The General Education Component of Undergraduate Education

The general education of LSU students spans the four years of undergraduate study. In courses designated as general education, students begin a process of developing competencies or essential learning outcomes which continues through their study in upper-level elective courses and courses in the major field of study. LSU’s General Education Component represents a conviction on the part of the faculty that LSU graduates will be able to communicate effectively through multiple media; will have a basic appreciation of historical, cultural, and philosophical complexity; will be aware of the economic, political, cultural, and linguistic factors which inform global interdependence; will be able to identify and solve important problems through research-based inquiry which employs scientific and mathematical methods, and appropriate technology; and will have the requisite abilities and motivation to participate effectively in the civic life of communities.

Recognizing that the fundamental characteristics for effective participation in the marketplace and the community necessarily involve multidisciplinary study, each student designs a unique curriculum based on a major field of study and including 39 hours of general education courses across six areas of focus: English Composition, Analytical Reasoning, Arts, Humanities, Natural Sciences, and Social Sciences. In general education courses students begin the development of the essential learning outcomes, which are refined and focused in disciplinary courses taken during the junior and senior years, with the intention that all graduates, regardless of major, will develop a set of intellectual abilities, a degree of sophistication, and a civic-minded perspective that correspond to the high level of functionality represented in the outcomes taken as a whole.

### General Categories of Learning

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### Learning Outcomes

1. An LSU graduate will demonstrate effective communication of complex knowledge and ideas through written, oral, visual, and technological media.
2. An LSU graduate will demonstrate an understanding of historical, cultural, and philosophical complexity which supports sophisticated discourse.
3. An LSU graduate will be able to conduct research-based inquiry, including articulation of complex disciplinary and interdisciplinary problems, effective evaluation and analysis of primary and secondary sources, and integration of relevant information into original discourse.
4. An LSU graduate will be able to employ scientific and mathematical methods and technology in the resolution of laboratory and real-world problems.
5. An LSU graduate will demonstrate an understanding of the informing factors of global interdependence, including economic forces, political dynamics, and cultural and linguistic difference.

An LSU graduate will have the knowledge, skills, and disposition which attest to a commitment and ability to recognize and to participate in processes which improve the civic life of communities.

Students must complete 39 hours of course work in six general education areas:

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

### 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 distance program courses 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.
- Appeals for an exception to the general education requirements: A ‘request for an exception to the general education requirement’ must be submitted to the dean of the student’s college using the appropriate form. Scheduling difficulties or allegations of poor advising typically do not constitute a reasonable basis for an appeal. The dean’s evaluation as well as the student’s request must then be submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs. A final decision will be made after consideration by the Faculty Senate Committee on General Education. Students are strongly encouraged to obtain a decision prior to registering for a LSU course intended to substitute for an approved general education course.

### 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.

1. ENGLISH COMPOSITION 6

All students must complete 6 credits in English composition, one course from each group listed below.

Group one:

English

1001 or 1004 (for international students only) English Composition ......................... 3

Group two:

English

1005(for international students only) English Composition ......................... 3

2000 English Composition ......................... 3

Honors

2000 Critical Analysis ......................... 3

2002 Seminar in Roman & Medieval Civilizations ......................... 3

2012 The 19th Century ......................... 3

2013 The 20th Century ......................... 3

201 Colloquium in the Arts ......................... 3

II. ANALYTICAL REASONING 6

General education analytical reasoning courses must come from the following list. All students must have credit in at least one Mathematics course.

Computer Science

1240 Statistics and Graphics with MATLAB ......................... 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 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

1554 Calculus II for Life Sciences ......................... 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

Art History

1440 Historical Survey of the Arts ......................... 3

1441 Historical Survey of the Arts ......................... 3

2001 Art of the Ancient Near East and Egypt ......................... 3

2402 Classical Art and Archaeology ......................... 3

2411 Survey of Asian Art ......................... 3

2470 Survey of 20th Century Art ......................... 3

Honors

2021 Colloquium in the Arts ......................... 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

Music

1751 (1755) 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

Theatre

1020 (1021) Introduction to Theatre ......................... 3

1800 Introduction to Dance ......................... 3

2022 Introduction to Theatrical Design ......................... 3

2024 Introduction to Theatre Technology ......................... 3

2028 (2128) 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 (see also SWAH 1002) ......................... 4

2003 Intermediate Swahili Language and Culture III (see also SWAH 2003) ......................... 4

2004 Intermediate Swahili Language and Culture IV (see also SWAH 2004) ......................... 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

2070 Chinese Cinema ......................... 3

3801 Traditional East Asian Literature ......................... 3

3802 Modern East Asian Literature ......................... 3

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

3090 Comparative Mythology

(See also REL 3090) ......................... 3

Communication Studies

1018 Fundamentals of Communication ......................... 3

2040 Introduction to Performing Literature ......................... 3

2060 Public Speaking ......................... 3

Comparative Literature

2101 Introduction to World Literary Traditions (see also ENGL 2201) ......................... 3

2102 Introduction to Modern World Literature (see also ENGL 2202) ......................... 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 (see also CPLT 2201) ......................... 3

2202 Introduction to Modern World Literature (see also CPLT 2202) ......................... 3

2220 Major British Authors ......................... 3

2270 Major American Authors ......................... 3

2500 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 (2103) Intermediate French ......................... 3

2102 (2104) Intermediate French ......................... 3

2155 Readings in French Literature ......................... 3

2201 Intermediate Cajun French I ......................... 3

2202 Intermediate Cajun French II ......................... 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

1101 Elementary German ......................... 4

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

2101 Intermediate German ......................... 3

2102 Intermediate German ......................... 3

2155 Readings in German Literature ......................... 3

3081 Survey of German Literature and Culture: Beginning to 1700 ......................... 3

3082 Survey of German Literature and Culture: 1700-1830 ......................... 3

3083 Survey of German Literature, 1830-1890 ......................... 3

3084 Survey of German Literature, 1890-Present ......................... 3

Greek

2051 Intermediate Greek ......................... 4

2153 Homer ......................... 3

2155 Greek Drama ......................... 3

2156 New Testament ......................... 3

76 General Education
2024 Philosophy in Literature .................. 3
2028 Philosophy of Religion
(see also REL 2028) .................. 3
2033 (2053) 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 (see also HEBR 1002) .... 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 (see also HEBR 2003) .... 4
2004 Intermediate Hebrew (see also HEBR 2004) ... 4
2021 Intermediate Judaic and
Christian Studies ....................... 3
2028 Philosophy of Religion
(see also PHIL 2028) ................. 3
2029 (2030) Judaism, Christianity, and
Islam .................................. 3
3090 Comparative Mythology
(see also CLST 3090) .................. 3

Russian
1002 Elementary Russian II .................. 5
2001 Intermediate Russian I ................ 3
2002 Intermediate Russian II .............. 3
2045 Russian Language and
Civilization ......................... 3
3045 Russian Language and
Civilization ......................... 3
3046 Russian Language and
Civilization ......................... 3

Spanish
1102 Elementary Spanish .................. 4
1152 Intensive Beginning Spanish .......... 4
2101 Intermediate Spanish ................. 3
2102 Intermediate Spanish ............... 3
2155 Spanish Textual Commentary ....... 3
3043 Introduction to Latin
American Literature .................. 3
3044 Introduction to Latin
American Literature .................. 3
3071 Survey of Spanish Literature ....... 3
3072 Survey of Spanish Literature ....... 3

Swahili
1002 Elementary Swahili Language and
Culture II (see also AA5 1002) ........ 4
2003 Intermediate Swahili Language and
Culture III (see also AA5 2003) ...... 4
2004 Intermediate Swahili Language and
Culture IV (see also AA5 2004) ...... 4

Women's and Gender Studies
2500 (2501) Introduction to Women's
and Gender Studies .................. 3

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 (1505) Biology for
Science Majors II ...................... 3,4

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

Geography
2050 Physical Geography: The
Atmosphere ......................... 3
2051 Physical Geography: Land
and Water Surfaces, Plant
and Animal Realms .................. 3

Geology
1001 (1002) General Geology: Physical ...... 3
1003 (1004) 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

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

Agronomy
*1001 Introduction toManaged Plant Systems
in the Modern World .................. 3

Biological Sciences
*1011 Microorganisms and Man ........... 3

Environmental Sciences
*1125 (1127) Introduction to Environmental
Sciences ......................... 3

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