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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 & ENGL 201H	Intermediate Academic Writing CC and Intermediate Academic Writing CC	6
ENGL 1010 & ENGL 101H or ENGH 1005	Introduction to Academic Writing CC and Introduction to Academic Writing CC Literacies and Composition Across Contexts CC	6
Complete one of the following for 3 or 4 credits: [1]		
MAT 1030/1035	Quantitative Reasoning QL	3
STAT 1040/1045	Introduction to Statistics QL	3
MATH 1050/1055	College Algebra QL	4
MATH 1090	College Algebra for Business QL	3
Math Course [2]		

[1] Students should enroll in MAT 1030 Quantitative Reasoning QL/MAT 1035 Quantitative Reasoning with Integrated Algebra QL unless STAT 1040 Introduction to Statistics QL/STAT 1045 Introduction to Statistics with Algebra QL is recommended for their major or they are planning to enroll in courses requiring MATH 1050 College Algebra QL as a prerequisite.

[2] Select one MATH course that requires MATH 1050 College Algebra QL 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 Quantitative Reasoning QL/MAT 1035 Quantitative Reasoning with Integrated Algebra QL, STAT 1040 Introduction to Statistics QL/STAT 1045 Introduction to Statistics with Algebra QL, or MATH 1050 College Algebra QL to be taken as a prerequisite for a higher level Math course.

Complete one of the folowing for 5 credits:		
PHIL 2050/205G/205H	Ethics and Values IH	3
HLTH 1100	Personal Health and Wellness TE	2
or EXSC 1097	Fitness for Life TE	

American Institutions

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

Distribution Requirements

(18 Credits)

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

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		**47 Credits**
BIOL 1010/101H	General Biology BB	3
BIOL 1011	Introduction to Bioinformatics BB	3
BIOL 1070	Heredity BB	3
BIOL 1200	Prehistoric Life BB	3
BIOL 1500	Biological Anthropology BB	3
BIOL 1610	College Biology I BB	4
BIOL 204R	Natural History Excursion BB [1]	3
BIOL 2500	Environmental Biology BB	3
BOT 2050	Field Botany BB	3
BOT 2100	Flora of Utah BB	3
BOT 2400	Plant Kingdom BB	4
BTEC 1010	Fundamentals of Biotechnology I Career Survey BB	3
NUTR 2020	Nutrition Through the Life Cycle BB	3
ZOOL 1090	Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology BB	3
ZOOL 2320/232H	Human Anatomy	3

[1] May be used as the third science only

Physical Science		**90 Credits**
ASTR 1040/104H	Elementary Astronomy PP	3
ASTR 1070/107H	Cultural Astronomy in Our Lives PP	3
ASTR 1080	Life in the Universe PP	3
CHEM 1010	Introduction to Chemistry PP	3
CHEM 1110	Elementary Chemistry for the Health Sciences PP	4
CHEM 1210	Principles of Chemistry I PP	4
ENVT 1110	Introduction to Environmental Management PP	3
GEO 1010/101H	Introduction to Geology PP	3
GEO 1030	Natural Disasters and the Environment PP	3
GEO 1040	The Dinosaurian World PP	3
GEO 1050	Geology of National Parks PP	3
GEO 1080	Introduction to Oceanography PP	3
GEO 204R	Natural History Excursion PP [1]	3
GEOG 1000	Introduction to Physical Geography PP	3
GEOG 1800	Mapping the World with Geospatial Technology PP	3
METO 1010	Introduction to Meteorology PP	3
METO 1060	Fundamentals of Weather Forecasting PP	3
PHSC 1000	Survey of Physical Science PP	3

PHYS 1010	Elementary Physics PP	3
PHYS 1700	Descriptive Acoustics PP	3
PHYS 1750	The Acoustics of Music PP	3
PHYS 1800	Energy You and the Environment PP	3
PHYS 1850	The Physics of Aviation PP	3
PHYS 2010	College Physics I PP	4
PHYS 2020	College Physics II PP	4
PHYS 2210	Physics for Scientists and Engineers I PP	4
PHYS 2220	Physics for Scientists and Engineers II PP	4
TECH 1010	Understanding Technology PP [1]	3

[1] May be used as the third science only

Humanities

One course minimum		
AMST 2000	Introduction to American Studies HH	3
ASL 202G	Intermediate American Sign Language II HH GI	4
CHIN 202G	Intermediate Chinese II HH GI	4
CINE 2150	Critical Introduction to Cinema Studies HH	3
CINE 217G	Race Class and Gender in U S Cinema GI HH	3
COMM 1020	Public Speaking HH	3
COMM 1500	Introduction to Mass Communication HH	3
COMM 217G	Race Class and Gender in U S Cinema GI HH	3
ENGL 2030	Writing for Social Change HH	3
ENGL 2100	Technical Communication HH WE	3
ENGL 2130	Science Fiction HH	3
ENGL 2150	Critical Introduction to Cinema Studies HH	3
ENGL 217G	Race Class and Gender in U S Cinema GI HH	3
ENGL 2210	Introduction to Folklore HH	3
ENGL 220G	Introduction to World Literature HH GI	3
ENGL 2230/223H	Myths and Legends in Literature HH	3
ENGL 2250/225H	Introduction to Creative Writing HH	3
ENGL 2300/230H	Shakespeare HH	3
ENGL 2510	American Literature before 1865 HH	3
ENGL 2520	American Literature after 1865 HH	3
ENGL 2600	Critical Introduction to Literature HH	3
ENGL 2610	British Literature before 1800 HH	3
ENGL 2620	British Literature after 1800 HH	3
ENGL 376G	World Literature GI	3
FREN 202G	Intermediate French II HH GI	4
GER 202G	Intermediate German II HH GI	4
GRK 2020	Intermediate Ancient Greek II HH	4
HUM 1010/101G/101H	Humanities Through the Arts HH	3
HUM 2010/201G/201H	World History Through the Arts I HH	3
HUM 2020/202G/202H	World History Through the Arts II HH	3
HUM 2100/210H	Adventures of Ideas Through 1500 HH	3
HUM 2200/220H	Adventures of Ideas After 1500 HH	3
HONR 2000	Ancient Legacies HH	3
JPNS 202G	Intermediate Japanese II HH GI	4
LATN 2020	Intermediate Latin II HH	4
PHIL 1000/100H	Introduction to Philosophy HH	3
PHIL 1250	Introduction to Logic and Critical Thinking HH	3
PHIL 1610	Introduction to Western Religions HH	3
PHIL 1620	Introduction to Eastern Religions HH	3
PHIL 2110	Ancient Greek Philosophy HH WE	3
PHIL 2130	Medieval Philosophy	3
PHIL 2150	Early Modern Philosophy HH	3
PORT 202G	Intermediate Portuguese II HH GI	4
RUS 202G	Intermediate Russian II HH GI	4
SPAN 202G	Intermediate Spanish II HH GI	4

Fine Arts

One course minimum

ART 1010	Introduction to Visual Arts FF	3
ART 1020	Basic Drawing for Non-Majors FF	3
ART 1050	Photography I FF	3
ART 1340	Sculpture I FF	3
ART 1350	Ceramics I FF	3
ART 1650	Watercolor FF	3
ART 2100	Teaching Art for Children FF	3
ART 2815	Historical Architecture and Interior Design FF Historical Architecture and Interior Design FF	3
ARTH 2710/271H	Prehistoric Through Gothic Art History FF	3
ARTH 2720/272H	Renaissance Through Contemporary Art History FF	3
CINE 2311	Film History I FF	3
DANC 1010	Dance as an Art Form FF	3
DANC 2100	Teaching Dance for Children FF	3
DANC 2110	Orientation to Dance FF	3
EGDT 1720	Architectural Rendering FF	3
MUSC 1010/101H	Introduction to Music FF	3
MUSC 102G	Introduction to World Music FF GI	3
MUSC 1030	American Popular Music FF	3
MUSC 1100	Fundamentals of Music FF	3
MUSC 2100	Teaching Music for Children FF	3
THEA 1013	Introduction to Theatre FF WE	3
THEA 1023	Introduction to Film FF	3
THEA 1033	Acting I FF	3
THEA 2100	Teaching Theatre For Children FF	3
THEA 2311	Film History I FF	3

Social/Behavioral Science

One course minimum		
ANTH 101G	Social Cultural Anthropology SS GI	3
ANTH 1020	Biological Anthropology	3
ANTH 103G	World Prehistory SS GI	3
ANTH 180G	Introduction to American Indian Studies SS GI	3
BESC 107G	Multicultural Societies SS GI	3
CJ 1010	Introduction to Criminal Justice SS	3
COMM 1050	Introduction to Communication SS	3
COMM 2110	Interpersonal Communication SS	3
ECON 1010	Economics as a Social Science SS	3
ECON 2010	Principles of Economics I SS	3
ENTR 2500	Creativity and Entrepreneurial Thinking SS	3
ES 1150	Introduction to Emergency and Disaster Management SS	3
FAMS 1150	Marriage and Relationship Skills SS	3
FIN 1060	Personal Finance SS	3
GEOG 130G	Survey of World Geography GI SS	3
GEOG 140G	Introduction to Human Geography SS GI	3
GEOG 2000	Sustainability and Environment SS Sustainability and Environment SS	3
GEOG 2100	Geography of the United States SS	3
HIST 1500	World History to 1500 SS	3
HIST 151G	World History from 1500 to the Present SS GI	3
HIST 1700/170H	American Civilization AS [1]	3
HIST 1740	US Economic History AS [1]	3
HIST 2700/270H	US History to 1877 AS [1]	3
HIST 2710/271H	US History since 1877 AS [1]	3
HLSC 2600	Drugs Behavior and Society SS	3
HLSC 2800	Human Sexuality SS	3
MGMT 1010	Introduction to Business SS	3
MGMT 2030	Inclusive Leadership SS	3
POLS 1000	American Heritage AS [1]	3
POLS 1010	Introduction to Political Science SS	3
POLS 1100	American National Government AS [1]	3
POLS 2100	Introduction to International Relations SS	3
POLS 2200	Introduction to Comparative Politics SS	3
PSY 1010/101H	General Psychology SS	3
PSY 1100	Human Development Life Span SS	3
PSY 2710	Introduction to Brain and Behavior SS	3

PSY 2800	Human Sexuality SS	3
SOC 1010/101H	Introduction to Sociology SS	3
SOC 107G	Multicultural Societies SS GI	3
SOC 2600	Sociology of the Family SS	3

[1] 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 15 credit hours is required. Students must have a minimum of three credits in each area, except "F" (Physical Ed/Health/Safety/Environment).

English

Complete one of the following for 3 credits:		3
ENGL 1010/101H	Introduction to Academic Writing CC	
MKTG 220G	Written Business Communication GI WE	3

Mathematics

Complete one of the following for 3 credits:		3
MAT 1010	Intermediate Algebra	
MAT 1015	Intermediate Algebra with Integrated Review	5
Any Higher Mathematics course		
Any approved Departmental Mathematics Course		

Humanities/Fine Arts/Foreign Language

Complete one of the following for 3 credits:		3
PHIL 2050/205G/205H	Ethics and Values IH [1]	
Any approved Humanities, Fine Arts, or Foreign Language Distribution Course		

[1] Highly recommended

Social and Behavioral Science

Complete one of the following for 3 credits:		3
MGMT 3000	Organizational Behavior WE	
Any approved Behavioral Science, Social or Political Science Distribution Course		

Biology or Physical Science

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

Physical ED/Health/Safety or Environment

Complete for 1 credit:	1
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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