

# 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 life-long 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 39 hours of course work in six major areas:

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

- Students must complete the 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 performance on approved 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.
- *Appeals for an exception to the general education requirements*. An appeal should be made and a decision rendered *prior to* registering for a course intended to be a substitute for one on the approved listing, with the exception of transfer courses. Scheduling difficulties or allegations of poor advising typically do not constitute a reasonable basis for an appeal. A *request for an exception to the general education requirement* must be submitted to the dean of the student's college. The student's request and the dean's evaluation of that request must be submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs. A final decision will be made after consideration by the Faculty Senate Committee on General Education.

## 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.
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<b>I. ENGLISH COMPOSITION</b> . . . . .	<b>6</b>
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*All students must have credit in English 1001 or 1004 (for international students only), and 1002 or 2000.*

<b>English</b>	
1001 (1004) English Composition . . . . .	3
1002 (1003/1005) English Composition . . . . .	3
2000 English Composition . . . . .	3

<b>Honors</b>	
1001 Seminar in Ancient Western Civilization . . . . .	3
1101 Seminar in Comparative Civilizations . . . . .	3

<b>II. ANALYTICAL REASONING</b> . . . . .	<b>6</b>
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*General education analytical reasoning courses must come from the following list. All students must have credit in at least one Mathematics course.*

<b>Computer Science</b>	
1248 Introduction to Programming with Applications in Statistics . . . . .	3

<b>Experimental Statistics</b>	
2201 Introduction to Statistical Analysis . . . . .	4

<b>Mathematics</b>	
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
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 Logic	3
2010 Symbolic Logic I	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
2401 Art of the Ancient Near East and Egypt	3
2411 Survey of Asian Art	3
2470 Survey of 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Art	3

**Interior Design**

1051 Introduction to Interior Design	3
3741 History of Interior Design and Decoration I	3
3742 History of Interior Design and Decoration II	3

**Landscape Architecture**

1201 Introduction to Landscape Architecture	3
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**Music**

1751 Music Appreciation	3
1755 HNRS: Music Appreciation	3
1799 Rudiments of Music	3
2000 History of Jazz	3
2053 Survey of Music History I	3
2054 Survey of Music History II	3

**Philosophy**

2023 Philosophy of Art	3
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**Theatre**

1020 (1021) Introduction to Theatre	3
2028 Introduction to Dramatic Literature	3

**IV. HUMANITIES** 9

*Students must take three humanities courses to fulfill this requirement.*

**African and African American Studies**

1002 Elementary Swahili Language and Culture II ( <i>see also</i> <i>SWAH 1002</i> )	4
2003 Intermediate Swahili Language and Culture III ( <i>see also</i> <i>SWAH 2003</i> )	4
2004 Intermediate Swahili Language and Culture IV ( <i>see also</i> <i>SWAH 2004</i> )	4

**Arabic**

1102 Beginning Arabic	4
2101 Intermediate Arabic	4
2102 Intermediate Arabic	4

**Chinese**

1102 Beginning Mandarin Chinese	4
2001 Intermediate Mandarin Chinese	4
2002 Intermediate Mandarin Chinese	4

**Classical Studies**

3020 Classical Epic in Translation	3
3032 Greek and Roman Tragedy in English Translation	3
3040 Greek and Roman Comedy in English Translation	3

**Communication Disorders**

2050 Introduction to Language	3
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**Communication Studies**

2010 Interpersonal Communication	3
2040 Introduction to Performing Literature	3
2060 Public Speaking	3
2063 Argumentation and Debate	3
2862 Honors: Contemporary Public Address	3

**Comparative Literature**

2201 Introduction to World Literary Traditions ( <i>see also ENGL 2201</i> )	3
2202 Introduction to Modern World Literature ( <i>see also ENGL 2202</i> )	3

**English**

2024 (2824) Critical Strategies	3
2025 Fiction	3
2027 Poetry	3
2029 Drama	3
2123 (2823) Studies in Literary Traditions and Themes	3
2148 Shakespeare	3
2201 Introduction to World Literary Traditions ( <i>see also CPLT 2201</i> )	3
2202 Introduction to Modern World Literature ( <i>see also CPLT 2202</i> )	3
2220 Major British Authors	3
2270 Major American Authors	3
2300 Interpreting Discourse	3
2593 Images of Women: An Introduction	3
2673 Literature and Ethnicity	3
2674 Introduction to African-American Literature	3

**French**

1002 Elementary French	4
1202 Elementary Cajun French	4
2101 Intermediate French	3
2102 Intermediate French	3
2201 Intermediate Cajun French I	3
2202 Intermediate Cajun French II	3
2155 Readings in French Literature	3
2801 French Classics in Translation	3
3071 Survey of French Literature	3
3072 Survey of French Literature	3
3080 French Culture and Civilization	3

**German**

1102 Elementary German	4
2090 Germanic Mythology	3
2101 Intermediate German	3
2102 Intermediate German	3
2155 Readings in German Literature	3
3083 Survey of German Literature, 1830-1890	3
3084 Survey of German Literature, 1890-Present	3

**Greek**

2051 Intermediate Greek	5
2053 Homer	3
2055 Greek Drama	3

**Hebrew**

1002 Beginning Hebrew ( <i>see also</i> <i>REL 1002</i> )	4
2003 Intermediate Hebrew ( <i>see</i> <i>also REL 2003</i> )	4
2004 Intermediate Hebrew ( <i>see</i> <i>also REL 2004</i> )	4

**History**

1001 (1002) Western Civilization to 1500	3
1003 (1004) Western Civilization Since 1500	3
1007 World History Since 1500	3
2001 The Ancient Near East and Greece	3

2002 Rome: Republic and Empire	3
2011 England: Roman Times Through 1688	3
2012 Britain from 1689 to the Present	3
2021 Modern Europe	3
2022 Modern Europe	3
2055 (2056) The United States to 1865	3
2057 (2058) The United States from 1865 to the Present	3
2061 African-American History	3
2085 Colonial Latin America	3
2086 Latin America Since Independence	3
2095 East Asian Civilization to 1800	3
2096 East Asian Civilization Since 1800	3

**Honors**

1001 Seminar in Ancient Western Civilization	3
1003 Lectures in Ancient Western Civilization	3
1101 Seminar in Comparative Civilizations	3
1103 Lectures in Comparative Civilizations	3
2002 Seminar in Roman and Medieval Civilization	3
2004 Lectures in Roman and Medieval Civilization	3
2012 The 19 <sup>th</sup> Century	3
2013 The 20 <sup>th</sup> Century	3
2202 Seminar in Colonial and Early National America	3
2204 Lectures in Colonial and Early National America	3
3001 European Civilization from 1500 to 1789: The Old Regime	4
3003 Western Civilization from 1789: Modern World	4

**Italian**

1002 Elementary Italian	4
2101 Intermediate Italian	3
2102 Intermediate Italian	3
2155 Readings in Italian Literature	3
3001 Italian Culture and Civilization	3
3071 Survey of Italian Literature	3
3072 Survey of Italian Literature	3

**Japanese**

1002 Beginning Japanese	5
2001 Intermediate Japanese	3
2002 Intermediate Japanese	3

**Landscape Architecture**

1203 Views of the American Landscape	3
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**Latin**

2051 Intermediate Latin	5
2053 Intermediate Latin	3
2065 Golden Age Narrative Poetry	3
2066 Golden Age Prose	3
2074 Golden Age Lyric Poetry	3
4010 Survey of Latin Literature	3

**Mass Communication**

2000 Introduction to Mass Media	3
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**Philosophy**

1000 (1001) Introduction to Philosophy	3
2020 Ethics	3
2023 Philosophy of Art	3
2024 Philosophy in Literature	3
2028 Philosophy of Religion ( <i>see also REL 2028</i> )	3

2033 History of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy .....	3
2035 History of Modern Philosophy .....	3

**Portuguese**

1102 Beginning Portuguese .....	4
2101 Intermediate Portuguese .....	4
2102 Intermediate Portuguese .....	4

**Religious Studies**

1000 (1015) Religions of the World .....	3
1002 Beginning Hebrew ( <i>see also</i> <i>HEBR 1002</i> ) .....	4
1004 (1007) Old Testament .....	3
1005 (1006) New Testament .....	3
2000 Introduction to the Study of Religion .....	3
2001 Faith and Doubt .....	3
2003 Intermediate Hebrew ( <i>see also</i> <i>HEBR 2003</i> ) .....	4
2004 Intermediate Hebrew ( <i>see also</i> <i>HEBR 2004</i> ) .....	4
2027 Asian Religions .....	3
2028 Philosophy of Religion ( <i>see also</i> <i>PHIL 2028</i> ) .....	3
2029 Judaism, Christianity, and Islam ..	3

**Russian**

1002 Elementary Russian II .....	5
2001 Intermediate Russian I .....	3
2002 Intermediate Russian II .....	3
2075 Introduction to Russian Culture and Civilization .....	3
3401 The Fairy Tale .....	3
4081 Russian Literature in Translation: 19 <sup>th</sup> Century .....	3
4082 Russian Literature in Translation: 20 <sup>th</sup> 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 ( <i>see also</i> <i>AAAS 1002</i> ) .....	4
2003 Intermediate Swahili Language and Culture III ( <i>see also</i> <i>AAAS 2003</i> ) .....	4
2004 Intermediate Swahili Language and Culture IV ( <i>see also</i> <i>AAAS 2004</i> ) .....	4

**Women's and Gender Studies**

2500 Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies .....	3
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**V. NATURAL SCIENCES .....** 9

*To complete the natural science requirement a student must take at least nine semester hours from the following list. A minimum of six hours must be in a physical or a life science course sequence and the remaining hours must be in an area other than that previously selected (i.e., both physical and life sciences must be taken). Life science courses are identified in the list below with an asterisk (\*).*

**Sequence Courses****Astronomy**

1101 The Solar System .....	3
1102 Stellar Astronomy .....	3

**Biological Sciences**

*1001 General Biology .....	3
*1002 General Biology .....	3
*1201 Biology for Science Majors I .....	3
*1202 (1503) Biology for Science Majors II .....	3

**Chemistry**

1001 Chemical Fundamentals .....	3
1002 Chemistry of Life and the Environment .....	3
1201 General Chemistry .....	3
1202 General Chemistry .....	3
1421 Honors: General Chemistry .....	3
1422 Honors: General Chemistry .....	3

**Geography**

2050 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
2001 General Physics .....	3
2002 General Physics .....	3
2101 General Physics for Technical Students .....	3
2102 General Physics for Technical Students .....	3

**Laboratories and Other Individual Science Courses****Agriculture**

*1005 Science and Society .....	3
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**Agronomy**

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

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

**Biological Sciences**

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

**Chemistry**

1212 General Chemistry Laboratory .....	2
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**Geology**

1066 Dinosaurs, Catastrophes, and Extinctions .....	3
1601 Physical Geology Laboratory .....	1
1602 Historical Geology Laboratory .....	1

**Human Ecology**

*2010 Nutrition in Health .....	3
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**Medical Physics**

2051 Radiation Science for Medical Applications .....	3
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**Oceanography and Coastal Sciences**

1005 (1006) Introduction to Oceanography .....	3
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**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
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**VI. SOCIAL SCIENCES .....** 6

*All students must take at least three hours of social sciences at the 2000-level or above.*

**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
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**Anthropology**

1001 Introduction to Physical Anthropology and Prehistory .....	3
1003 Introduction to Cultural and Social Anthropology .....	3
2015 Introduction to Archaeology .....	3
2050 World Archaeology .....	3
2051 Introduction to World Ethnography ..	3
2423 Introduction to Folklore ( <i>see also</i> <i>ENGL 2423</i> ) .....	3

**Curriculum and Instruction**

2001 Education, Schooling, and Society .....	3
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**Economics**

2000 Principles of Microeconomics . . . . .	3
2010 Principles of Macroeconomics . . . . .	3
2030 (2031) Economic Principles . . . . .	3

**English**

2423 Introduction to Folklore (see also ANTH 2423) . . . . .	3
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**Geography**

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

**German**

2075 German Civilization (see also HIST 2075) . . . . .	3
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**History**

2075 German Civilization (see also GERM 2075) . . . . .	3
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**Honors**

1003 Lectures in Ancient Western Civilization . . . . .	3
1103 Lectures in Comparative Civilizations . . . . .	3
2004 Lectures in Roman and Medieval Civilization . . . . .	3
2012 The 19 <sup>th</sup> Century . . . . .	3
2013 The 20 <sup>th</sup> Century . . . . .	3
2204 Lectures in Colonial and Early National America . . . . .	3
3001 European Civilization from 1500-1789: The Old Regime . . . . .	4
3003 Western Civilization from 1789: The Modern World . . . . .	4

**International Studies**

2001 Introduction to International Studies . . . . .	3
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**Political Science**

1001 Fundamental Issues of Politics . . . . .	3
2051 (2052) American Government . . . . .	3

2053 Introduction to Comparative Politics . . . . .	3
2057 Introduction to International Politics . . . . .	3
2060 Introduction to Political Theory . . . . .	3

**Psychology**

2000 (2001) Introduction to Psychology . . . . .	3
2004 Psychology of Adjustment . . . . .	3
3081 Personality . . . . .	3

**Sociology**

1001 Human Societies . . . . .	3
2001 (2002) Introductory Sociology . . . . .	3
2411 Industrial Sociology . . . . .	3
3601 Social Interaction . . . . .	3
4111 Development of Social Thought . . . . .	3

**Women's and Gender Studies**

2900 Gender, Race, & Nation . . . . .	3
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