

General Education Requirements

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To achieve the goals of general education, all students will complete 48 hours of approved general education courses. Blocks I – V of General Education, totaling 33 hours of coursework, are known as the General Education Core and are designed to provide foundation skills and foundation knowledge. Blocks VI, VII, and VIII, totaling 15 hours of coursework, are known as University General Education, since these requirements are unique to Eastern Kentucky University. These courses are designed to help students make informed wellness decisions, achieve some breadth of knowledge outside the major, and achieve some depth of knowledge of a coherent set of courses.

Supporting Courses in General Education

Each degree program is permitted to use as support courses up to three general education courses in the General Education Core and up to 12 hours in general education courses in the breadth of knowledge and depth of knowledge requirements in University General Education.

Effective Date

Students who initially enroll in Fall 2006 or later will complete the general education requirements outlined in this document. All students may choose to complete the requirements outlined in this document. Students who initially enroll prior to Fall 2006 may complete the general education requirements outlined in the Undergraduate Catalog in effect during the semester of initial enrollment.

Minimum Hours

All students must complete at least 48 hours of general education. If a requirement is waived, then the student will take additional hours in approved general education courses.

Transfer Students

Transfer students who have attended another KY public institution may use general education courses at other institutions to satisfy requirements in the core and in university general education.

Transfer students who have attended other institutions may use courses equivalent to general education courses in the core and advanced block to satisfy general education requirements.

Students Who Change Majors

Students who have completed any general education requirement under one major will have completed that requirement for a new major. If the new major requires a different specific general education course for the completed requirement as a support course, then the major's required support course may decrease the number of free electives or increase the total hours required for graduation for the new major.

Requests for Special Consideration

A degree program may petition the General Education Committee to have a general education requirement fulfilled by an alternative. The petition must include all of the following information:

- describe the general education course or block that will be fulfilled by the alternative
- provide a rationale for the request
- describe how the alternative meets the goals and learning objectives to a comparable degree of breadth and depth as the regular course offerings
- incorporate general education learning objectives to the alternative's course syllabus
- provide an assessment plan for the alternative that measures student achievement of general education learning objectives
- provide all documentation required under the Procedure for Course Approval

General Education Core (33 hours)**Block I. Communication (9 hours)**

I-A and I-B. Written Communication (6 hours)

AND I-C. Oral Communication (3 hours)

Block II. Mathematics (3 hours)**Block III. Arts and Humanities (6 hours)**

III-A One arts course (3 hours)

AND III-B. One humanities course (3 hours)

OR III-C Two humanities courses (6 hours)**Block IV. Natural Sciences (6 hours)**

IV-A. One biological science laboratory course (3 hours)

AND IV-B. One physical science laboratory course (3 hours)

Block V. Social and Behavioral Sciences (9 hours)

V-A. One history course (3 hours)

AND V-B. One social and behavioral science course (3 hours)

AND V-C. One additional V-A or V-B course (3 hours)

University General Education (15 hours)**Block VI. Wellness (3 hours)****Block VII. Breadth of Knowledge (6 hours).**

Two courses from arts and humanities(ah), natural sciences(ns), quantitative skills(qs), and social and behavioral sciences(sbs). The courses must be chosen from two areas not closely related to the major. **(Note: Each degree program will decide the area to which the degree program is most closely related.)**

Block VIII. Depth of Knowledge (6 hours)

Six hours of coursework from:

1. Coherent block of supporting courses for a specific degree program. (6 hours) **(Note. Each degree program will decide whether to specify supporting courses for this option.)**

OR

2. Second Language (American Sign or Foreign Language) (6 hours)

OR

3. Two courses in a common theme (6 hours) **(Note. Theme courses are designed by faculty, and approved by the General Education Committee.)**