

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 41 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>
A. ORAL COMMUNICATION (3 credits minimum)	
7600:105 Intro. to Public Speaking	3
or	
7600:106 Effective Oral Communication	3
or	
2420:263 Prof. Communications and Presentations	3
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B. ENGLISH (6 credits minimum, <u>sequential</u>) (Appropriate placement by adviser.)	
3300:110 English Composition I + Workshop	4
or	
3300:111 English Composition I	3
or	
3300:113 African American Lang. and Culture I	3
or	
2020:121 English	3
AND	
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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C. MATHEMATICS (3 credits minimum) (Appropriate placement by adviser.)	

Students should 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>
Geology		Biology	
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	3100:103 Natural Science: Biology/Lab	4
3370:171 Intro. To the Oceans	3	3100:108 Intro. to Biological Aging	3
3370:200 Environmental Geology	3		
3370:201 Exer. in Envir. Geol. I/Lab	1		
3370:203 Exer. in Envir. Geol. II/Lab	1		

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

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

Environmental Science

3370:211 Intro. to Environmental Science 3

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

3250:100 Intro. to Economics 3
 3250:200 Prin. of Microeconomics 3
 3250:201 Prin. Of Macroeconomics 3
 (Prereq. for 3250:201 is 3250:200)
 3250:244 Intro. to Econ. Analysis 3
 2040:247 Survey of Basic Economics 3

Set 5 - Sociology/Anthropology/Education

3850:100 Intro. to Sociology 3
 3230:150 Human Cultures 3
 5100:150 Democracy in Education 3
 2040:244/344 Death and Dying 2

Set 2 - Geography

3350:100 Intro. to Geography 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 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 7 - Science/Technology/Society

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

Set 4 - Psychology

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

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

2740:122	Emergency Responder I	1
5540:120-190,207	Physical Education	.5-1
5550:100	Introduction to Sports Studies	3
5550:150	Concepts of Health & Fitness	3
5550:194	Sports Officiating	2
5550:211	First Aid & Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation	2
5570:101	Personal Health	2
7760:133	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)**ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE:**

	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Prerequisites</u>
3400:210 Humanities in the Western Tradition -OR-	4	32 credits & 3300:112 or equivalent
3400:221 Humanities in the World since 1300*	4	32 credits & 3300:112 or equivalent

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 or 3400:221
7500:201 Exploring Music	3	3400:210 or 3400:221
7800:301 Introduction to Theatre Through Film	3	3400:210 or 3400:221
7900:200 Viewing Dance	3	3400:210 or 3400:221

SET 2 - PHILOSOPHY/CLASSICS

3200:220 Introduction to Ancient World	3	3400:210 or 3400:221
3200:230 Sports and Society in Ancient Greece	3	
3200:289 Mythology of Ancient Greece	3	
3600:101 Introduction to Philosophy	3	
3600:120 Introduction to Ethics	3	
3600:170 Introduction to Logic	3	

SET 3 - LITERATURE**Written in English**

3300:250 Classic & Contemporary Literature	3	3400:210 or 3400:221
3300:252 Shakespeare and His World	3	3400:210 or 3400:221
3300:281 Fiction Appreciation	3	3400:210 or 3400:221

Other literature in English translation

3200:361 Literature of Greece	3	3400:210 or 3400:221
3580:350 The Lit. of Spanish-America in Translation	3	3400:210 or 3400:221

SET 4 - HUMANITIES

3400:210 Humanities in the Western Tradition -OR-	4	32 credits & 3300:112 or equivalent
3400:221 Humanities in the World since 1300*	4	32 credits & 3300:112 or equivalent

*All Students must complete either 3400:210 or 3400:221. Students may, however, choose to take both of the courses to satisfy additional Humanities credits. If a student completes both 3400:210 and 3400:221, three additional credit hours remain to fulfill the Humanities general education requirement. Any course from sets 1-3 would complete this requirement.

H. AREA STUDIES & CULTURAL DIVERSITY (4 credits minimum from 2 courses)

	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Prerequisites</u>
Two of the courses below:		
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
3002:201 Intro: Pan-African Studies	3	2020:121 or 3300:112 or 3300:114
3001:200 Introduction to Women's Studies	3	
3230:251 Human Diversity	3	
7600:325 Intercultural Communication	3	
3350:275 Geography of Cultural Diversity	2	32 credits; 3300:112 or equiv.
3560:210 Japanese Culture through Film	2	32 credits; 3300:112 or equiv.
3501:210 Arabic Culture through Film	2	32 credits; 3300:112 or equiv.
3502:210 Chinese Culture through Film	2	32 credits; 3300:112 or equiv.
3400:285 World Civilizations - China	2	32 credits; 3300:112 or equiv.
3400:286 World Civilizations - Japan	2	32 credits; 3300:112 or equiv.
3400:287 World Civilizations - Southeast Asia	2	32 credits; 3300:112 or equiv.
3400:288 World Civilizations - India	2	32 credits; 3300:112 or equiv.
3400:289 World Civilizations - Middle East	2	32 credits; 3300:112 or equiv.
3400:290 World Civilizations - Africa	2	32 credits; 3300:112 or equiv.
3400:291 World Civilizations - Latin America	2	32 credits; 3300:112 or equiv.

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;