

General Education Advising Sheet

General Education Mission Statement

The purpose of the UWRP General Education program is to facilitate the acquisition and integration of knowledge, abilities, and ethics in order to form a foundation for lifelong learning.

The interdisciplinary foundation includes the ability to communicate effectively; comprehend the inter-relatedness of past and present human experience; apply scientific principles to the human and natural world; engage in inquiry and critical thinking; develop and appreciate the responsibilities of individuals to themselves, each other, society, and the world.

While outcomes in this document do not specify essential content, it is understood that individual departments and faculty will determine what that essential content is in the courses designated as fulfilling general education objectives. All courses with a General Education designation will include, to the extent possible, critical thinking, written composition, oral discussion, and graphic components.

To accomplish this mission there are five goals, with a certain number of credits attached. Under each goal there are between one and three designators (such as the first – **CW**). A student needs to take the credits applicable to each designator as shown below.

ONE: Communicate effectively.

Total 9 credits.

CW (Communication/ Reading and Writing) 3 credits

CS (Communication/Speaking and Listening) 3 credits

CA (Advanced Communication) 3 credits

TWO: Demonstrate knowledge of past and present human endeavor.

Total 12 credits.

SB (Social and Behavioral Sciences) 6 credits

HF (Humanities and Fine Arts) 6 credits

Courses taken under both SB and HF designators must be from different disciplinary prefixes (e.g. for SB; HIST, POLS, SOCI and for HF; ART, MUSI, ENGL).

THREE: Apply scientific principles to the natural world.

Total 9 credits.

M (Mathematics) 3 credits

SL (Scientific Investigation) 3 credits

S/SL (Sciences or Scientific Investigation) 3 credits

The courses taken under the S or SL designations must be from different disciplinary prefixes (e.g. BIOL, CHEM, GEOL).

FOUR: Engage in multidisciplinary inquiry,

Total 3 credits.

MD (Multidisciplinary) 3 credits

Course must be at the 300 level or above.

FIVE: Evaluate individual responsibility to self, society, and the world.

Total 5 credits.

HW (Personal Health and Wellness) 2 credits

EC (Ethical Citizenship) 3 credits

Total number of GE credits = 38

N.B. There are also two university requirements, which *do not count within General Education*. Students are to take one course designated as **American Cultural Diversity (D)**, and take one course designated as **Global Perspectives (G)**. Both courses must be 200 level or above, and must be at least three credits. These classes can be *anywhere* in the students program.

Other considerations

- a. No general education class can double count as a requirement in a first major. But a general education course can be counted as a 'required supporting course' in the major. (E.g. POLS majors are required to take POLS 114, but they cannot count this class in Gen Ed. However, all other students can take this class in Gen Ed.)
- b. Up to two general education courses (generally 6 credits) can be double counted as credits towards a minor, a second major or a broad area or comprehensive major.
- c. University requirements can count as credits towards a major, or they could come from general education classes. Although a student must take the two university requirements their credits do not necessarily count towards the 38 credits of general education.
- d.
 - i. The courses taken under the **SB** and **HF** designations must be from different disciplinary prefixes (E.g. for SB; HIST, POLS, SOCI and for HF; ART, MUSI, ENGL).
 - ii. The courses taken under the **S** or **SL** designations must be from different disciplinary prefixes (e.g. BIOL, CHEM, GEOL). There are some SL courses that are only a single credit – but these classes must be taken along with the corresponding lectures – converting the class from a three credit **S** to a four credit **SL**. In this area students must take an **SL** class, but the second class can be either **S** or **SL**.
- e. In general we hope that if there is any legitimate question concerning the validity of a course within a student's program, the student gets the benefit of the doubt until the new General Education program is entirely in place. In general ...
Current continuing students: May choose to operate with existing or switch to new program
Transfer students - this year: May choose to operate with either.
New freshmen for Fall: 'Must' satisfy the new general education requirements.
- f. It is possible for a general education class to be valid for more than one designator– but a student taking that class can only count it in *one* of the designators.

N.B. You can look for all the diversity courses within *esis* by putting (d) in the search field. We hope that by the time registration comes round you will be able to look up any designator by typing in its code and a “;” – e.g. **SB;** will retrieve all SB classes, **S;D;** will retrieve all **S** (science) classes that are also **D** (diversity) classes.

Updated information on approved courses can be found at:

http://www.uwrf.edu/faculty_senate/gened/GE_Approved_Courses.htm

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COURSES APPROVED FOR GENERAL EDUCATION (credits)

CW (Communication/Reading and Writing)

ENGL 100 Academic Reading/Writing (3)

CS (Communication/Speaking and Listening)

CHIN 101 Beginning Chinese (4)

FREN 101 Beginning French (4)

GERM 101 Beginning German (4)

JAPN 101 Beginning Japanese (4)

SPAN 101 Beginning Spanish (4)

SCTA 101 Fundamentals of Oral Communication (3)

SCTA 116 Business & Professional Communication (3)

CA (Advanced Communication)

ENGL 200 Investigating Ideas: Reading, Writing & the Disciplines (3)

SB (Social and Behavioral Sciences)

ANTH 100 Intro to Anthropology (3)

ECON 100 Modern Economics (3)

GEOG 120 Human Geography (3)

HIST 100 Defining Themes in U.S. History (3)

HIST 101 Origins of Civilization (3)

HIST 102 Origins of One World (3)

HIST 201 Intro to Asian Civilization (3)

POLS 114 American National, State & Local Government (3)

PSYC 101 General Psychology (3)

SOCI 100 Introduction to Sociology (3)

HF (Humanities and Fine Arts)

ART 100 Introduction to Art (3)

ENGL 243 Types of Literature (3)

DANC100 History/Appreciation Dance (3)

MUS 100 Understanding Music (3)

PHIL 151 Living Issues in Philosophy (3)

PHIL 201 Human Nature, Ethics & the Natural World (3)

PHIL 221 Ancient Philosophy (3)

PHIL 240 Social Ethics (3)

PHIL/ART 310 Philosophy & History of Visual Art (3)

PHIL 323 Science & Philosophers of the Age of the Enlightenment (3)

SCTA 105 Intro Theater & Drama (3)

M (Mathematics)

MATH 126 Activities in Math (3)

MATH 146 College Algebra (3)

MATH 147 Algebra and Trigonometry (3)

MATH 149 Pre-Calculus (4)

MATH 156 Calculus for Business (3)

MATH 166 Calculus for Science/Math (4)

MATH 216 Elementary Statistical Concepts (3)

MATH 226 Fundamentals of Statistics (3)

MATH 246 Math for Elementary teach (4)

PSYC 201 Behavioral Statistics (3)

S (Sciences)

CHEM 100 Modern Alchemy (3)

GEOG 110 Physical Environment: Patterns & Systems (3)

GEOL 101 Introduction to Geology (3)

PHYS 114 Basic Physics (3)

PHYS 117 Astronomy (3)

PHYS 151 General Physics I (4)

PHYS 161 General Physics I (4)

SL (Scientific Investigation)

BIOL 100	Introduction to Biology (3)
BIOL 150	General Biology (3)
CHEM 101	Elementary Principles Chemistry (3)
CHEM 120	Introduction to General Chemistry (6)
CHEM 121	General Chemistry I (5)
GEOL 202	Oceanography (3)
PHYS 101*	General Physics Lab I (1)
PHYS 156*	General Physics Lab I (1)

** these classes must be taken with the corresponding lecture class and change the designator from S to SL*

MD (Multidisciplinary Inquiry)

ENGL/GEOG/HIST 385	Interdisciplinary Seminar: American Frontier (3)
PHIL/ART 310	Philosophy & History of Visual Art (3)
PHIL 323	Science & Philosophers of the Age of the Enlightenment (3)

EC (Ethical Citizenship)

CROP 120	Plants & Society (3)
ESM 105	Intro Environmental Studies (3)
JOUR 101	Intro Mass Communication (3)
PHIL 201	Human Nature, Ethics & the Natural World (3)

HW (Personal Health and Wellness)

PE 108	Fitness for Life (1)
PE (Various)	2 Lifetime Activities (0.5 each)

COURSES APPROVED FOR UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS (credits)

D (American Cultural Diversity)

HIST 206	Native Americans and the United States (3)
HIST 207	African American History (3)
MNGT 330	Managing Workplace Diversity (3)

G (Global Perspectives)

HIST 201	Intro to Asian Civilization (3)
HIST 203	The Mediterranean: A Survey (3)
MNGT 355	International Business (3)