



HLC Accreditation 2020-2021

## **Evidence Document**

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General Education Committee

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### **Wichita State University General Education Program**

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**Additional information:**

**WELL-ROUNDED LEARNING**

Wichita State strives to offer the most complete college experience possible to produce well-rounded, successful Shocker graduates. Through general education courses, students explore subjects outside of their major, expanding their knowledge, perspective and skills and making a positive impact on their career and life.

**What you'll get from general education courses:**

- Improved critical thinking skills
- Better communication, written and spoken
- Increased analytical reasoning and problem solving
- An acquired knowledge of natural and social science, the arts and humanities

"The multilayered nature of a general education opens doors for a student to discover what they are truly passionate about, helping them to discover who they are and what their unique role is in changing the world. The unplanned, unintended, accidental bumping into unrelated concepts that comes from unrelated disciplines is what works this special kind of magic."

**Andrew Hippisley**  
 Dean of Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

**GENERAL EDUCATION COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

The 36-hour General Education Program at WSU consists of Foundation, Divisional, and Additional Courses containing four kinds of courses.

**FOUNDATION COURSES** ➔ Complete these four courses within the first 48 hours of enrollment with a grade of C- or better.

*Foundation courses cover the fundamental skills you'll need throughout your college career and should be taken at the very beginning of a student's studies.*

- ENGL 100 or 101      → COMM 111
- ENGL 102            → MATH 111, MATH 112 or 131<sup>1</sup>

**DIVISIONAL COURSES** ➔ Complete an approved general education course from one subject area in each of the following four divisions (at least 12 credit hours):

FINE ARTS	HUMANITIES	SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES	MATHEMATICS AND NATURAL SCIENCES
"creativity, imagination"	"life of the mind, human experience"	"human behavior, development, organization"	"discovery, patterns, observing nature"
<p><b>SUBJECT AREA</b></p> Art History Dance Musicology/Composition Theater Studio Arts	<p><b>SUBJECT AREA</b></p> Communication <sup>2</sup> English <sup>2</sup> History Modern and Classical Languages Linguistics Philosophy Religion Women's Studies	<p><b>SUBJECT AREA</b></p> Anthropology Criminal Justice Economics Entrepreneurship Ethnic Studies Geography Political Science Psychology Sociology Social Work	<p><b>SUBJECT AREA</b></p> Anthropology Biological Sciences Chemistry Computer Science Geology Mathematics/Statistics <sup>2</sup> Physics Public Health

**ADDITIONAL COURSES** ➔ Complete four additional general education courses from at least two of the four divisions (at least 12 credit hours). *One course must be a first-year seminar (if required).*

*At least 9 credit hours of the 36-credit-hour general education coursework must be numbered 300 or above. One course in the major can count toward general education.*

<sup>1</sup> MATH 111 or any math course that requires MATH 111 or MATH 112 as a prerequisite. MATH 131 does not fulfill the prerequisite for any further math course. MATH 131 does not meet degree requirements in all colleges.

<sup>2</sup> Excluding foundation courses.

## | TRANSFER STUDENTS WITH ASSOCIATE DEGREES |

### COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFERS

➔ A student transferring to WSU having earned an AA or AS degree from a Kansas public community college will be considered to have satisfied WSU's general education curriculum provided that he or she successfully completes at WSU (with a grade of C- or better) two general education courses numbered 300 or above. The two courses must be in two separate subject areas. Students must also complete the foundation skills courses of ENGL 101 and ENGL 102, COMM 111, and MATH 111 or equivalent.

### RN-TO-BSN AND DENTAL HYGIENE DEGREE COMPLETION STUDENTS

➔ A student enrolled in WSU's RN-to-BSN degree completion program having earned an associate degree in nursing will be considered to have satisfied WSU's general education curriculum provided that he or she successfully completes (with a grade of C- or better) two general education courses numbered 300 or above taken at WSU.

➔ A student enrolled in WSU's dental hygiene degree completion program having earned an associate degree in dental hygiene will be considered to have satisfied WSU's general education curriculum provided that he or she successfully completes (with a grade of C- or better) two general education courses numbered 300 or above taken at WSU.

These policies are effective for any student graduating from WSU fall 2014 or beyond.



For course lists and college specific requirements

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VISIT ➔ [WICHITA.EDU/GENEDCOURSES](http://WICHITA.EDU/GENEDCOURSES)

## OUR ADVICE? ➔ SEE AN ADVISOR

The best way to stay on course toward graduation is to meet with an advisor each semester before registering for classes. Advisors will help in selecting and sequencing classes that meet particular degree requirements.

**To schedule a meeting, contact the advising office in the college of your major.**

**Business** | (316) 978-3203 |  
**Applied Studies** | (316) 978-3300 |  
**Engineering** | (316) 978-3400 |  
**Health Professions** | (316) 978-3304

**Honors** | (316) 978-3375 |  
**Liberal Arts and Sciences** | (316) 978-3700 |  
**Fine Arts** | (316) 978-6634 |  
**First-Year Advising** | (316) 978-3909 |