

General Education: The Human Community

Requirements Checklist: 1998-1999

The General Education Program is JMU's foundation academic program. All undergraduate students, regardless of their major or professional program, must complete 40-43 hours of general education coursework, one package in each of the five clusters, as described below.

Cluster One: Skills for the 21st Century (9-12 Credit Hours)

___ **GENG 101:** Prerequisite to all GENG 102 courses and to GHIS 199D. Some students do not take GENG 101 because they have transfer credit, AP credit, or placement through the SAT II Writing test.

Cluster One Packages: All students complete Cluster One their freshman year. Students who have AP credit or transfer credit for GENG 102: Reading and Composition may use that credit for the GENG 102 requirement in packages A, B, or C. If students with AP or transfer credit for GENG 102 choose Package D or E, they **must** take all three courses in Package D or E and the course credit and grade earned for GHIS 199D or GENG 102E will replace the GHIS 199D or GENG 102E AP or transfer credit on their transcript.

___ **Package A: Effective Arguments** (Courses may be taken in any order).

- ___ GCOM 121A Basic Human Communication
- ___ GENG 102A Reading and Composition
- ___ GPHL 120A Critical Thinking

___ **Package B: Critical Skills in the World of Business** (GBUS 160B and GCOM 121B must be taken together. GENG 102B may be taken separately.)

- ___ GCOM 121B Basic Human Communication
- ___ GENG 102B Reading and Composition
- ___ GBUS 160B Business Decision Making in a Modern Society

___ **Package C: Language and Communication** (GCOM 121C and a foreign language course must be taken together. GENG 102C may be taken separately.)

- ___ GCOM 121C Basic Human Communication
- ___ GENG 102C Reading and Composition
- ___ Foreign Language (*choose one*):
 - ___ GFR 233C French for Oral Communication
 - ___ GGER 233C German for Oral Communication
 - ___ GSPN 233C Spanish for Oral Communication

___ **Package D: Critical Skills and Historical Inquiry.** (GHIS 199D and GIDS 154D must be taken together. GCOM 121D may be taken separately.)

- ___ GCOM 121D Basic Human Communication
- ___ GHIS 199D Seminar in Thinking and Writing: An Introduction to the 21st Century
- ___ GIDS 154D Information Sources and Tools

___ **Package E: Media Literacy and Communication** (All three courses must be taken together in one semester.)

- ___ GCOM 121E Basic Human Communication
- ___ GENG 102E Reading and Composition
- ___ GMAD 150E Mediated Communication: Issues and Skills

Cluster Two: Arts and Humanities
(9 Credit Hours)

Package A: American Identities

1. Choose one of the following:

- ___ GHIS 233 U.S. History to 1877
- ___ GHUM 120 What is an American?

2. ___ GMUS 203 Music in America

3. Choose one of the following:

- ___ GENG 247 Survey of American Literature: From the Beginning to the Civil War
- ___ GENG 248 Survey of American Literature: From the Civil War to the Modern Period
- ___ GENG 260 Survey of African-American Literature

Package B : Arts and Letters in Context

Choose Track I or II. Complete all three courses in one track, preferably in the order listed.

___ Track I: Before 1650

1. ___ GHIS 101B World History Before 1650

2. Choose one of the following:

- ___ GARH 205B Survey of World Art I:
Ancient to Renaissance
- ___ GMUS 205 Global Music to 18th Century

3. Choose one of the following:

- ___ GENG 235B Survey of English Literature:
Beowulf to 18th Century
- ___ GENG 238B Survey of World Literature:
Ancient to Renaissance

___ Track II: Since 1650

1. ___ GHIS 102B World History Since 1650

2. Choose one of the following:

- ___ GARH 206B Survey of World Art II:
Renaissance to Modern
- ___ GMUS 206 Global Music 18th Century to Present

3. Choose one of the following:

- ___ GENG 236B Survey of English Literature:
18th Century to Modern
- ___ GENG 239B Survey of World Literature:
18th Century to Modern

Package C: Past Cultures and Modern Perspectives

It is recommended that the courses be taken in the order listed.

1. ___ GHUM 250 Past Cultures
2. ___ GHUM 251 Modern Perspectives
3. ___ GHUM 252 Cross-Cultural Perspectives

Package D: Reality and Imagination

GPLH 101 or GHUM 102 is prerequisite for the rest of the package.

1. Choose one of the following:

- ___ GPLH 101 Introduction to Philosophy
- ___ GHUM 102 God, Meaning, and Morality

2. Choose one of the following:

- ___ GART 200 Art in General Culture
- ___ GTHE 210 Introduction to Theatre
- ___ GMUS 200 Music in General Culture

3. GHUM 200 Great Works

Cluster Two Transfer Student Guide (9 credit hours)

Available at University discretion for transfer students who have completed part of their Cluster Two requirements at another college/university.

___ Area A: Historical or Philosophical Foundations

(Choose One)

- ___ GHIS 101B World History to 1650
- ___ GHIS 102B World History Since 1650
- ___ GHUM 102 God, Meaning, and Morality
- ___ GPHL101 Introduction to Philosophy

___ Area B: The Fine Arts

(Choose One)

- ___ ARTS 101 Introduction to the Fine Arts
- ___ GART 200 Art in General Culture
- ___ GARH 205B Survey of World Art: Prehistoric to Renaissance
- ___ GARH 206B Survey of World Art: Renaissance to Modern
- ___ DANC 248 History of Dance
- ___ GMUS 200 Music in General Culture
- ___ GMUS 203 Music in America
- ___ GTHE 210 Introduction to Theater

___ Area C: Literature

(Choose One)

- ___ GENG 235 Survey of English Literature: Beowulf to 18th Century
- ___ GENG 236 Survey of Literature: 18th Century to Modern
- ___ GENG 238 Survey of World Literature: Ancient through Renaissance
- ___ GENG 239 Survey of World Literature: From the Enlightenment Through Modern Age
- ___ GENG 247 Survey of American Literature: From the Beginning to the Civil War
- ___ GENG 248 Survey of American Literature: From Civil War to Modern Period
- ___ GENG 260 Survey of African-American Literature
- ___ GHUM 200 Great Works

Cluster Three: The Natural World

(10-12 Credit Hours)

Package A: General Science and Math

GSCI 101A is prerequisite to GSCI 102A or 103A.

Check semester schedule of classes for possible corequisites of GSCI 104A.

1. *Choose one of the following:*

- ___ MATH 103 The Nature of Mathematics
- ___ MATH 107 Fundamentals of Mathematics
- ___ MATH 205 Introductory Calculus I
- ___ MATH 220 Elementary Statistics
- ___ MATH 235 Calculus I*

2. ___ GSCI 101A Physics, Chemistry, and the Human Experience
(Must be taken prior to GSCI 102A or GSCI 103A)

3. *Choose one of the following:*

- ___ GSCI 102A Environment: Earth
- ___ GSCI 103A Discovering Life

4. ___ GSCI 104A Scientific Perspectives

Package B: Integrated Science and Technology

GIST 141B is a corequisite to GIST 112B.

GIST 112B is prerequisite to GIST 111B.

- 1. ___ GIST 141B Analytical Methods
- 2. ___ GIST 112B Environmental Issues in Science and Technology
- 3. ___ GIST 111B Issues in Science and Technology : Living Systems

Package F: Light and Sound-- Science and Perception

GSCI 121F is prerequisite to GSCI 122F.

1. *Choose one of the following:*

- ___ MATH 103 The Nature of Mathematics
 - ___ MATH 205 Introductory Calculus I
 - ___ MATH 235 Calculus I*
2. ___ GSCI 121F The Physical Nature of Light and Sound
3. ___ GSCI 122F The Science of Vision and Audition

Package C: Health Issues

CHEM 120 is prerequisite to BIO 270.

- 1. ___ MATH 220 Elementary Statistics
- 2. ___ CHEM 120 Concepts of Chemistry (may also be taken during the same semester as MATH 220)
- 3. ___ BIO 270 Physiology

Package D: Advanced Science and Math

1. *Choose one of the following:*

- ___ MATH 205 Introductory Calculus I
- ___ MATH 220 Elementary Statistics
- ___ MATH 235 Calculus I†

2. ___ CHEM 131 General Chemistry
___ CHEM 131L General Chemistry Lab
(Chem 131 and Chem 131L must be taken concurrently)

3. *Choose one of the following:*

- ___ BIO 130 General Botany
- ___ GEOL 110 Physical Geology
- ___ PHYS 140 & 140L College Physics and Lab
- ___ PHYS 240 & 140L University Physics and Lab

Package E: Humans and the Earth Environment

GMTH 115E and GSCI 115E are corequisite.

GSCI 115E is prerequisite to GSCI 116E.

- 1. ___ GMTH 115E Environmental Mathematics
- 2. ___ GSCI 115E Earth Systems, Cycles, and Human Impacts
- 3. ___ GSCI 116E Human Ecology

* When MATH 235 is selected, the number of credit hours increases from 10 to 11

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_____ **Cluster Four: Social and Cultural Processes**

(6 Credit Hours)

_____ **Package A: Social Perspectives**

It is recommended that students take an Introductory Perspectives course first. Students must take courses from two different disciplinary perspectives (such as GHIS and GPOS) in order to complete the Cluster Four requirements.

1. Introductory Perspectives

Choose one of the following:

- ___ GHIS 225 U.S. History
- ___ GPOS 225A U.S. Government
- ___ GECO 200 Introduction to Macroeconomics
- ___ GGEO 120 Human and Physical Landscapes
- ___ GSOC 110 Social and Cultural Dimensions of U.S. Society

2. Global Issues

Choose one of the following:

- ___ GANT 195 Cultural Anthropology
- ___ GHIS 200 World History Since 1789
- ___ GSOC 210 Social Issues
- ___ GPOS 200B Global Politics
- ___ GGEO 200 The Human Impact
- ___ GECO 270 International Economics

_____ **Cluster Five: Individuals in the Human Community**

(6 Credit Hours)

_____ **Package A:**
Individual and Community Wellness

1. ___ GHTH 100A Personal Wellness

2. *Choose one of the following:*

- ___ GPSY 101 General Psychology
- ___ GPSY160 Life Span Human Development

_____ **Package B:**
Individual Health and Wellness

1. ___ GKIN 100B Lifetime Fitness and Wellness

2. *Choose one of the following:*

- ___ GPSY 101 General Psychology
- ___ GPSY 160 Life Span Human Development

_____ **Package C:**
Individual and Community Perspectives

GEIC 101C is prerequisite to GEIC 102C.

- 1. ___ GEIC 101C Individuals in the Human Community I: The Individual Perspective
- 2. ___ GEIC 102C Individuals in the Human Community II: The Community Perspective