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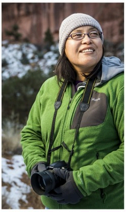

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General Education

General Education Information

Whereas a major provides students with specialized knowledge, General Education ensures that students have the breadth of knowledge that characterizes well-rounded and well-informed citizens. General Education provides the skills of analysis, problem-solving, creative thinking, and critical thinking that prepare students for an unknown and ever-changing future.

Completion of the UVU General Education requirements will fulfill the General Education requirements at all colleges and universities within the Utah System of Higher Education. However, certain majors, both at this institution and other Utah institutions, may require **specific** General Education courses. While UVU has not articulated these courses with higher education institutions outside the State of Utah, they will generally articulate to other regionally accredited colleges and universities in the United States. It is the responsibility of students to complete the appropriate General Education courses required by their departments regardless of the generalized list printed in this catalog.

Note: Students taking General Education courses without having declared a specific major are advised in the Academic Counseling Center, LC 402, telephone 801-863-8425. Students who have declared a specific major that is taught at UVU will be directed to the appropriate academic advisor upon completion of new student orientation and assessment activities.

Department Articulation Agreements

In addition to General Education courses, many departments have articulated specific courses that transfer to help fulfill baccalaureate degree requirements. Information concerning these courses may be obtained from UVU department advisors or the Admissions-Transfer Services Office, BA 114.

General Education Code System

General Education course designator codes (Attributes) aid students and transfer institutions to identify how General Education courses meet graduation requirements.

The following list identifies General Education core and distribution courses as they apply to the Associate in Arts/Science Degrees and Bachelor of Arts/Science Degrees, and can be used to search the registration menu:

AS - American Institutions

BB - Biology

CC - English Composition

FF - Fine Arts

HH - Humanities

LH - Foreign Language

PP - Physical Science

SS - Social Science

QL – Quantitative Literacy

XF - Must be taken with another course to equal FF (see department)

General Education Requirements

Interstate Passport

The Interstate Passport enables successful transfer of a block of lower-level general education learning to other institutions participating in the Interstate Passport Network. Students who complete their Passport at Utah Valley University will not be required to repeat or take additional course work to meet lower-division general education requirements in the Passport's nine areas when they transfer to any other Passport institution. Utah Valley University will begin transcripting the Interstate Passport following the Fall 2016 semester. Students with an interest in achieving the Passport should see our website at http://www.uvu.edu/transfer/passport.html and contact their Advisor.

Associate in Arts/Science Degrees and Bachelor of Arts/Science Degrees

These requirements satisfy the General Education requirements for both the Associate in Arts and the Associate in Science Degrees, as well as the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Science Degrees at UVU, taking into account adjustments that may be required by academic departments to fulfill their specific needs. Honors courses with the same prefix and number also satisfy distribution requirements. Total core and distribution is 35 credits.

Core Requirements

These courses provide basic skills in logic, math, written and oral communications, health, and fitness.

Complete the following for 6 credits:
ENGL 2010/201H Intermediate Writing Academic Writing and Research
and
ENGL 1010/101H Introduction to Academic Writing
or
ENGH 1005 Literacies and Composition Across Contexts
Complete one of the following for either 3 or 4 credits:
Students should enroll in Mat 1030/MAT 1035 unless STAT 1040/STAT 1045 is recommended for their major or they are planning to enroll in courses requiring MATH 1050 as a prerequisite.
MAT 1030 Quantitative Reasoning/MAT 1035 Quantitative Reasoning with Integrated Algebra
or
STAT 1040 Introduction to Statistics/STAT 1045 Introduction to Statistics with Algebra
or
MATH 1050 College Algebra/MATH 1055 College Algebra with Preliminaries
or
MATH 1090 College Algebra for Business
or
One MATH course that requires MATH 1050 as a prerequisite
or
QL 1900 – awarded based on achievement of the following test scores: AP Calculus AB: 3 or higher AP Calculus BC: 3 or higher AP Statistics: 3 or higher IB HL Math: 5 or higher CLEP Pre-Calculus: 50 or higher CLEP Calculus: 50 or higher ACT Mathematics: 26 or higher SAT Mathematics: 660 or higher QL1900 satisfies the General Education math requirement; however, certain majors may require MAT 1030/1035, STAT 10401045, or MATH 1050 to be taken as a prerequisite for a higher level Math course.
Complete the following for 5 credits:
PHIL 2050/205G/205H Ethics and Values
and
HLTH 1100 Personal Health and Wellness

or

EXSC 1097 Fitness for Life

American Institutions

Complete one of the following for 3 credits:
POLS 1000 American Heritage
HIST 2700 and 2710 US History to/since 1877
HIST 1700/170H American Civilization
HIST 1740 US Economic History
POLS 1100 American National Government

Distribution Requirements

(18 CREDITS)

From Science, Humanities, Fine Arts, and Social/Behavioral Science

A. SCIENCE

All majors must complete **one course of Biology, one course of Physical Science, and one additional course from either of those two areas** for a minimum total of 9 credits. One lab course is recommended.

Biology

BIOL 1010/101H	General Biology	3.0
BIOL 1011	Introduction to Bioinformatics	3.0
BIOL 1070	Genetics	3.0
BIOL 1200	Prehistoric Life	3.0
BIOL 1500	Biological Anthropology	3.0
BIOL 1610	College Biology I	4.0
BIOL 204R*	Natural History Excursion*	3.0
BIOL 2500	Environmental Biology	3.0
BOT 2050	Field Botany	3.0
BOT 2100	Flora of Utah	3.0
BOT 2400	Plant Kingdom	4.0
BTEC 1010	Fundamentals of Biotechnology I Career Survey	3.0
NUTR 2020	Nutrition Through Life Cycle	3.0
ZOOL 1090	Intro to Human Anatomy/Physiology	3.0
ZOOL 2320/232H	Human Anatomy	3.0

*May be used as the third science only

Physical Science

ASTR 1040/104H	Elementary Astronomy	3.0
ASTR 1070/107H	Cultural Astronomy in Our Lives	3.0
ASTR 1080	Life in the Universe	3.0
CHEM 1010	Introduction to Chemistry	3.0
CHEM 1110	Elem Chem for Health Sciences	4.0
CHEM 1210	Principles of Chemistry I	4.0
ENVT 1110	Intro to Environmental Mgmt	3.0
GEO 1010/101H	Introduction to Geology	3.0
GEO 1030	Natural Disaster & the Environment	3.0
GEO 1040	The Dinosaurian World	3.0
GEO 1050	Geology of National Parks	3.0
GEO 1080	Introduction to Oceanography	3.0
GEO 204R	Natural History Excursion*	3.0
GEOG 1000	Intro to Physical Geography	3.0
GEOG 1800	Mapping the World with Geospatial Technology	3.0
METO 1010	Introduction to Meteorology	3.0
METO 1060	Fundamentals of Weather Forecasting	3.0
PHSC 1000	Survey of Physical Science	3.0
PHYS 1010	Elementary Physics	3.0
PHYS 1700	Descriptive Acoustics	3.0
PHYS 1750	The Acoustics of Music	3.0
PHYS 1800	Energy You and Environment	3.0
PHYS 1850	Aviation Physics	3.0
PHYS 2010	College Physics I	4.0
PHYS 2020	College Physics II	4.0
PHYS 2210	Physics for Scientists/Engineers I	4.0
PHYS 2220	Physics for Scientists/Engineers II	4.0
TECH 1010	Understanding Technology*	3.0

*May be used as the third science only

B. HUMANITIES

One course minimum

AMST 2000	Introduction to American Studies	3.0
ASL 202G	Intermediate American Sign Language II	4.0
CHIN 202G	Intermediate Chinese II	4.0
CINE 2150	Critical Intro Cinema Studies	3.0
CINE 217G	Race Class and Gender in US Cinema	3.0
COMM 1020	Public Speaking	2.0
COMM 1500	Introduction to Mass Communications	3.0
COMM 217G	Race Class and Gender in US Cinema	3.0
ENGL 2030	Writing for Social Change	3.0
ENGL 2130	Science Fiction	3.0
ENGL 2150	Critical Intro Cinema Studies	3.0
ENGL 217G	Race Class and Gender in US Cinemas	3.0
ENGL 2200	Introduction to World Literature	3.0
ENGL 2210	Introduction to Folklore	3.0

ENGL 2230/223H	Myths/Legends in Literature	3.0
ENGL 2250/225H	Creative Process/Image Writing	3.0
ENGL 2300/230H	Shakespeare	3.0
ENGL 2310	Technical Communication	3.0
ENGL 2510	American Literature before 1865	3.0
ENGL 2520	American Literature after 1865	3.0
ENGL 2600	Critical Introduction to Literature	3.0
ENGL 2610	British Literature before 1800	3.0
ENGL 2620	British Literature after 1800	3.0
ENGL 376G	World Literature	3.0
FREN 202G	Intermediate French II	4.0
GER 202G	Intermediate German II	4.0
GRK 2020	Intermediate Greek II	4.0
HUM 1010/101G/101H	Humanities Through the Arts	3.0
HUM 2010 /201G/201H	World History Through Arts I	3.0
HUM 2020/202G/202H	World History Through Arts II	3.0
HUM 2100/210H	Adventures Ideas Through 1500	3.0
HUM 2200/220H	Adventures Ideas After 1500	3.0
HONR 2000	Ancient Legacies	3.0
JPNS 202G	Intermediate Japanese II	4.0
LATN 2020	Intermediate Latin II	4.0
PHIL 1000/100H	Introduction to Philosophy	3.0
PHIL 1250	Intro to Logic and Critical Thinking	3.0
PHIL 1610	Intro To Western Religions	3.0
PHIL 1620	Intro To Eastern Religions	3.0
PHIL 2110	Ancient Greek Philosophy WE	3.0
PHIL 2130	Medieval Philosophy	3.0
PHIL 2150	Early Modern Philosophy	3.0
PORT 202G	Intermediate Portuguese II	4.0
RUS 202G	Intermediate Russian II	4.0
SPAN 202G	Intermediate Spanish II	4.0

C. FINE ARTS

One course minimum

ART 1010	Introduction to Visual Arts	3.0
ART 1020	Basic Drawing Non Majors	3.0
ART 1050	Photography I	3.0
ART 1340	Sculpture I	3.0
ART 1350	Ceramics I	3.0
ART 1650	Watermedia I	3.0
ART 2100	Teaching Art for Children	3.0
ART 2815	Historical Architecture and Interior Design	3.0
ARTH 2710 271H	History of Art to the Renaissance	3.0
ARTH 2720/272H	History of Art from the Renaissance	3.0
CINE 2311	Film History I	3.0
DANC 1010	Dance as an Art Form	3.0
DANC 2100	Teaching Dance for Children	3.0
DANC 2110	Orientation to Dance	3.0
EGDT 1720	Architectural Rendering	3.0
MUSC 1010/101H	Introduction to Music	3.0
MUSC 102G	Introduction to World Music	3.0
MUSC 1030	American Popular Music	3.0
MUSC 1100	Fundamentals of Music	3.0
MUSC 2100	Teaching Music for Children	3.0
THEA 1013	Introduction to Theater WE	3.0
THEA 1023	Introduction to Film	3.0
THEA 1033	Acting I	3.0
THEA 2100	Teaching Theatre For Children	3.0
THEA 2311	Film History I	3.0

D. SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

One course minimum

ANTH 101G	Social/Cult Anthropology	3.0
ANTH 1020	Biological Anthropology	3.0
ANTH 103G	World Prehistory	3.0
ANTH 180G	Introduction to American Indian Studies	3.0
BESC 107G	Multicultural Societies	3.0
CJ 1010	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3.0
COMM 1050	Introduction to Speech Communication	3.0
COMM 2110	Interpersonal Communications	3.0
ECON 1010	Economics As Social Science	3.0
ECON 2010	Principles of Economics I	3.0
ENTR 2500	Creativity and Entrepreneurial Thinking	3.0
ES 1150	Community Emergency Preparedness	3.0
FAMS 1150	Marriage and Relationship Skills	3.0
FIN 1060	Personal Finance	3.0
GEOG 130G	Survey of World Geography	3.0
GEOG 1400	Introduction to Human Geography	3.0
GEOG 2000	Sustainability and Environment	3.0

GEOG 2100	Geography of U.S	3.0
HIST 1500	World History to 1500	3.0
HIST 151G	World History from 1500 to the Present	3.0
HIST 1700/170H	American Civilization**	3.0
HIST 1740	US Economic History**	3.0
HIST 2700/270H	US History to 1877**	3.0
HIST 2710/271H	US History since 1877**	3.0
HLTH 2600	Drugs, Behavior and Society	3.0
HLTH 2800	Human Sexuality	3.0
MGMT 1010	Introduction to Business	3.0
MGMT 2030	Women in Business	3.0
MGMT 2110	Interpersonal Communication	3.0
POLS 1000	American Heritage**	3.0
POLS 1010	Introduction to Political Science	3.0
POLS 1100	American National Government**	3.0
POLS 2100	Intro to International Relations	3.0
POLS 2200	Intro to Comparative Politics	3.0
PSY 1010/101H	General Psychology	3.0
PSY 1100	Human Development: Life Span	3.0
PSY 2710	Introduction to Brain and Behavior	3.0
PSY 2800	Human Sexuality	3.0
SOC 1010/101H	Introduction to Sociology	3.0
SOC 107G	Multicultural Societies	3.0
SOC 1200	Sociology of the Family	3.0
TECH 2000/200G	Technology and Human Life	3.0

**If not used as Core Requirement

Additional Guidelines for Completion of the Associate in Arts/Science Degrees

The Associate in Arts and the Associate in Science Degrees are designed to complete General Education requirements and could complete lower division pre-majors for baccalaureate degrees at UVU or other colleges or universities.

The General Education courses shown above constitute the majority of the credits required for these degrees. In addition to the General Education requirements, these degrees require 25 additional credit hours.

Associate in Arts Degrees require 8 hours of these 25 hours to be from the same recognized foreign language.

See your specific academic department for further information on appropriate course work to complete a pre-major or the remaining 25 hours. The Academic Counseling Center (LC 402) has some specific outlines available to transfer to other institutions.

Associate in Applied Science Degrees

This is a general outline. Refer to the department or Graduation Office for specific requirements. A total of 16 credit hours is required. Students must have a minimum of three credits in each area, except "F" (Physical Ed/Health/Safety/Environment).

A. ENGLISH

Complete for 3 credits:

ENGL 1010/101H Introduction to Writing

or

MKTG 2200 Business Communication

B. MATHEMATICS

Complete for 3 credits:

MAT 1000 Integrated Beginning and Intermediate Algebra

or

MAT 1010 Intermediate Algebra

or

Any Higher Mathematics course

or

Any approved Departmental Mathematics Course

C. HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS/FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Complete for 3 credits:

PHIL 2050/205G/205H Ethics and Values (Highly recommended)

or

Any approved Humanities, Fine Arts, or Foreign Language Distribution Course

D. SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

Complete for 3 credits:

MGMT 3000 Organizational Behavior

or

Any approved Behavioral Science, Social or Political Science Distribution Course

E. BIOLOGY OR PHYSICAL SCIENCE

Complete for 3 credits: any approved Biology or Physical Science Distribution Course

F. PHYSICAL ED/HEALTH/SAFETY OR ENVIRONMENT

Complete for 1 credit: any approved Physical Education, Health, Safety or Environment Course

Transfer Information

For students transferring to four-year Institutions, Colleges, and Universities in the Utah System of Higher Education.

UVU courses numbered 1000 or above will transfer within the Utah System of Higher Education. However, the application of these courses toward graduation is determined by academic departments of receiving institutions.

For students transferring to colleges and universities in the Utah System of Higher Education **before** earning an Associate in Arts or an Associate in Science Degree, or a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science Degree, a certified letter verifying completion of the UVU General Education requirements may be requested from the Graduation Office. This letter will cause the gaining institution (run by the State of Utah) to accept the completion of UVU General Education requirements as fulfilling all of the General Education/Liberal Education requirements of the gaining institution.

Note: Completion of an Associate in Arts/Science Degree waives only General Education requirements. It does not waive the necessary hours to graduate. A student transferring to another institution should check with that institution to see how their credits have been accepted toward their degree.

Private, Parochial, or Out-of-State Colleges & Universities

Since these schools are not bound by Utah State Regent's policies, colleges/universities outside the Utah System of Higher Education may have specific requirements and may not accept all courses available at UVU. Students should contact the institution they are transferring to in order to determine how their credits will be accepted.

Brigham Young University

Brigham Young University accepts the Associate in Arts/Science Degrees for completion of its General Education requirements. Courses with grades of "D+" or lower will not transfer. Some departments at BYU have specific General Education course requirements that will still need to be taken at BYU. Individual departments at BYU should be consulted for exceptions.

Note: BYU has a limit on the number of transfer students admitted.

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