

Revised General Education Curriculum for Baccalaureate Degrees

The General Education Committee reviewed the suggestions from the Faculty Senate, Deans' Council and Chairs' Council. The following revision was made to the curriculum as first proposed. Also you will notice we removed the separate category of US History/American Government and returned those courses to the Social Science category. Currently the required US History or American Government is found in the Social Science category.

English – Comp I & II - required

Math – College Algebra or higher – required

Science – Physical science with lab 4 hrs & biological science with lab 4 hrs - required

Communications – Oral Communication 0-3 hrs required

Fine Arts/Humanities – 6-9 hrs, 1 Fine Art & 1 Humanities required

Social Science – 9 -12 hrs required, American Government/US History were moved to this category with the stipulation that 3 hrs must be taken of either American Government or US History. Having a 3 cr hr course with a HIST prefix is no longer a requirement.

Total required General Education hours = 35 (This meets the State Minimum Core for General Education.)

A department will determine how the floating 3 hours will be used for its degrees. The 3 hours could be from Oral Communication, Fine Arts & Humanities, or Social Science.

For example, a department decides to require Oral Communication, so the students in that department would take 3 hours Oral Communication, 6 hrs of Fine Arts & Humanities, and 9 hrs of Social Science with the required US History or Am Government. The HIST prefix is no longer required.

Second example, the department decides to not require Oral Communication or a third Fine Arts/Humanities course but requires 3 Social Science courses in addition to the US History or American Government course. Or the choice could be made to require 3 Fine Arts/Humanities courses, no Oral Communication and 2 Social Science courses plus US History/Am Government.

The General Education believes the above Gen Ed curriculum provides the most flexibility within the 35 cr hr State Minimum Gen Ed Core.