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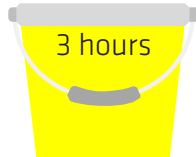
General Education (GE) Requirements at Wichita State follow the KBOR system-wide GE program framework and are comprised of 34-35 credit hours organized in six discipline-based “buckets” and an institutionally designated bucket. A student who satisfies all seven buckets will complete the GE program.

Bucket #1: English Discipline Area



English 100 or 101 and English 102

Bucket #2: Communication Discipline Area



Communication 111

Bucket #3: Mathematics & Statistics Discipline Area



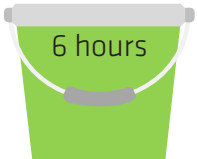
Math 111, 112 or 131* or any math/stat course that requires a MATH 111 or MATH 112 prerequisite. (123, 144, 242, 242H, STAT 370)

Bucket #4: Natural & Physical Sciences Discipline Area



Choose One Subject (must include a lab) :
Anthropology (101 with 106)
Biological Sciences (106 with 107, 210, 211, 220, 223)
Chemistry (103, 211, 212, 523, 531)
Geology (102 for 4 cr.hr., 111, 302, 312 570, 574)
Physics (195 with 196, 111, 210, 213, 214, 313 with 315, 314 with 316)
Health Sciences (290)

Bucket #5: Social & Behavioral Sciences Discipline Area



Choose from at Least Two Subject Areas:
Anthropology
Criminal Justice
Economics
Entrepreneurship
Ethnic Studies
Geography
Political Science
Psychology
Sociology
Social Work
(full course list on next pages)

Bucket #7: Institutionally Designated Area



3 hours of First-Year Seminar***
(FYS may ONLY count for GE credit in Bucket #7)
3 GE hours with Diversity designation
(May be satisfied by #4-#6 requirement)
If diversity requirement is satisfied in buckets #4-#6, students must take additional Gen Ed approved courses to reach a total of 6 cr. hr. in bucket #7. (May include disciplines not included in buckets #1-#6. See full list on next page. No repeat courses.)

Bucket # 6: Arts and Humanities Discipline Area



Choose from at least Two Subject Areas:
Communication**
English**
History
Modern and Classical Languages
Linguistics
Philosophy
Religion
Women's Studies
Art History
Dance
Musicology / Composition Studio Arts
Theatre
(full course list on next pages)

*MATH 131 does not fulfill the prerequisite for any further math course. MATH 131 does not meet degree requirements in all colleges.

**Excludes courses from #1-#3

***Students who have earned an Associate Degree or 30 credit hours prior to high school graduation and before starting classes at WSU as a degree-bound student, may be exempt from taking a First-Year Seminar course.



GE Course List for Buckets 5-7

FROM SPRING 2023 GE LIST

Bucket #5: Social & Behavioral Sciences Discipline Area

AGE 404, 405, 512 ANTH 102, 103, 200, 303, 305, 318, 327, 335, 344, 352, 416, 511, 522, 528, 555, 613 ARTS 211, 211H, 312, 312H, 322, 324 CESP 334 CJ 191, 315, 351, 355, 394, 453, 513, 518, 593, 652 COMM 130 ECON 201, 201H, 202 EDUC 310, 310H ENTR 310, 327, 440 ETHS 100, 210, 330, 331, 332, 334, 360, 381AC, 381AD, 399, 512 FYAN 102AC, 102X FYCJ 102A, 102Q	FYEC 102B FYED 102A, 102B, 102C, 102D FYET 102A FYIM 102C FYIS 102E FYMGM 102C, 102D FYMK 102A FYPH 102B, 102C, 102D, 102G FYPS 102AB, 102AD FYSO 102A, 102Y FYSW 102A, 102T GEOG 125, 210, 530, 542, 550, 570 HNRS 106AB, 152F, 306G, 306I, 306J, 306K, 406A, 406B, 406C, 406D	IB 333 ID 300, 301 PHS 310, 326, 408, 408H POLS 121, 121H, 220, 226, 232, 232H, 305, 310, 315, 315H, 316, 319, 320, 336, 337, 337H, 352, 352H, 356, 356H, 380, 380H, 385, 390, 390F, 390G, 391E, 391L, 391M, 391MH, 391P, 391R, 395 PSY 111, 111H, 320, 321, 322, 323, 323H, 324, 324H, 325, 404, 406, 409, 410, 413, 413H, 414, 416, 508AH, 534 SCWK 201, 304, 385, 541, 571 SOC 111, 302, 306, 315, 316, 318, 319, 320, 322, 325, 326, 330, 332, 336, 337, 338, 346, 350, 405, 515, 516, 528, 534, 528, 539 WSUA 102AG WSUN 102A, 102E, 102G
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Bucket # 6: Arts and Humanities Discipline Area

ARTS ARTE 303 ARTH 103, 125A, 125B, 125C, 125D, 328, 346, 347, 387 ARTS 270 DANC 140, 225, 325 FA 110, 301, 321 FYMU 102A, 102B FYPP 102A, 102C HNRS 304F MUSC 113, 160, 161, 162, 334, 335, 346, 493 THEA 143, 221, 241, 243, 260, 385, 516, 517, 624 WSUN 102C	285, 310, 315, 320, 322, 323, 330, 340, 343, 344, 360, 361, 362, 363, 365, 375, 377, 378, 379, 517, 518, 579 FREN 210, 210H, 223, 223H, 300, 300H, 540, 541 FYAR 102D FYCM 102D, 102R FYEN 102P FYET 102B FYHS 102AE, 102AZ, 102K, 102M, 102O, 102V, 102Z FYML 102C, 102E, 102F, 102G, 102I, 102N FYPL 102A, 102S FYWS 102AA, 102J GERM 210, 224, 300 HIST 100, 101, 102, 131, 132, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 314, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 327, 330, 333, 340, 359, 362, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 507, 508, 511, 512, 513, 514, 517, 517H, 518, 518H, 522, 525, 528, 530, 531, 535, 536, 541, 543, 543H, 544, 550, 553, 559, 560, 562, 566, 567, 575, 576, 581, 582, 588, 589, 592, 593	HNRS 105G, 305F, 305J, 305N, 305O, 305P, 305Q, 305R, 305S, 305U, 305V, 305W, 305X 351, 352, 405C, 405E, 405F, 405G JAPN 322, 324 LASI 300 LATN 223, 224 LING 151, 152, 315 PHIL 100, 105, 125, 125H, 144, 144H, 300, 302, 304, 305, 306, 307, 310, 312, 312H, 313, 315, 320, 322, 327, 331, 338, 341, 342, 346, 352, 354, 360, 361, 365, 385, 526, 530, 577 REL 110, 115, 301, 301H, 302, 327, 420, 576 RUSS 210, 224, 300 SPAN 210, 323, 323H, 400 WOMS 190, 287, 306, 316, 338, 361, 365, 385, 387, 389, 391, 392, 399, 420, 511, 513, 516, 530, 534, 541, 571, 588 WSUN 102D, 102F
HUMANITIES COMM 190, 221, 302, 312, 313, 321, 335, 430, 535, 631 ENGL 152, 230, 232D, 232E, 232I, 232K, 232L, 232M, 232OH, 232P, 232Q, 232R, 232S, 232T, 240, 241, 252, 254, 273, 274, 276, 277, 278,		

Bucket #7 Course List: Institutionally Designated

FYS Courses (Student must take 1 FYS course which may ONLY satisfy the bucket #7 requirement.)

BUCKET #5 FYAN 102AC, 102X FYCJ 102A, 102Q FYEC 102B FYED 102A, 102B, 102C, 102D FYET 102A FYIM 102C FYIS 102E FYMGM 102C, 102D FYMK 102A FYPH 102B, 102C, 102D, 102G FYPS 102AB, 102AD FYSO 102A, 102Y FYSW 102A, 102T	WSUA 102AG WSUN 102A, 102E, 102G	FYHS 102AE, 102AZ, 102K, 102M, 102O, 102V, 102Z FYML 102C, 102E, 102F, 102G, 102I, 102N FYPL 102A, 102S FYWS 102AA, 102J WSUN 102D, 102F
BUCKET #6 ARTS FYMU 102A, 102B FYPP 102A, 102C WSUN 102C	HUMANITIES FYAR 102D FYCM 102D, 102R FYEN 102P FYET 102B	OTHER FYBI 102A FYCH 102W FYGE 102U FYMP 102A FYMS 102F WSUH 102E

GE Courses with Diversity Attribute (Student must take 1 Diversity course which may be satisfied in bucket #4, #5 or #6)

BUCKET #4 (NOT FYS) GEOL 102	BUCKET #6 (NOT FYS) ARTS MUSC 113, 162, 346, 493 THEA 385	FYS COURSES FYAN 102AC, 102X FYED 102A, 102B FYET 102A FYIS 102E FYMGM 102C, 102D FYMK 102A FYML 102E FYMP 102A FYPH 102D FYPH 102G FYPS 102E FYSO 102Y FYSW 102A, 102T WSUN 102C, 102D, 102E, 102F, 102G
BUCKET #5 (NOT FYS) ANTH 101, 102, 200, 303, 327, 356, 356, 416, 511, 522, 356H, 387 ARTS 211, 312, 324, 211H, 312H CESP 334 CJ 355 ENTR 327 ETHS 210, 330, 331, 332, 334, 360, 399, 512, 381AC, 381AD GEOG 210, 570 HNRS 106AB, 306K IB 333 PHS 512 POLS 220, 310, 320, 356, 385, 356H PSY 406, 416, 534 SCWK 304, 385, 541, 571 SOC 302, 306, 316, 318, 319, 326, 330, 346, 515, 516, 528, 534, 538	HUMANITIES COMM 190, 335 ENGL 152, 241, 278 365 HIST 100, 317, 333, 511, 512, 513, 522 530, 531, 536, 553 HNRS 305S LASI 300 LING 152 PHIL 144, 300, 302, 306, 313, 327, 338, 354, 385, 144H REL 327, 420 WOMS 190, 287, 306, 316, 338, 361, 365, 385, 387, 389, 391, 392, 399, 420, 511, 513, 516, 530, 534, 541, 571, 588	OTHER (NOT FYS) BIOL 360, 370 GEOL 200, 300

GE Courses Not in Buckets #1-#6 or FYS

ANTH 356, 356H BIOL 309, 309H, 310, 360, 370 CHEM 101, 514, 545, 661 GEOG 235 GEOL 200, 235, 300, 310, 574C	HNRS 153B, 153T, 307C HP 330 MATH 144, 242, 242H, 243, 243H, 344, 344H, 531 MLS 430 PC 105	PHS 101 PHYS 131, 395 STAT 370, 460, 571, 572, 576
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Differences From Current WSU GE

The committee found in reviewing the framework that WSU's existing GE program largely complied with the new policy. Below is a list of specific differences.

KBOR Framework Required Changes

- Each KBOR institution determines that a student has satisfied the system-wide GE requirements. KBOR mandates that a student transferring to WSU from any KBOR institution with this notation will have satisfied the requirements for GE at WSU. A student who transfers without this notation must meet WSU GE requirements.
- Total required GE credits hours are reduced from 36 to 34-35.
- The Fine Arts Discipline has merged with Humanities. Students now pick two subjects within this larger bucket.
- Math and Statistics have been separated to a distinct discipline from Natural Sciences.
- All students are required to take a NS Lab.
- There is no requirement for course number 300 and above, however they are not excluded and can still receive GE attribution.
- An additional 3 cr. hr. of social and behavioral sciences are required. Students must select from 2 subject areas in this bucket. FYS may NOT fulfill this requirement.

Institutional Changes

- Institutional requirement of at least 3 GE cr. hr. of diversity designated coursework has been added. These may be satisfied through the discipline specific requirements including FYS.
- There is no restriction of the amount of major or program requirements which can be applied to GE, but students must fulfill the two subject requirement in buckets #5 and #6.



FAQ about Framework and Proposal

FAQ #1: What is the KBOR GE policy and what are its goals?

Full details about the KBOR Framework policy are at: https://kansasregents.org/academic_affairs/general-education.

“At the end of FY 2020, the Board expressed a strong desire to develop a more robust system-based approach to facilitate student transfer. Building on this vision, in FY 2021 and 2022, the Board established a goal to develop a system-wide general education (GE) package under a common framework. When framing this goal, the Board instructed Board staff to develop a system-based GE package that would maximize the application of credit throughout the system, simplify processes for transfer students, and remove barriers for transfer students.”

FAQ #2: Does WSU have to comply with this policy?

Yes. “State universities are required to comply with every aspect of both policies.”

FAQ #3: Do all programs need to comply?

There is an exceptions process which is detailed at https://kansasregents.org/academic_affairs/general-education/implementing-systemwide-ge for specific programs.

FAQ #4: Is an institution able to change or modify the bucket names?

“Common terminology and consistent themes help prospective students, current students, transfer students, academic advisors, and high school counselors connect the dots between multiple institutions. Thus, universal bucket names are a necessary component to provide an avenue to navigate GE requirements throughout the system. “

FAQ #5: What is the implementation timeline?

“At the latest, this will need to take effect on each campus for first-time students and transfer students who begin in the Fall of 2024.” “Nothing prohibits an earlier implementation.”

FAQ #6: What was the process to produce this proposal?

On Aug 16, 2022 the Faculty Senate President with support from the Senate Executive Committee charged the general education committee to produce a new WSU GE policy which complies with the KBOR system-wide framework. A subcommittee consisting of 4 members of the GE committee, a representative from the registrars office, the Associate VP for Academic affairs, and a representative from LAS advising was formed to produce the policy and met 5 times. This policy was then approved on Jan 23, 2023 by the full GE committee to bring forward to the Faculty Senate for consideration.

FAQ #7: What is the overall strategy in drafting the new policy?

The KBOR framework leaves little room for variation except in the institutional bucket (#7). In general we aimed for compliance and maximal flexibility while supporting the unique FYS and diversity components of our existing program.

FAQ #8: Does the University maintain its authority to approve individual courses for GE?

Yes. We will continue to approve GE coursework following the existing GE process. We also have the authority to set the discipline for each approved course.

FAQ #9: How will the diversity attribute be determined for GE courses?

The GE committee recommends the formation of a standing diversity committee to review the diversity attribute for all courses including GE courses.