

# General Education Requirements

The general education requirement at Governors State University provides graduates with a broad foundation in the liberal arts and sciences. All undergraduate degree-seeking students are required to meet the university general education requirement before graduation.

Students may fulfill this requirement in any of six ways. They may:

1. Transfer to Governors State University having earned an Associate of Arts (A.A.) or Associate of Science (A.S.) degree from a regionally-accredited Illinois community college. Please note: the Associate of Fine Arts (A.F.A.), Associate of Engineering Sciences (A.E.S.), and the Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) do not meet this requirement.
2. Provide documentation of having earned a bachelor's degree from any one of the twelve state universities in Illinois.
3. Complete the Illinois Articulation Initiative General Education Core Curriculum (GECC) at another institution and have it noted on the transcript.
4. Complete an approved undergraduate teacher education program at Governors State University.
5. Complete one of the undergraduate business programs.
6. Complete the distribution requirements in the relevant option, with a grade of "C" or better in each course. Requirements may be met either by presenting acceptable transfer courses as evaluated by the GSU Admission Office or completing courses that were specifically approved because they meet the relevant general education requirement at Governors State University. These are:

**Communication:** 3 courses (9 semester credits\*), including a two-course sequence in writing (6 semester credits) and one course (3 semester credits) in oral communication.

**Mathematics:** 1 to 2 courses (3 to 6 semester credits).

**Physical and Life Sciences:** 2 courses (7 to 8 semester credits) with one course selected from the life sciences and one course from the physical sciences, including at least one laboratory course.

**Humanities and Fine Arts:** 3 courses (9 semester credits) with at least one course selected from humanities and at least one course from the fine arts.

**Social and Behavioral Sciences:** 3 courses (9 semester credits) with courses selected from at least two disciplines.

**TOTAL: 12 to 13 courses (37 to 41 semester credits)**

\*For colleges and universities on the quarter calendar system, three (3) quarter credits equal two (2) semester credits.

Information on specific courses that may be applied to the general education course requirements may be obtained from the Admission Office or from academic advisors.

## SUCCESS BY DEGREES



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## General Education Courses

### Course Number and Name Category

#### Communications

COMS	3160	Public Address and Interpretation .....	Oral
ENGL	2910	Writing Principles.....	Written
MCOM	4250	Writing for Print Media	

#### Humanities and Fine Arts

ART	3300	Interrelational Studies: Art and Music.....	Fine Arts
ART	3301	Photographic Foundations.....	Fine Arts
ART	3303	Studio Practices .....	Fine Arts
ART	3304	Drawing: Studio (can take only 1 time for Gen. Ed.).....	Fine Arts
ART	3305	Drawing: Life Study.....	Fine Arts
ART	3309	Stained Glass .....	Fine Arts
ART	3310	Ceramics .....	Fine Arts
ART	3311	Introduction to Printmaking .....	Fine Arts
ART	3312	Textile Printing.....	Fine Arts
ART	3313	Hand-Made Books .....	Fine Arts
ART	3314	American Art: Diverse Views.....	Fine Arts
ART	3319	Basic Sculpture Principles .....	Fine Arts
ART	3361	Non-traditional Photography .....	Fine Arts
CDIS	2100	Introduction to Sign Language.....	Humanities
CDIS	3100	Intermediate Sign Language.....	Humanities
CDIS	3200	Advanced Sign Language.....	Humanities
CJUS	4400	Exploring Ethics in the Justice System.....	Humanities
COMS	3101	Concepts in Human Communication.....	Humanities
ENGL	3108	Living Literature: The Classics and You .....	Humanities
ENGL	3111	English Literature I .....	Humanities
ENGL	3112	English Literature II .....	Humanities
ENGL	3115	Studies in Mythology .....	Humanities
ENGL	3121	American Literature I.....	Humanities
ENGL	3122	American Literature II.....	Humanities
ENGL	3123	Modern American Poetry .....	Humanities
ENGL	3330	Studies in Literature .....	Humanities
ICS	3200	Dynamics of the Spanish Language.....	Humanities
ICS	3400	Chinese Language and Culture I.....	Humanities
ICS	3401	Chinese Language and Culture II.....	Humanities
ICS	4400	Chinese Language and Culture III.....	Humanities
INST	4110	Worlds of Art .....	Fine Arts
JAPN	3351	Japanese Language and Culture II.....	Humanities
JAPN	4350	Japanese Language and Culture III.....	Humanities
MGMT	3210	Business Ethics and Social Responsibility.....	Humanities
MUS	3101	Understanding the Elements of Music .....	Fine Arts
MUS	3201	Rock and Roll History.....	Fine Arts
MUS	3301	Survey of Music History .....	Fine Arts
MUS	3401	20th Century Music.....	Fine Arts
MUS	4101	African-American Music.....	Fine Arts
MUS	4201	Introduction to the History of Jazz.....	Fine Arts
PHIL	3101	Studies in Philosophy.....	Humanities
PHIL	3111	Studies in Religion .....	Humanities
PHIL	3333	Ethics in Health Care.....	Humanities
PHIL	3881	Theory of Knowledge.....	Humanities
PHIL	3886	Logic .....	Humanities
SPAN	3250	Spanish Language and Culture I .....	Humanities

SPAN 3251	Spanish Language and Culture II .....	Humanities
SPAN 4250	Spanish Language and Culture III .....	Humanities



### Mathematics

MATH	1423	College Algebra .....	Mathematics
MATH	2137	Mathematical Foundations .....	Mathematics
MATH	2281	Applied Calculus .....	Mathematics
MATH	3137	Discrete Mathematics .....	Mathematics
MATH	3220	Calculus I .....	Mathematics
MATH	3229	Calculus II .....	Mathematics
MATH	3259	Calculus III .....	Mathematics
STAT	4720	Statistics .....	Mathematics

### Physical and Life Science

ASTR	1111	Introduction to Astronomy .....	Physical
ASTR	1112	Introduction to Astronomy Lab.....	Physical
BIOL	2102	Biological Science Foundations I.....	Life
BIOL	2104	Biological Science Foundations II.....	Life
BIOL	2107	Biological Science Foundations I Lab.....	Life
BIOL	2109	Biological Science Foundations II Lab (online).....	Life
BIOL	3108	Human Evolution.....	Life
BIOL	3109	Human Evolution Lab.....	Life
BIOL	3112	Human Genetics: Concepts and Tech .....	Life
CHEM	1111	Chemical Science Foundations I .....	Physical
CHEM	1112	Chemical Science Foundations I Lab .....	Physical
CHEM	1113	Chemical Science Foundations II .....	Physical
GEOG	2100	Physical Geography .....	Physical
PHYS	1111	Physical Science Foundations .....	Physical
PHYS	1112	Physical science Foundations I Lab .....	Physical
PHYS	3323	Energy and Problems of a Technical Society.....	Physical
PHYS	3435	Meteorology (online) .....	Physical
PHYS	3141	Intermediate Physics I.....	Physical
PHYS	3142	Intermediate Physics I Lab.....	Physical
PHYS	3171	University Physics I.....	Physical
PHYS	3172	University Physics I Lab.....	Physical

### Social and Behavioral Sciences

ANTH	3100	Trends in Cross Cultural Analysis
ANTH	3501	Beliefs and Believers
CJUS	4130	Histories of Corrections

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# SUCCESS BY DEGREES

CJUS	4140	Restorative Justice
CJUS	4411	Theories of Crime and Deviance
ECON	2301	Principles of Microeconomics
ECON	2302	Principles of Macroeconomics
GEOG	2200	North American Geography
GEOG	2500	World Regional Geography
GEOG	4470	Human Geography
HIST	3110	US History I
HIST	3120	US History II
MCOM	4520	Media and Society
POLS	2100	American National Government
POLS	2101	Principles of Political Science
POLS	2200	Local Government Systems
POLS	3110	Transformation of the Global System
POLS	3600	International Organizations
POLS	4400	Constitutional Law
POLS	4600	Political Theory
PSYC	3101	Principles of Psychology
PSYC	3201	Developmental Psychology
PSYC	3310	Personality Theories
PSYC	3345	Social Psychology
PSYC	3430	Abnormal Psychology
PSYC	3520	Cognitive Psychology
PSYC	3605	Love: What Everyone Needs to Know
SOC	3100	Studies in American Society
SOC	3300	Principles of Urban Studies
SOSC	2100	Survey of Social Science
SOSC	3200	Perspectives on Diversity (Previously SOCS 32A)
SOSC	3250	International Political Economy

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Students who plan to transfer to another university should obtain prior approval from the receiving institution and not assume that courses will automatically transfer.

Governors State University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

This information is for reference only. For complete degree information, please refer to the current approved Governors State University catalog online at [www.govst.edu/catalog](http://www.govst.edu/catalog).