General Education Requirements

The University's General Education requirement represents a conviction on the part of the faculty that all students need to reason logically, communicate effectively, and relate to the world around them. While courses completed in a field of study develop specific knowledge and skills in a chosen profession, general education courses not only enhance awareness of the world and the people in it, but also foster an appreciation of the arts and humanities and provide a basic understanding of mathematical and scientific principles.

General education courses are not hurdles to be overcome; rather, they are the means by which students learn to think, describe, interpret, and analyze the world. Their primary aim is to educate, rather than train, and to instill a desire for lifelong learning. Specifically, these courses are designed to produce students who have developed:

- an effective command of written and spoken English;
- an informed appreciation of the roles of the arts and the humanities;
- a familiarity with the nature and function of the social sciences;
- an appreciation of the methods of critical inquiry;
- an ability to deal with moral and ethical issues;
- a rational basis for selecting a vocation;
- an understanding of other cultures and other times; and
- a comprehension of how knowledge is acquired and applied.

To fulfill these requirements, students must complete 38-39 hours of course work in six major areas:

- English composition (six hours)
- Analytical reasoning (six hours)
- Arts (three hours)
- Humanities (nine hours)
- Natural sciences (eight-nine hours)
- Social sciences (six hours)

REGULATIONS

- Students must complete the 38/39-hour general education requirement prior to graduating from LSU. It is recommended that students complete the requirement during their first four semesters at the University.
- Only those courses on the approved list, below, and their honors equivalents, may be used to satisfy the general education requirement.
- No more than six hours of credit taken through correspondence study may be applied to a student's general education requirement.
- An entering student may receive three or six hours of credit in English composition on the basis of ACT scores and/or placement tests.
- An entering student may receive credit for one or more of the required mathematics courses on the basis of placement test scores.
- Advanced placement and advanced standing credit may be used to satisfy the general education requirement.
- General education courses will be graded on the "A," "B," "C," "D," "F" system. No courses taken on a pass/fail basis will count toward the general education requirement.
- In addition, each student must demonstrate computer literacy in ways deemed appropriate by the faculty of the senior college in which the student is enrolled.
- A request for an exception to the general education requirement must be submitted to the dean of the student's college. The dean's request and the dean's evaluation of that request must be submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs for a final decision.

TRANSFER COURSE APPROVAL

Deans are to determine the applicability of transfer courses to a component of LSU's general education requirements.

If the course is deemed to be applicable, and there is no equivalent LSU course, deans are asked to enter a course substitution on the Student Records and Registration database, indicating that the course is accepted for general education credit. Documentation concerning this decision should be kept on file in the college.

If it is determined that a course is equivalent to an LSU course, colleges should notify the Office of Undergraduate Admissions so the Admissions Transfer Table can be updated.

If the college does not approve a transfer course for general education credit, the student may petition the Office of Academic Affairs for a decision.

REGENTS' STATEWIDE ARTICULATION

LSU participates in the Board of Regents' Statewide Articulation Consortium. Students who plan to transfer to another Louisiana public institution should consult the Office of Undergraduate Admissions for information about the course transfer agreement.

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES

In the list of courses in the "Courses of Instruction" section of this catalog, general education courses are designated by a star (★) placed before the course number.

AREA/COURSES SEM. HRS.

I. ENGLISH COMPOSITION ....... 6
All students must have credit in English 1000 or 1001, and 1002, or the equivalent.

English
- 1000 English Composition .............. 3
- 1001 (1004) English Composition ........ 3
- 1002 (1003/1005) English Composition ........ 3

Honors
- 1001 Seminar in Ancient Western Civilization ........ 3
- 1101 Seminar in Comparative Civilizations ........ 3

II. ANALYTICAL REASONING ....... 6
Students earning credit in Mathematics 1023 may not also earn credit in 1021 or 1022.
All students must have credit in one of Mathematics 1021, 1023, or 1029, plus one additional course from the following:

Computer Science
- 1248 Introduction to Programming with Applications in Statistics ........ 3

Experimental Statistics
- 2201 Introduction to Statistical Analysis ........ 4

Mathematics
- 1021 College Algebra .............. 3
- 1022 Plane Trigonometry ........ 3
- 1023 College Algebra and Trigonometry ........ 5
- 1029 Introduction to Contemporary Mathematics ......... 3
- 1100 (1101) The Nature of Mathematics ......... 3
- 1431 Calculus with Business and Economic Applications ......... 3
- 1435 Mathematics for Business Analysis ......... 3
- 1441 Calculus with Application to Technology ......... 3
- 1550 (1551) Analytic Geometry and Calculus I ........ 5
- 1552 (1553) Analytic Geometry and Calculus II ......... 4

Philosophy
- 1021 Introduction to Philosophy: Elementary Logic ........ 3
- 2010 Introduction to Symbolic Logic ......... 3

III. ARTS ......................... 3

Architecture
- 2401 Appreciation of Architecture ......... 3
- 3005 History of Architecture I ......... 3
- 3006 History of Architecture II ......... 3

Art
- 1001 Introduction to Fine Arts ......... 3
- 1011 Art Structure ......... 3
- 1440 Historical Survey of the Arts ......... 3
- 1441 Historical Survey of the Arts ......... 3
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**Russian**

- 2051 Intermediate Russian .......................... 5
- 2053 Intermediate Russian .......................... 5
- 2055 Readings in Russian Literature .................. 3
- 2075 Introduction to Russian Culture and Civilization .......... 3
- 4081 Russian Literature in Translation: 19th Century .......... 3

**Spanish**

- 1102 Elementary Spanish ................................ 4
- 2101 (2103) Intermediate Spanish ....................... 3
- 2102 (2104) Intermediate Spanish ....................... 3
- 2155 Readings in Spanish Literature .................... 3
- 3043 Introduction to Latin American Literature I ........... 3
- 3044 Introduction to Latin American Literature II ........... 3
- 3071 Survey of Spanish Literature ...................... 3
- 3072 Survey of Spanish Literature ...................... 3

**Swahili**

- 1002 Elementary Swahili Language and Culture II (see also AAAS 1002) .......... 4
- 2003 Intermediate Swahili Language and Culture III (see also AAAS 2003) .......... 4
- 2004 Intermediate Swahili Language and Culture IV (see also AAAS 2004) .......... 4

**Women's and Gender Studies**

- 2500 Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies .......... 3

**V. NATURAL SCIENCES**

- 8-9 To complete the natural science requirement a student must take at least eight semester hours, including one two-semester sequence from the following list.

**Laboratories and Other Individual Science Courses**

**Agriculture**

- 1005 Science and Society ............................... 3

**Agronomy**

- 1001 Introduction to Managed Plant Systems in the Modern World .......... 3

**Astronomy**

- 1108 Astronomy Laboratory ............................. 1
- 1109 Astronomy Laboratory ............................. 1

**Biological Sciences**

- 1005 Introductory Biology Laboratory .................. 2
- 1011 Microorganisms and Man Laboratory ................ 3
- 1012 Microorganisms and Man Laboratory ................ 3
- 1208 (1207) Biology Laboratory for Science Majors I ........ 1
- 1209 Biology Laboratory for Science Majors II ........... 1

**Chemistry**

- 1212 General Chemistry Laboratory .................... 2

**Geology**

- 1006 Dinosaurs, Catastrophes, and Extinctions ............. 3
- 1601 Physical Geology Laboratory ...................... 1
- 1602 Historical Geology Laboratory ..................... 1

**Geography**

- 2051 Physical Geography: The Atmosphere ................. 3
- 2051 Physical Geography: Land and Water Surfaces, Plant and Animal Realms .......... 3

**Geology**

- 1001 General Geology: Physical ........................ 3
- 1003 General Geology: Historical ....................... 3
- 1002 Honors: General Geology: Physical .................. 3
- 1004 Honors: General Geology: Historical ................. 3

**Honors**

- 1007 Introduction to Life Sciences ..................... 4
- 1008 Introduction to Life Sciences ..................... 4

**Physical Science**

- 1001 Physical Science .................................. 3
- 1002 Physical Science .................................. 3
- 1021 Physical Science with Laboratory .................. 3
- 1022 Physical Science with Laboratory .................. 3

**Physics**

- 1201 General Physics for Physics Majors ................ 4
- 1202 General Physics for Physics Majors ................ 4

**Oceanography and Coastal Sciences**

- 1005 (1006) Introduction to Oceanography ............... 3

**Physics**

- 1208, 1209 General Physics Laboratory for Physics Majors .......... 1,1
- 2108 Introductory Physics Laboratory ................... 1
- 2109 General Physics Laboratory ........................ 1
- 2401 Introduction to Concepts in Physics ................ 3

**Renewable Natural Resources**

- 1001 Natural Resource Conservation ..................... 3

**VI. SOCIAL SCIENCES**

- 6 African and African American Studies

**African and African American Studies**

- 2000 Introduction to African and African American Studies .......... 3
- 2050 Contemporary Africa ............................... 3

**Agricultural Economics**

- 2003 Introduction to Agricultural Economics .......... 3

**Anthropology**

- 1001 Introduction to Physical Anthropology and Prehistory .......... 3
- 1003 Introduction to Cultural and Social Anthropology .......... 3
- 2051 Introduction to World Ethnography .................. 3
- 2423 Introduction to Folklore (see also ANGL 2423) .......... 3

**Economics**

- 2010 Economic Principles and Problems .................. 3
- 2020 Economic Principles and Problems (continued) ........ 3
- 2030 (2031) Economic Principles ........................ 3

**English**

- 2423 Introduction to Folklore (see also ANTH 2423) .......... 3

**Geography**

- 1001 Human Geography: Americas and Europe ............... 3
- 1003 Human Geography: Africa and Asia .................. 3

**German**

- 2075 German Civilization (see also HIST 2075) .......... 3

**History**

- 2075 German Civilization (see also GERM 2075) .......... 3

**Honors**

- 1003 Lectures in Ancient Western Civilization .......... 3
- 1103 Lectures in Comparative Civilizations ................ 3
- 2004 Lectures in Roman and Medieval Civilization ........ 3
- 2012 The 19th Century .................................. 3
- 2013 The 20th Century .................................. 3
- 2204 Lectures in Colonial and Early National America .......... 3
- 3001 European Civilization from 1400-1799: The Old Regime .......... 4
- 3003 Western Civilization from 1789: The Modern World .......... 4
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