

Such preparation begins with a systematic introduction to a variety of ideas, concepts, methodologies, and works that have been developed by scholars and other individuals representing an array of academic areas. This preparation is completed through detailed study within a chosen major. Through this exposure to both the broad and deep dimensions of scholarly endeavor, students will graduate from the university with the ability to think critically and communicate effectively. Graduates will leave the university with a developing appreciation of the world's complexities and diversities along with the skills to meaningfully engage them.

The general education curriculum is comprised of six categories that, in combination, are designed to help students develop a common base of sensitivities, knowledge, and skills. The six categories of study are: Aesthetics, Biological and Physical Systems, Communication, Global Dynamics, Mathematics, and Social Dynamics. The general education curriculum consists of 38-39 semester credit hours with 6 credit hours in two core courses.

Each category includes a set of required courses and/or a listing of course options that achieve the curriculum goals. The options allow flexibility to accommodate the programmatic needs associated with particular major fields of study and the individual interests of each student.

Students should consult with their respective academic advisers to determine which combination of courses from the General Education Curriculum best meets their individual needs and the graduation requirements for their major.

Categories of Study: Curriculum Goals and Requirements

Aesthetics

Credit Hours Required: 3

Curriculum Goals: The purpose of the Aesthetics requirement is to help students develop an understanding of and appreciation for creative processes and expression. Students choose their aesthetic experience from a variety of fine arts.

Curriculum Requirements: All students must successfully complete one of the following courses:

Art 110	Understanding Visual Art (3)
Art History 210	The History of Art (3)
Art History 211	The History of Art (3)
Dance 110	Understanding Dance (3)
Music 111	Masterpieces of Music (3)
Music 112	Music in Our Time (3)
Theatre 110	Understanding Theatre (3)
Theatre 111	Understanding Theatre (3)
Exceptions:	No exceptions for any major

Biological and Physical Systems

Credit Hours Required: 8

Curriculum Goals: The purpose of the Biological and Physical Systems awareness requirement is to help students gain a better awareness and understanding of the natural sciences. Students will learn to analyze problems using a scientific approach and vocabulary.

Curriculum Requirements: All students must successfully complete two courses from among the following:

