

## GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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**NOTE: THE GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM OF THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON IS THE CORE OF COURSES THAT PROVIDES THE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL FOR ALL GRADUATES OF THE UNIVERSITY. THE GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM CONSISTS OF A MINIMUM OF 42 CREDITS DISTRIBUTED IN EIGHT AREAS. STUDENTS ARE ADVISED TO SELECT GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES IN CONJUNCTION WITH COURSES NEEDED FOR THEIR MAJOR DURING THE FIRST FEW SEMESTERS OF STUDY.**

	<u>Credits</u>
<b>A. ORAL COMMUNICATION (3 credits minimum)</b>	
7600:105 Intro. to Public Speaking	3
or	
7600:106 Effective Oral Communication	3
or	
2540:263 Prof. Communications and Presentations	3
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<b>B. ENGLISH (7 credits minimum, <u>sequential</u>)</b> (Appropriate placement by adviser.)	
3300:111 English Composition I	4
or	
3300:113 African American Lang. and Culture I	4
or	
2020:121 English	4
<b>AND</b>	
3300:112 English Composition II	3
or	
3300:114 African American Lang. and Culture II	3
or	
2020:222 Technical Report Writing	3
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<b>C. MATHEMATICS (3 credits minimum)</b> (Appropriate placement by adviser.)	

**Students MUST complete their General Education English, mathematics, and oral communication requirements within their first 48 credit hours attempted.**

Consult with an adviser to determine the math course or courses required in your major.  
(3450:100, Intermediate Algebra, does NOT meet the General Education math Requirement.)

**D. NATURAL SCIENCE (8 credits minimum)**

The science requirement is met by taking courses from two different sets, including one lab course, from the courses below or any higher level course(s) from these departments: Biology (3100), Chemistry (3150), Geology (3370) or Physics (3650).

**DEPARTMENTAL COURSES FOR NON-SCIENCE MAJORS (Select from two different sciences and include at least one lab class.)**

	<u>Credits</u>		<u>Credits</u>
<b>Geology</b>		<b>Biology</b>	
3370:100 Earth Science	3	2780:106 Anat. & Phys. for A. Health I	3
3370:101 Intro. Physical Geology/Lab	4	2780:107 Anat. & Phys. for A. Health II	3
3370:103 Natural Science: Geology	3	3100:100 Introduction to Botany/Lab	4
3370:121-141 Concepts in Geology	1	3100:101 Introduction to Zoology/Lab	4
3370:171 Intro. To the Oceans	3	3100:103 Natural Science: Biology/Lab	4
3370:200 Environmental Geology	3	3100:104 Introduction to Ecology Lab	1
3370:201 Exer. in Envir. Geol. I/Lab	1	3100:105 Introduction to Ecology	2
3370:203 Exer. in Envir. Geol. II/Lab	1	3100:108 Intro. to Biological Aging	3

**Anthropology**

3230:151 Human Evolution/Lab 4

**Chemistry**

3150:100 Chemistry & Society 3  
 3150:101 Chemistry for Everyone/Lab 4  
 2820:105 Basic Chemistry/Lab 3  
 2820:111 Introductory Chemistry/Lab 3  
 2820:112 Intro. and Anal. Chem./Lab 3

**Environmental Science**

3010:201 Intro. to Environmental Science 3

**Physics**

3650:130 Descriptive Astronomy/Lab 4  
 3650:133 Music, Sound & Physics/Lab 4  
 3650:137 Light/Lab 4  
 2820:161 Tech. Physics: Mech. I/Lab 2  
 2820:162 Tech. Physics: Mech. II/Lab 2  
 2820:163 Tech. Physics: Elect & Mag/Lab 2  
 2820:164 Tech. Physics: Heat & Lt./Lab 2

**E. SOCIAL SCIENCE (6 credits minimum) Select one course from two different sets.**CreditsCreditsSet 1 - Economics

3250:100 Intro. to Economics 3  
 3250:200 Prin. of Microeconomics 3  
 3250:244 Intro. to Econ. Analysis 3  
 2040:247 Survey of Basic Economics 3

Set 2 - Geography

3350:100 Intro. to Geography 3

Set 3 - U.S Government/Politics

3700:100 Govt. & Pol. in the U.S. 4  
 3700:150 World Politics & Governments 3  
 2040:242 American Urban Society 3

Set 4 - Psychology

3750:100 Intro. to Psychology 3  
 2040:240 Human Relations 3

Set 5 - Sociology/Anthropology/Education

3850:100 Intro. to Sociology 4  
 3230:150 Cultural Anthropology 4  
 5100:150 Democracy in Education 3

Set 6 - United States History

3400:250 U.S. History to 1877 4  
 3400:251 U.S. History since 1877 4  
 (Both have lecture and discussion)

Set 7 - Science/Technology/Society

2040:241 Technology & Human Values 2  
 3600:125 Theory & Evidence 3  
 2040:243 Contemporary Global Issues 3  
 3240:100 Introduction to Archaeology 3

**F. PHYSICAL EDUCATION/WELLNESS (one credit minimum):**Credits

5540:120-150 or 190 Physical Education .5-1  
 5550:150 Concepts of Health & Fitness 3  
 5550:194 Sports Officiating 2  
 5550:211 First Aid & Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation 2  
 5570:101 Personal Health 2  
 7400:133 Nutrition Fundamentals 3  
 7510:126 Marching Band 1  
 7900:119/120 Introduction to Modern Dance I/II 2  
 7900:124/125 Introduction to Ballet I/II 2  
 7900:130/230 Introduction to Jazz Dance I/II 2  
 7900:144 Tap Dance I 2

**NOTE:** Dance technique courses do not meet the Physical Education requirement for dance majors.

**G. HUMANITIES: (10 credits minimum; 32 credit pre-req. including English requirement)**

**ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE:**

	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Prerequisites</u>
3400:210 Humanities in the Western Trad. I	4	English Composition Requirement; 32 Credits

Select one course from two different sets for a minimum of 6 additional credits:

**SET 1 - FINE ARTS**

7100:210 Visual Arts Awareness	3	3400:210
7500:201 Exploring Music	3	3400:210
7800:301 Introduction to Theatre Through Film	3	3400:210
7900:200 Viewing Dance	3	3400:210

**SET 2 - PHILOSOPHY/CLASSICS**

3200:220 Introduction to Ancient World	3	3400:210
3200:230 Sports and Society in Ancient Greece	3	3400:210
3200:289 Mythology of Ancient Greece	3	3400:210
3600:101 Introduction to Philosophy	3	3400:210
3600:120 Introduction to Ethics	3	3400:210
3600:170 Introduction to Logic	3	3400:210

**SET 3 - LITERATURE**

**Written in English**

3300:250 Classic & Contemporary Literature	3	3400:210
3300:251 Topics in World Literature	3	3400:210
3300:252 Shakespeare and His World	3	3400:210
3300:281 Fiction Appreciation	3	3400:210

**Other literature in English translation**

3200:361 Literature of Greece	3	3400:210
3580:350 Contemp. Spanish-Amer. Fict. in Trans.	3	3400:210

**SET 4 - HUMANITIES**

3400:211 Humanities in the Western Tradition II	3	3400:210
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**H. AREA STUDIES & CULTURAL DIVERSITY (4 credits minimum from 2 courses; 64 credits prerequisite)**

	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Prerequisites</u>
<b>Two of the courses below:</b>		
2040:254 The Black Experience: 1619 to 1877	2	2020:121 or 3300:112 or 3300:114
2040:257 The Black Experience: 1877-1954	2	2020:121 or 3300:112 or 3300:114
2040:258 The Black Experience: 1954 to the Present	2	2020:121 or 3300:112 or 3300:114
2040:256 Diversity in American Society	2	2020:121 or 3300:112 or 3300:114
1840:300 Introduction to Women's Studies	3	
3002:201 Intro: Pan-African Studies	3	2020:121 or 3300:112 or 3300:114
3350:375 Geography of Cultural Diversity	2	
3560:304 Japanese Culture through Film	2	
3400:385 World Civilizations - China	2	
3400:386 World Civilizations - Japan	2	
3400:387 World Civilizations - Southeast Asia	2	
3400:388 World Civilizations - India	2	
3400:389 World Civilizations - Middle East	2	
3400:390 World Civilizations - Africa	2	
3400:391 World Civilizations - Latin America	2	
3230:251 Human Diversity	3	
7600:325 Intercultural Communication	3	

**It is strongly recommended that a student complete his/her four credit Area Studies/Cultural Diversity requirement by taking courses emphasizing different cultural perspectives.**

**Engineering degrees require only one Area Studies & Cultural Diversity course.**

## GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

**RATIONALE:** The General Education Program at The University of Akron offers an educational experience to students pursuing a bachelor's degree or an associate's degree (to a limited extent). It is designed to help students acquire knowledge, skills, and attitude contributing to an understanding of self and the world; to promote effectiveness in meeting civic, occupational, and personal challenges; to enhance appreciation of the range and depth of human knowledge and experience; and to encourage the desire and ability to continue learning.

**The basic goals of the General Education Program are to enhance the student's:**

- ability to think critically - to abstract, analyze, synthesize, and evaluate;
- ability to think creatively;
- ability to communicate clearly and effectively;
- understanding of historical and cultural perspectives;

**The General Education Program emphasizes academic experiences that enhance the student's:**

- ability to interpret written works;
- awareness of language and its uses;
- understanding of and ability to utilize mathematical and scientific principles and methods;
- appreciation of artistic experience and expression;
- understanding of contemporary political, social, and economic issues;
- understanding of western and non-western cultural traditions;