GENERAL EDUCATION

WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY

2026-27 CATALOG

YOUR PATH TO SUCCESS BEGINS IN GENERAL EDUCATION

General Education (Gen Ed) matters for who you are and who you will become and prepares you for a life of consequence, inquiry, and accomplishment. General Education is the foundation of your academic experience and transcends disciplinary boundaries.

WHAT IS GENERAL EDUCATION (GEN ED)?

Gen Ed is shared by all degree-seeking students. Gen Ed credits (27) account for 45% of the Associate's and 23% of the Bachelor's degrees. Gen Ed provides broad exposure to diverse disciplines and is the foundation for developing intellectual tools, responsibility to the self and others, and preparing students for academic, civic, and professional success.

WHAT IS THE MISSION OF GENERAL EDUCATION?

To provide students with foundational knowledge and intellectual tools that enhance and transcend their academic program of study. The big questions posed by Gen Ed courses address significant issues about the world. Gen Ed courses help students apply their learning and develop personal and social responsibility, which is demonstrated through signature assignments.

WHY IS GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIRED OF ALL STUDENTS?

Gen Ed is not a random series of courses to "get out of the way". General education is a program of courses to lead the way to students' future success in higher education, the workplace, and the community. Because Gen Ed courses are framed around a Big Question, which is tapped by a Signature Assignment, students repeatedly exercise Gen Ed Learning Outcomes (GELOs) and "cross-train" their mind.

WHAT ARE THE GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS?

Students are required to pass CORE courses (12 credits) in Composition (**EN1 & EN2**), Quantitative Literacy (**QL**), American Institutions (**AI**), and Cultural Competence (**CC**) and BREADTH courses (15 credits) in Creative Arts (**CA**), Humanities (**HU**), Social Sciences (**SS**), Life Sciences (**LS**), and Physical Sciences (**PS**) with a grade of "D-" or better.

WHAT IS THE GEN ED CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION?

The Certificate of Completion is awarded when students complete all core and breadth requirements with a minimum 2.0 GPA. Once awarded, it will appear on students' transcripts and is considered part of their official record. The Certificate allows students to "lock in" their Gen Ed credits and is transferable between institutions in the Utah System of Higher Education.

WHAT IS THE TRANSFER APPEAL PROCESS FOR GEN ED REQUIREMENTS?

Students may have transfer courses that lack an equivalent at Weber State or do not transfer as courses with Gen Ed attributes. Transfer courses may be articulated as departmental (e.g., MATH 1XXX) or general (e.g., ELEC 1XXX) electives that may not have an associated Gen Ed attribute. Although students may appeal transfer decisions to the department chair/articulator, they also may appeal the Gen Ed attribute decisions to the Director of General Education (see *weber.edu/GenEd/Gen-Ed-Contact-List.html* for the Gen Ed contacts and Transfer Petition Form).

CORE GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

2026-2027 GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Core General Education classes are required for all students. The core requirements listed below apply to all Bachelor's degrees and AA/AS degrees. It is recommended that students complete these requirements within the first 60 credit hours. General Education requirements for AAS degrees vary and are specified by each program.

☐ COMPOSITION (EN1) 3-6 credits

Select **one** of the following paths and earn a D- or higher. (ENGL 1006 requires a C or higher to progress to 1007).
See the WSU Catalog or weber.edu/placement for prerequisite information.

- ENGL 1005 College Reading and Introductory Writing (6)
  Available only in High School Concurrent Enrollment
- ENGL 1006 & 1007 College Reading and Introductory Writing, Parts A & B (3 & 3)
- ENGL 1010 Introductory College Writing (3)

☐ COMPOSITION (EN2) 3 credits

Complete the following and earn a D- or higher

- ENGL 2010 Intermediate College Writing (3)

☐ AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS (AI) 3-6 credits

Select **one** of the following and earn a D- or higher

- HIST 1600 African American Studies (3) ♦
- HIST 1610 The Latinx Experience (3) ♦
- HIST 1700 American History (3)
- ECON 1740 Economic History of the U.S. (3) ♦
- POLS 1100 American National Government (3)
- HIST 2700 History of the U.S. to 1877 (3) and HIST 2710 History of the U.S. since 1877 (3) *for history majors*

☐ QUANTITATIVE LITERACY (QL) 3-6 credits

Select **one** of the following and earn a D- or higher

- MATH 1030 Contemporary Mathematics (3)
- MATH 1035 Contemporary Mathematics w/ Prereq Topics (6)
- MATH 1040 Introduction to Statistics (3)
- MATH 1050 College Algebra (4)
- MATH 1060 Trigonometry (3)
- MATH 1080 Pre-Calculus (5)
- MATH 1090 Business College Algebra (3)
- MATH 2015 Algebra for Elementary Teachers (3)

OR earn a passing grade in any WSU Math course for which either MATH 1050 or 1080 is a prerequisite
OR score of 65 or higher on ALEKS
OR score of 3 or higher on AP Calculus or AP Statistics exam; score of 50 or higher on CLEP Calculus, College Algebra, or Pre-Calculus exam
OR score of 26 or higher on MATH ACT. See the WSU Catalog or weber.edu/placement for prerequisite information.
Other than General Studies, majors may require a specific QL course. Consult your program advisor and materials for your best QL option.

☐ CULTURAL COMPETENCE (CC) 3 credits

Select 3 credits from the list of approved courses and earn a D- or higher. General education courses marked with ♦ fulfill the CC and the specific Core or Breadth requirement.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 10 WSU credits
- Minimum 2.0 WSU GPA
- Completion of WSU General Education requirements

GENERAL STUDIES ASSOCIATES REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 60 credits
- Minimum 20 WSU credits
- Minimum 2.0 WSU GPA
- Completion of WSU General Education requirements

While a D- may pass for General Ed, some majors require a higher grade. Verify with your advisor!

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BREADTH GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Breadth general education classes are designed to expose students to a wide range of subjects that help them learn transferable skills relevant to their intended major and/or assist them in choosing a major. Duplicating departments is not permitted. Courses selected to fulfill breadth requirements must each be from a different program, with the exception of Honors.

☐ CREATIVE ARTS (CA)

Select a course and earn a D- or higher

Art
- ART 1010 Introduction to the Visual Arts (3)
- ART 1030 Studio Art for the Non-Art Major (3)
- ART 1110 Drawing I (3)
- ART 2450 Foundations of Photography: Color/Digital (3)
- ARTH 1090 Art/Arch: Paleolithic - 1400 CE (4)
- ARTH 1100 ART/Arch: 1400 CE - Present (4)

Computer Science
- CS 1010 Introduction to Interactive Entertainment (3)

Construction and Building Sciences
- ARCH 1040 Introduction to Architecture (3)
- ID 1010 Introduction to Interior Design (3)

Dance
- DANC 1010 Introduction to Dance (3) ♦

English
- ENGL 2250 Introduction to Creative Writing (3) ♦
- ENGL 2260 Introduction to Writing Short Fiction (3) ♦
- ENGL 2270 Introduction to Writing Poetry (3) ♦
- ENGL 2280 Introduction to Writing Creative Nonfiction (3)

Film Studies
- FILM 2200 Fundamentals of Film (3)

Honors
- HNRS 1530 Perspectives in the Creative Arts (3)
- HNRS 2020 Exploring...in the Disciplines: Creatives Arts (3)

Music
- MUSC 1010 Introduction to Music (3)
- MUSC 1025 History of Country Music (3)
- MUSC 1030 Introduction to Jazz (3)
- MUSC 1033 Introduction to American Music (3)
- MUSC 1035 History of Rock and Roll (3)
- MUSC 1040 Music of World Cultures (3)
- MUSC 1063 Music in Religion (3)

Theatre
- THEA 1013 Introduction to Theatre (3)
- THEA 1023 Introduction to Film (3)
- THEA 1033 Introduction to Acting (3)
- THEA 1043 Introduction to American Musical Theatre (3)

☐ HUMANITIES (HU)

Select a course and earn a D- or higher

Anthropology
- ANTH 1040 Language and Culture (3)♦

Communications
- COMM 1020 Principles of Public Speaking (3)
- COMM 2010 Mass Media and Society (3)
- COMM 2110 Interpersonal and Small Group Communication (3)
- COMM 2250 Essentials of Digital Media (3)

English
- ENGL 2200 Introduction to Literature (3) ♦
- ENGL 2220 Introduction to Fiction (3) ♦
- ENGL 2230 Introduction to Drama (3) ♦
- ENGL 2240 Introduction to Poetry (3) ♦
- ENGL 2501 Literature Today (3) ♦
- ENGL 2710 Perspectives on Women's Lit. (3) ♦
- ENGL 2750 Topics and Ideas in the Humanities (3)
- ENGL 3500 Introduction to Shakespeare (3)
- ENGL 3510 World Literature (3) ♦
- ENGL 3520 Literature of the Natural World (3)
- ENGL 3750 Topics and Ideas in Literature (3)

Foreign Language
- FL 2020 Fourth Semester Foreign Language (3)
- FL 2600 Introduction to Cultural and Literary Studies in Translation (3)

History
- HIST 1100 European History to 1500 (3)
- HIST 1110 European History from 1500 (3)
- HIST 1300 Latin American History to the 1820s (3)
- HIST 1310 Latin American History since the 1820s (3)

Honors
- HNRS 1100 Introduction to Honors... (3)
- HNRS 1540 Perspectives in the Humanities (3)
- HNRS 2010 Exploring Key Concepts…Humanities (3)
- HNRS 2110 Intellectual Traditions…Medieval Eras (3)
- HNRS 2120 Intellectual Traditions…Modern Era (3)
- HNRS 2130 Intellectual Traditions...the East (3)

Music
- MUSC 1043 Music, the Arts & Civilizations (3)

Philosophy
- PHIL 1000 Introduction to Philosophy (3) ♦
- PHIL 2050 Practical Ethics *formerly PHIL 1120 Contemporary Moral Problems*
- PHIL 1250 Critical Thinking (3)

Religious Studies
- SBS 1550 Introduction to World Religions (3) ♦

Theatre
- THEA 2821 Period Styles in Design (3)

For videos on registering, waitlisting, dropping classes or more, visit *weber.edu/registration*

Classes marked with "♦" fulfill the CC and the specific Core or Breadth requirement.

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☐ SOCIAL SCIENCE (SS)

Select a course and earn a D- or higher

Anthropology
- ANTH 1000 Introduction to Anthropology (3) ♦
- ANTH 2010 People and Cultures of the World (3) ♦
- ANTH 2030 Principles of Archaeology (3) ♦

Child and Family Studies
- CHF 1500 Human Development (3) ♦
- CHF 2400 Family Relations (3) ♦

Criminal Justice
- CJ 1010 Introduction to Criminal Justice

Economics
- ECON 1010 Economics as a Social Science (3)♦
- ECON 1100 Environmental Issues and Economic Policy (3)♦
- ECON 2010 Principles of Microeconomics (3)♦
- ECON 2020 Principles of Macroeconomics (3)

Engineering Technology & Culture
- ETC 2001 Engineering Culture (3) ♦

Geography, Environment, and Sustainability
- GEOG 1300 Exploring Global Geography (3)♦
- GEOG 1520 US & Canada: Geography, Diversity, & Change (3)♦

Gerontology
- GERT 1010 Introduction to Gerontology (3)

Health Education
- HLTH 1030 Healthy Lifestyles (3)

History
- HIST 1500 World History to 1500 C.E. (3) ♦
- HIST 1510 World History from 1500 C.E. to the Present (3) ♦

Honors
- HNRS 1520 Perspectives in the Social Sciences (3)
- HNRS 2050 Exploring Key Concepts: Social Sciences (3)
- HNRS 2210 Intellectual Traditions…Medieval Eras (3)
- HNRS 2120 Intellectual Traditions…Modern Era (3)
- HNRS 2130 Intellectual Traditions...the East (3)

Management Information Systems
- MIS 1100 The Digital Society (3)

Physical Education Professional
- PEP 2700 Sociohistorical Aspects of Sport (3)

Political Science
- POLS 1010 Politics, Power, and the State (3) ♦
- POLS 1520 Leadership & Political Life (3)
- POLS 2100 International Politics (3)
- POLS 2200 Global Governments, Politics, and Societies (3)
- POLS 2300 Introduction to Political Theory (3)
- POLS 2400 Introduction to Law and Courts (3)
- POLS 2500 Human Rights in the World (3) ♦

Psychological Science
- PSY 1010 Introductory Psychology (3)
- PSY 2000 The Psychology of Human Relationships (3) ♦

Social Work
- SW 1010 Introduction to Generalist Social Work (3)
- SW 2100 Human Behavior and the Social Environment (3)
- SW 2200 Issues in Diversity (3) ♦

Sociology
- SOC 1010 Introduction to Sociology (3) ♦
- SOC 1020 Contemporary Social Issues (3) ♦
- SOC 2400 Introduction to Ethnic Studies (3) ♦

Women & Gender Studies
- WGS 1500 Intro. to Women, Gender, & Queer Studies (3) ♦
- WGS 2500 Human Rights in the World (3) ♦

☐ PHYSICAL SCIENCE (PS)

Select a course and earn a D- or higher

Chemistry & Biochemistry
- CHEM 1010 Introductory Chemistry (3)
- CHEM 1110 Elementary Chemistry (4) & 1115 Lab (1)
- CHEM 1130 Intro. to Gen., Organic, & Biochemistry (4) & 1135 Lab (1)
- CHEM 1210 Principles of Chemistry I (4) & 1215 Lab (1)
- CHEM 1230 Engineering Chemistry (4) & 1235 Lab (1)
- CHEM 1360 Principles of Physical Science

Geography, Environment, and Sustainability
- GEOG 1000 Planet Earth: Air, Water, Land, Life (3)
- GEOG 1500 Climate Change: Science, Society & Solutions (3)

Earth & Environmental Sciences
- GEO 1030 Earthquakes and Volcanoes (3)
- GEO 1060 Environmental Geosciences (3)
- GEO 1110 Dynamic Earth: Physical Geology (3)
- GEO 1130 Introduction to Meteorology (3)
- GEO 1350 Principles of Earth Science (3)

Honors
- HNRS 1500 Perspectives in the Physical Sciences (3)
- HNRS 2030 Exploring Key Concepts: Physical Sciences (3)

Physics & Astronomy
- PHYS 1010 Elementary Physics (3)
- PHYS/ASTR 1040 Elementary Astronomy (3)
- PHYS 1360 Principles of Physical Science
- PHYS 2010 College Physics I (5)
- PHYS/ASTR 2040 Principles of Observational Astronomy (3)
- PHYS 2090 Energy and the Environment (3)
- PHYS 2210 Physics for Scientists and Engineers I (5)

☐ LIFE SCIENCE (LS)

Select a course and earn a D- or higher

Anthropology
- ANTH 1020 Biological Anthropology (3)

Botany & Plant Ecology
- BTNY 1010 Plants: Apocalypse Prevention (3)
- BTNY 1203 Plant Biology (3)
- BTNY 1303 Plants and People (3)
- BTNY 1370 Principles of Life Science (3)
- BTNY 1403 Principles of Environmental Science (3)

Health Sciences
- HTHS 2110 Integrated Human Anatomy & Physiology I (4)

Honors
- HNRS 1510 Perspectives in the Life Sciences (3)
- HNRS 2040 Exploring Key Concepts: Life Sciences (3)

Microbiology
- MICR 1113 Introductory Microbiology (3)
- MICR 1153 Public Health: Sex, Travel. Food, & Drugs (3)
- MICR 1353 Microbes Rule the World: Power of Disease (3)
- MICR 1370 Principles of Life Science (3)
- MICR 2054 Principles of Microbiology (4)

Nutrition
- NUTR 1020 Science and Application of Human Nutrition (3)

Zoology
- ZOOL 1010 Animal Biology (3)
- ZOOL 1020 Human Biology (3)
- ZOOL 1030 The Nature of Sex (3)
- ZOOL 1610 Principles of Biology: Animals & People (4)
- ZOOL 1370 Principles of Life Science (3)
- ZOOL 2420 Human Physiology (4)

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