCIENCES (LS)

Select 3 credits from the following and earn a passing grade

Anthropology		
ANTH	1020	Biological Anthropology (3)
Botany and Plant Ecology		
BTNY	1010	Plants: Apocalypse Prevention (3)
BTNY	1203	Plant Biology (3)
BTNY	1303	Plants and People (3)
BTNY	1370	Principles of Life Science (3) *
BTNY	1403	Principles of Environmental Science (4)
Health Sciences		
HTHS	2110	Integrated Human Anatomy & Physiology I (4)
Honors		
HNRS	1510	Perspectives in the Life Sciences (3)
HNRS	2040	Exploring Key Concepts: Life Sciences (3)
Microbiology		
MICR	1113	Introductory Microbiology (3)
MICR	1153	Public Health: Sex, Travel, Food, & Drugs (3)
MICR	1353	Microbes Rule the World: Power of Disease (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	1610	Principles of Biology: Animals & People (4)
ZOOL	1370	Principles of Life Science (3) *
ZOOL	2420	Human Physiology (4)
* Only one Principles of LS (BTNY/MICR/ZOOL 1370) may be used to fulfill LS		

SOCIAL SCIENCES (SS)

Select 3 credits from the following and earn a passing grade

Anthropology		
ANTH	1000	Introduction to Anthropology (3) ^
ANTH	2010	People 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
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	Exploring Global Geography... (3) ^
GEOG	1520	US & Canada: Geography, Diversity, and Change (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) ^
Honors		
HNRS	1520	Perspectives in the Social Sciences (3)
HNRS	2050	Exploring Key Concepts: Social Sciences (3)
HNRS	2210	Intellectual Traditions...Medieval Eras (3)
HNRS	2120	Intellectual Traditions...Modern Era (3)
HNRS	2130	Intellectual Traditions...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	1010	Politics, Power, and the State (3) ^
POLS	1520	Leadership & Political Life (3)
POLS	2100	International Politics... (3)
POLS	2200	Global Governments, Politics, and Societies (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 (3)
SW	2200	Issues in Diversity (3) ^
Sociology		
SOC	1010	Introduction to Sociology (3) ^
SOC	1020	Contemporary Social Issues (3) ^
SOC	2400	Introduction to Ethnic Studies (3) ^
Wildcat Scholars		
UNIV	1110	Intro. to Social Issues in Higher Education (3)
Women & Gender Studies		
WGS	1500	Intro. to Women, Gender, & Queer Studies (3) ^
WGS	2500	Human Rights in the World (3) * ^
* Only POLS 2500 or WGS 2500 may be used to fulfill SS		