

# General Education Requirement

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 four ways.

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. 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 one of the state universities in Illinois ([ittransfer.org](http://ittransfer.org)).

3. Complete the Illinois Articulation Initiative General Education Core Curriculum (GECC) at another participating institution and have it noted on the transcript.

4. 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 Degree Audit Team 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:** (37 to 38 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 academic advisors.

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## General Education Courses *Course Number and Name Category*

### Communications

<b>COMS 1160</b>	<b>Public Discourse (IAI C2 900)</b>
ENGL 2910	Writing Principles
<b>ENGL 1000</b>	<b>Writing Studies I (IAI C1 900)</b>
<b>ENGL 1010</b>	<b>Writing Studies II (IAI C1 901R)</b>

### Fine Arts

<b>ART 1100</b>	<b>Art Appreciation (IAI F2 900)</b>
<b>ART 1110</b>	<b>Survey of Art History I (IAI F2 901)</b>
<b>ART 1111</b>	<b>Survey of Art History II (IAI F2 902)</b>
ART 3300	Interrelational Studies: Art and Music
ART 3301	Photographic Foundations
ART 3303	Studio Practices
ART 3304	Drawing: Studio (can take only 1 time for Gen. Ed.)
ART 3305	Drawing: Life Study
ART 3309	Stained Glass
ART 3310	Ceramics
ART 3311	Introduction to Printmaking
ART 3312	Textile Printing
ART 3313	Hand-Made Books
ART 3314	American Art: Diverse Views
ART 3319	Basic Sculpture Principles
ART 3361	Non-traditional Photography
ART 4505	Worlds of Art (Cross listed with ICS 4110)
DNCE 3100	World Dance
INST 4110	Worlds of Art (Cross listed with ART 4505)
MUS 1500	Music of the World (IAI F1 903N)
MUS 2101	Understanding the Elements of Music
MUS 2201	Introduction to History of Jazz
MUS 2202	Rock and Roll History
MUS 2301	Survey of Music History
<b>TAPS 1100</b>	<b>Theatre Appreciation (IAI F1 907)</b>
TAPS 3600	Classical History of Theatre
TAPS 3650	Contemporary History of Theatre

### Humanities

CDIS 2100	Introduction to Sign Language
CDIS 3100	Intermediate Sign Language
CJUS 3400	Exploring Ethics in the Justice System
ENGL 3108	Living Literature: The Classics and You
<b>ENGL 1111</b>	<b>British Literature I (IAI H3 912)</b>
<b>ENGL 1112</b>	<b>British Literature II (IAI H3 913)</b>
<b>ENGL 1221</b>	<b>American Literature I (IAI H3 914)</b>
<b>ENGL 1222</b>	<b>American Literature II (IAI H3 915)</b>
<b>ENGL 2331</b>	<b>World Literature I (IAI H3 906)</b>
<b>ENGL 2332</b>	<b>World Literature II (IAI H3 907)</b>



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<b>ENGL 2334</b>	<b>Arabic Literature (IAI H3 909)</b>
ENGL 3115	Studies in Mythology
ENGL 3123	Modern American Poetry
ENGL 3330	Studies in Literature
<b>FYS 1001</b>	<b>Interdisciplinary Humanities (IAI H9 900)</b>
<b>GNSX 1200</b>	<b>Gender and Identity in Literature (IAI H3 911D)</b>
HIST 1110	US History I
<b>HIST 1120</b>	<b>History of the United States since 1865 (IAI H2 905)</b>
ICS 3200	Dynamics of the Spanish Language
ICS 3400	Chinese Language and Culture I
ICS 3401	Chinese Language and Culture II
JAPN 3350	Japanese Language and Culture I
JAPN 3351	Japanese Language and Culture II
<b>PHIL 1100</b>	<b>Introduction to Philosophy (IAI H4 900)</b>
PHIL 1202	Introduction to Ethics
PHIL 1886	Logic
PHIL 2111	Philosophies in World Religions
PHIL 2112	Philosophical Issues in Religion
PHIL 3333	Ethics in Health Care
RELS 2100	Introduction to Religious Studies
RELS 2111	Philosophy of World Religions (Cross listed with PHIL 2111)
RELS 2112	Philosophy and Religion (Cross listed with PHIL 2112)
RELS 2115	Religious Scriptures and Sacred Texts
SPAN 3250	Spanish Language and Culture I
SPAN 3251	Spanish Language and Culture II

## Life Sciences

<b>BIOL 1100</b>	<b>Human Biology (IAI L1 904)</b>
+ 1101	<b>Human Biology Lab (IAI L1 904L)</b>
<b>BIOL 1200</b>	<b>Environmental Biology (IAI L1 905)</b>
+ 1201	<b>Environmental Biology Lab (IAI L1 905L)</b>
<b>BIOL 1500</b>	
+ 1501	<b>General Biology I and Lab (IAI L1 910L and BIO 910)</b>
<b>BIOL 1510</b>	
+ 1511	<b>General Biology I and Lab (IAI L1 910L)</b>
BIOL 2102	Biological Science Foundations I
BIOL 2104	Biological Science Foundations II
BIOL 2107	Biological Science Foundations I Lab
BIOL 2109	Biological Science Foundations II Lab (online)
BIOL 2200	Anatomy and Physiology I
BIOL 2201	Anatomy and Physiology I Lab
BIOL 3108	Human Evolution
BIOL 3109	Human Evolution Lab
BIOL 3112	Human Genetics: Concepts and Tech

## Mathematics

MATH 1423	College Algebra
<b>MATH 2100</b>	<b>Statistics (IAI M1 902) (Cross listed with STAT 2100)</b>
<b>MATH 2109</b>	<b>Finite Mathematics (IAI M1 906)</b>
MATH 2137	Mathematical Foundations
<b>MATH 2141</b>	<b>Math Structures and Concepts II (IAI M1 903)</b>
<b>MATH 2150</b>	<b>Discrete Mathematics (IAI M1 905)</b>
<b>MATH 2281</b>	<b>Applied Calculus (IAI M1 900-B)</b>



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<b>MATH 2290</b>	<b>Calculus I (IAI M1 900-1)</b>
<b>MATH 2292</b>	<b>Calculus II (IAI M1 900-2)</b>
<b>MATH 2294</b>	<b>Calculus III (IAI M1 900-3)</b>
<b>STAT 2100</b>	<b>Statistics (IAI M1 902) (Cross listed with MATH 2100)</b>
STAT 2700	Statistics for Management I

## Physical Sciences

<b>ASTR 1111</b>	<b>Introduction to Astronomy (IAI P1 906)</b>
ASTR 1112	Introduction to Astronomy Lab
CHEM 1110	Cooking with Chemistry
CHEM 1111	Chemical Science Foundations I
CHEM 1112	Chemical Science Foundations I Lab
CHEM 1113	Introduction to Organic and Biological Chemistry
CHEM 1114	Introduction to Organic and Biological Chemistry Lab
<b>CHEM 1141</b>	<b>General Chemistry I (IAI P1 902)</b>
+ 1142	<b>General Chemistry I Laboratory (IAI P1 902L)</b>
<b>PHYS 1111</b>	<b>Physical Science Foundations (IAI P1 900)</b>
+ 1112	<b>Physical science Foundations I Lab (IAI P1 900L)</b>
<b>PHYS 2141</b>	<b>Intermediate Physics I (IAI P1 900)</b>
+ 2142	<b>Intermediate Physics I Lab (IAI P1 900L)</b>
<b>PHYS 2171</b>	<b>University Physics I (IAI P1 900)</b>
+ 2172	<b>University Physics I Lab (IAI P1 900L)</b>
<b>PHYS 2323</b>	<b>Physics and Society (IAI P1 901)</b>
PHYS 3435	Meteorology (online)

## Social and Behavioral Sciences

<b>ANSO 2100</b>	<b>Gender and Sexuality (IAI S7 904D)</b>
ANSO 2200	Race and Class
<b>ANTH 1100</b>	<b>Cultural Anthropology (IAIS1901N)</b>
<b>ANTH 2500</b>	<b>Archaeology (IAIS1903)</b>
ANTH 3501	Beliefs and Believers
CJUS 3250	Foundations of Restorative Justice
CJUS 3450	Race, Gender and the Justice System
<b>ECON 2301</b>	<b>Principles of Microeconomics (IAI S3 902)</b>
<b>ECON 2302</b>	<b>Principles of Macroeconomics (IAI S3 901)</b>
<b>GBLS 2100</b>	<b>Global Studies: Cross-Cultural Relationships (IAI S9 900)</b>
<b>GEOG 1100</b>	<b>Geography of the Non-Western World (IAI S4 902N)</b>
GEOG 2200	North American Geography
GEOG 2500	World Regional Geography
GEOG 4470	Human Geography
<b>GNSX 2100</b>	<b>Introduction to Gender &amp; Sexuality Studies (IAI S9 900)</b>
<b>HIST 2700</b>	<b>World History to 1500 (IAI S2 912N)</b>
<b>HIST 2710</b>	<b>World History since 1500 (IAI S2 913N)</b>
MCOM 2520	Media and Society
<b>POLS 2100</b>	<b>American National Government (IAIS5900)</b>
<b>POLS 2101</b>	<b>Principles of Political Science (IAI S5 903)</b>
<b>POLS 2110</b>	<b>Transformations of Global Systems (IAIS5904)</b>
POLS 2200	Local Government Systems
POLS 2950	Transformation of the Global System
<b>PSYC 1101</b>	<b>Principles of Psychology (IAI S6 900)</b>



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PSYC 1605	Love: What Everyone Needs to Know
PSYC 1606	Sex: What Everyone Needs to Know
<b>PSYC 2201</b>	<b>Developmental Psychology (IAI S6 902)</b>
<b>PSYC 2345</b>	<b>Social Psychology (IAI S8 900)</b>
<b>PSYC 3201</b>	<b>Child Development (IAI S6 903)</b>
<b>SOC 1100</b>	<b>Introduction to Sociology (IAI S7 900)</b>
<b>SOC 2100</b>	<b>Contemporary Social Issues (IAI S7 901)</b>
<b>SOC 2200</b>	<b>Racial and Ethnic Groups (IAI S7 903D)</b>
<b>SOC 2800</b>	<b>Sociology of Marriage and Family (IAI S7 902)</b>
SOC 3300	Principles of Urban Studies
SOSC 2100	Survey of Social Science
SOSC 3200	Perspectives on Diversity
SOSC 3250	International Political Economy

Students who plan to transfer to another university should obtain prior approval from the receiving institution regarding transfer course- work and not assume that courses will automatically transfer. Courses in bold are approved by IAI and are guaranteed to transfer at another IAI school. The list of IAI schools is available <http://www.itransfer.org/>.