

# GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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College: General

## Degree Offered:

None

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## Overview

The role of the general education program in the liberal arts education provided by UW-Parkside is twofold:

1. to acquire a knowledge and skill set used across all academic disciplines; and
2. to become aware that knowledge is diverse and composed of different principles and methodologies.

The goal is to prepare students to be successful in their professional, civic, and personal lives because a liberal arts education takes students beyond training for a specific career; it establishes the knowledge and fundamental skills used throughout life.

The program learning goals are communication, reasoned judgment and social and personal responsibility. These goals are defined by outcomes that reflect skills and abilities valued by all employers. These learning outcomes are:

## Communication

1. Literacy – reading for understanding and writing effective communication
2. Oral communication – listening, speaking and presenting effectively
3. Information technology – using modern information technology to retrieve and transmit information
4. Creative expression – communicating through artistic statement

## Reasoned Judgment

1. Critical thinking – applying logic and reasoning to problem solving
2. Ethical thinking – recognizing and analyzing ethical issues and actions
3. Scientific thinking – understanding and applying the scientific method
4. Analytical skills – understanding how to produce and interpret quantitative and qualitative information
5. Aesthetic skills – critiquing and appreciating the fine arts (literary, visual, and performing)

## Social and Personal Responsibility

1. Individual accountability – understanding what a responsible choice is and that one's present education and lifelong learning is a personal responsibility

2. Social justice – understanding and questioning the values and beliefs about social, political, economic and historical contexts that construct diversity and inequality
3. Civic engagement – learning to use knowledge and skills to contribute to the community
4. Global perspective – acquiring the knowledge and skills that provide an understanding of international/global issues and processes
5. Teamwork – working effectively with others for a common goal

These outcomes serve as university-wide shared learning goals and represent a framework for academic and professional success and lifelong learning. The distribution requirement fosters awareness of the difference principles and methodologies across disciplines as well as the similarities in the essential skills used by all disciplines. Students learn a “breadth” of knowledge by completing courses from disciplines representing:

- Humanities and the Arts
- Social and Behavioral Science
- Natural Science

The humanities and the arts foster imagination and creative expression through and about human experience in ways that the other areas do not. The social and behavioral sciences develop an understanding of social systems, the dynamics of individual and group behavior and the forces that operate in social relationships in areas ranging from economics to politics. The natural sciences develop an understanding of natural phenomena and the process and importance of scientific investigations.

Courses are approved on a bi-annual basis and reviewed on a five-year cycle by the General Education Committee. All General Education courses are to be offered on a yearly basis and at least one of the offerings from every department should be offered in an alternative format every three semesters. Course substitutions are typically not allowed because the assessment protocols are also part of the university's accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission. In general, changes are announced a full year in advance.

## Program Requirement

Students must take 12 credits in each of three broad areas - Humanities and the Arts, Social and Behavioral Science, and Natural Science - for a total of 36 credits. Each of these three areas is further broken down into individual disciplines. Students must take courses in at least three different disciplines within each broad area. Courses taken to fulfill the General Education requirement may also be used to fulfill requirements in a major, minor or certificate.

## Courses meeting General Education Requirements

Students are required to take **12 credit hours** from **each area** from at least **three different departments/programs** in each area. (A single course may be counted under one area only.)

*UWX subject courses are for students in the online Associate of Arts and Sciences degree program.*

## Humanities and the Arts

12 credit hours from at least three different departments/programs

Code	Title	Credits	Code	Title	Credits
ART 100	Foundations of Art and Visual Culture	3	UWX EN210	Business Communication	3
ART 102	Introduction to Two Dimensional Design	3	UWX EN250	Introduction to Literature	3
ART 103	Introduction to 3-D Design	3	UWX EN278	Multicultural Literature in the United States	3
ART 122	Introduction to Drawing	3	UWX LB103	Diversity in the U.S.	3
ART 124	Lowriders, Kicks, and Graffiti	3	UWX MU278	Rock and Roll Roots	3
ART 125	Survey of World Art	3	UWX PH121	Critical Thinking	3
COMM 105	Public Speaking for the 21st Century	3	UWX PH237	Technology, Values, and Society	3
COMM 168	Introduction to Visual and Digital Communication	3	UWX RE101	Introduction to Religion	3
COMM 205	Oral Interpretation	3	UWX SP101	First Semester Spanish	4
COMM 285	Introduction to Conflict Analysis and Resolution	3	UWX SP102	Second Semester Spanish	4
ENGL 106	Introduction to Creative Writing	3	UWX SP236	Cultures and Civilizations of Mexico, the Caribbean, Central and South America	3
ENGL 167	Introduction to Literature	3	WGSS 112	Women In Literature	3
ENGL 168	Introduction to Professional Writing	3	WGSS 215	Queer Representation on Stage and Screen	3
ENGL 252	Introduction to Film	3	<b>Social and Behavioral Science</b>		
ENGL 253	Literature Into Film	3	12 credit hours from at least three different departments/programs		
ENGL 267	Literature of Diversity	3	<b>Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
ETHN 208	Multicultural Theatre in America	3	ANTH 100	Introduction to Anthropology	3
GNEC 102	Foundations of Learning: Humanities and the Arts	3	ANTH 200	Cultural Anthropology	3
GNEC 191	Special Topics: Humanities and the Arts	1-5	ANTH 201	Introduction to Archaeology	3
LBST 100	The Life Expressive: Introduction to the Arts and Humanities	3	BUS 100	Introduction to Business	3
LBST 101	Beauty, Bewilderment, and Love: The Humanities through 1500	3	BUS 201	Experiencing Business	3
LBST 102	Independence and Mystery: The Humanities from 1500 to the Present	3	CBL 101	Introduction to Community Engagement	3
LBST 103	Understanding Social Justice	3	COMM 107	Communication and the Human Condition	3
MODL 191	Culture of Food: The French Case From Croissants to Champagne	3	COMM 108	Media and Society	3
MODL 218	French Life and Culture	3	CPS 103	Introduction to Smart Cities	3
MUSI 100	Appreciation of World Music	3	CPS 104	Introduction to Race and Ethnicity Concepts	3
MUSI 101	Fundamentals of Music	3	CRMJ 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
MUSI 104	Music Appreciation	3	CSCI 279	Basic Information Security	3
MUSI 106	Jazz Appreciation	3	ECON 101	The American Economy	3
MUSP 102	Large Music Ensemble	1	ECON 120	Principles of Microeconomics	3
PHIL 101	Introduction to Philosophy	3	ECON 121	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
PHIL 102	Great Thinkers	3	ETHN 101	Geography of American Ethnicity and Race	3
PHIL 205	Philosophy of Religion	3	ETHN 201	Introduction to Ethnic Studies	3
PHIL 206	Introduction to Ethics	3	FIN 134	Personal Financial Planning	3
PHIL 215	Contemporary Moral Problems	3	GEOG 101	Geography of American Ethnicity and Race	3
SPAN 203	Intermediate Spanish I	3	GEOG 105	Contemporary Human Geography	3
SPAN 204	Intermediate Spanish II	3	GEOG 108	Culture and Environmental Sustainability	3
THEA 110	Theatre Appreciation	3	GEOG 110	Introduction to Geography: World Regions	3
THEA 112	Behind the Scenes	3	GNEC 104	Foundations of Learning: Social and Behavioral Sciences	3
THEA 114	Musical Theatre Appreciation	3	GNEC 193	Special Topics: Social and Behavioral Sciences	1-5
THEA 125	Acting I: Fundamentals of Acting	3	HIST 101	The United States: Origins to Reconstruction	3
THEA 208	Multicultural Theatre in America	3	HIST 102	The United States: Reconstruction to Recent Times	3
THEA 215	Queer Representation on Stage and Screen	3	HIST 103	History and Cultures of Modern Asia	3
UWX AR104	Introduction to Graphic Design and Digital Art	3	HIST 119	Western Civilization II: The Middle Ages to 1815	3
UWX AR175	Worlds of Art	3	HIST 128	World History III: From 1800 to the Present	3
UWX CM101	Introduction to Public Speaking	3	HLTH 270	Lifetime Wellness	3
UWX CM114	Interpersonal Communication	3	INTS 100	Introduction to International Studies	3
UWX EN203	Creative Writing	3	INTS 210	Cultural Anthropology	3

INTS 228	Peoples of Southeast Asia	3	CHEM 115	Chemical Science	4
LBST 210	Introduction to Leadership	3	CSCI 105	Introduction to Computers	3
POLS 100	American Politics	3	CSCI 130	Introduction to Programming	3
POLS 103	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3	CSCI 220	Client Web Programming	3
POLS 104	Introduction to International Relations	3	CSCI 241	Computer Science I	5
POLS 105	Introduction to Politics	3	ENVS 101	Introduction to Environmental Studies	3
POLS 116	Introduction to Law	3	ENVS 109	Fundamentals of Climate Change	3
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychological Science	3	ETHN 120	Astronomy of Native America	3
PSYC 275	Job Search and Work-Life Transitions	3	GEOG 100	Physical Geography and the Environment	3
SOCA 101	Introduction to Sociology	3	GEOS 100	Earth in Perspective	3
SOCA 206	Race and Ethnic Relations in the U.S.	3	GEOS 101	Introductory Geology	3
SOCA 207	Marriage and Family	3	GEOS 105	Oceanography	3
SOCA 216	Social Issues in Substance Use and Abuse	3	GEOS 106	Great Lakes Water Resources	3
SPMT 200	Ethics and Issues in Sport Management	3	GEOS 107	Geology of National Parklands	3
SPMT 210	Sport in Society	3	GNEC 106	Foundations of Learning: Natural Science	3
UWP 294	Work-Based Learning	3	GNEC 195	Special Topics: Natural Science	1-5
UWX AN100	Introduction to Anthropology	3	GSCI 102	Science and Pseudoscience	3
UWX BU101	Introduction to Business	3	HLTH 250	First Aid and Safety	3
UWX CM213	Intercultural Communication	3	HLTH 280	Nutrition for Wellness	3
UWX EC203	Macroeconomics	3	MATH 103	Elementary Statistics	4
UWX EC204	Microeconomics	3	MATH 110	Cultural Perspectives of Mathematics	3
UWX FN210	Personal Finance	3	MATH 221	Calculus and Analytic Geometry I	5
UWX GS101	Introduction to Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies	3	MATH 222	Calculus and Analytic Geometry II	5
UWX GS231	Sex, Power, and Public Policy	3	MIS 221	Business Programming I	3
UWX HE106	Lifetime Wellness and Self Growth	3	PHYS 101	Principles of Physics	4
UWX HS102	U.S. History Since 1877	3	PHYS 105	College Physics I	5
UWX HS127	The World in the 20th Century	3	PHYS 110	Introduction to Astronomy	3
UWX PL104	Introduction to American Government and Politics	3	PHYS 120	Astronomy of Native America	3
UWX PS101	General Psychology	3	PHYS 150	Physics of Music	3
UWX PS250	Lifespan Psychology	3	PHYS 201	General Physics I	5
UWX SC101	Introduction to Sociology	3	UWX AS100	Survey of Astronomy	3
UWX SC222	Race and Ethnicity	3	UWX BL101	Concepts of Biology	4
UWX SC231	Crime and Criminal Justice	3	UWX BL285	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
UWX SS310	Media Literacy	3	UWX BL286	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
UWX SW150	Social Advocacy and the Social Work Experience	3	UWX CH114	Chemistry in the Kitchen	4
WGSS 110	Introduction to Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies	3	UWX CH140	General Chemistry I Lab	1
WGSS 213	Gender and Society	3	UWX CH144	General Chemistry I	4
			UWX CS130	Introduction to Programming	3
			UWX ES105	Introduction to Environmental Science	3
			UWX GE100	Physical Geography and the Environment	3
			UWX GE170	Disasters: Living on the Edge	4
			UWX HE209	Nutrition and Weight Management	3
			UWX MA117	Elementary Statistics	4
			UWX MA221	Calculus I	5

## Natural Science

12 credit hours from at least three different departments/programs

Code	Title	Credits
ANTH 202	Human Evolution	3
BIOS 100	Nature of Life	3
BIOS 101	Bioscience	4
BIOS 103	Human Biology	3
BIOS 104	Environmental Science: Biological Approach	3
BIOS 109	Biology of Aging	3
BIOS 125	Fundamentals of Freshwater	3
CHEM 100	The World of Chemistry	3
CHEM 101	General Chemistry I	4

## Courses offered by General Education

### **GNE102 | Foundations of Learning: Humanities and the Arts | 3 cr**

Introduces core skills essential to success in college and the professional workplace, including time management, study techniques, information literacy, and writing skills. Explores interdisciplinary thinking and problem-solving, through the frame of multiple academic or professional disciplines. Topics may vary by instructor.

**Prerequisites:** Freshman Standing.

**Offered:** Fall.

**Meets:** Humanities and the Arts: GNE102, Humanities and the Arts: GNE102, Humanities and the Arts: GNE102, Humanities and the Arts: GNE102, Humanities and the Arts: GNE102

### **GNE104 | Foundations of Learning: Social and Behavioral Sciences | 3 cr**

Introduces core skills essential to success in college and the professional workplace, including time management, study techniques, information literacy, and writing skills. Explores interdisciplinary thinking and problem-solving, through the frame of multiple academic or professional disciplines. Topics may vary by instructor.

**Prerequisites:** Freshman Standing.

**Offered:** Fall.

**Meets:** Social & Behavioral Science: GNE104, Social & Behavioral Science: GNE104, Social & Behavioral Science: GNE104, Social & Behavioral Science: GNE104, Social & Behavioral Science: GNE104

### **GNE106 | Foundations of Learning: Natural Science | 3 cr**

Introduces core skills essential to success in college and the professional workplace, including time management, study techniques, information literacy, and writing skills. Explores interdisciplinary thinking and problem-solving, through the frame of multiple academic or professional disciplines. Topics may vary by instructor.

**Prerequisites:** Freshman Standing.

**Offered:** Fall.

**Meets:** Natural Science: GNE106, Natural Science: GNE106, Natural Science: GNE106, Natural Science: GNE106, Natural Science: GNE106

### **GNE190 | Special Topics | 1-5 cr**

Topics of special interest to the process, content and assessment of general education. May be repeated for credit with different topic. Note: In some cases, online formats may be explored.

**Prerequisites:** Varies by topic.

**Offered:** Occasionally.

### **GNE191 | Special Topics: Humanities and the Arts | 1-5 cr**

Topics of special interest to the process, content and assessment of general education with specific emphasis in humanities and the arts. May be repeated for credit with different topic.

**Prerequisites:** Varies with topic.

**Offered:** Occasionally.

**Meets:** Humanities and the Arts: GNE191, Humanities and the Arts: GNE191, Humanities and the Arts: GNE191, Humanities and the Arts: GNE191, Humanities and the Arts: GNE191

### **GNE193 | Special Topics: Social and Behavioral Sciences | 1-5 cr**

Explores topics of special interest to the process, content and assessment of general education with specific emphasis in the social and behavioral sciences. May be repeated for credit with different topic. Counts towards completion of the university's general education requirement in the social and behavioral sciences.

**Prerequisites:** Varies with topic.

**Offered:** Occasionally.

**Meets:** Social & Behavioral Science: GNE193, Social & Behavioral Science: GNE193, Social & Behavioral Science: GNE193, Social & Behavioral Science: GNE193, Social & Behavioral Science: GNE193

### **GNE195 | Special Topics: Natural Science | 1-5 cr**

Topics of special interest to the process, content and assessment of general education with specific emphasis in the natural sciences. May be repeated for credit with different topic.

**Prerequisites:** Varies with topic.

**Offered:** Occasionally.

**Meets:** Natural Science: GNE195, Natural Science: GNE195, Natural Science: GNE195, Natural Science: GNE195, Natural Science: GNE195

### **GNE290 | Special Topics in General Education | 1-3 cr**

Topics of special interest to the process, content and assessment of general education. May be repeated for credit with different topic.

**Prerequisites:** Freshman, sophomore standing.

**Offered:** Occasionally.