

General Education: The Human Community Requirements Checklist

The Human Community is James Madison University's foundation academic program. All undergraduate students, regardless of their major or professional program, must complete 41-44 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)

_____ **GWRIT 101 (3 credits):** Prerequisite to all GWRIT 102 courses. Students do not take GWRIT 101 if they have transfer credit, AP credit, or placement through the SAT II Writing Test.

_____ **Technology Competency Test (Tech Level I)**

_____ **Information Seeking Skills Test (ISST)**

Cluster One Packages: (9 credits). All students complete this cluster their first year. All Cluster One packages are designed for students in any major. Students who have AP credit or transfer credit for GWRIT 102: Reading and Composition may use that credit for the GWRIT 102 requirement in packages A, B or D. Students with AP or transfer credit for GWRIT 102 choosing Package E, **must** take all three courses in Package E and the course credit and grade earned for GWRIT 102E will replace the AP or transfer credit on their transcript.

_____ **Package A: Effective Arguments**

(Courses may be taken in any order.)

- ___ GCOM 121A Basic Human Communication
- ___ GPHIL 120A Critical Thinking
- ___ GWRIT 102A Reading and Composition

_____ **Package B: Critical Skills in the World of Business**

(GBUS 160B and GCOM 121B must be taken together. GWRIT 102B may be taken separately.)

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

Package C: Not available in 2000-2001

_____ **Package D: Critical Skills and Historical Inquiry**

(Courses may be taken in any order.)

- ___ GCOM 121D Basic Human Communication
- ___ GHIST 150D Critical Issues in Recent Global History
- ___ GWRIT 102D Reading and Composition

_____ **Package E: Media Literacy and Communication**

(All three courses must be taken together in one semester.)

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

Cluster Two: Arts and Humanities (9 Credit Hours)

_____ Package A: American Identities

1. ___ GHUM 120 Questions of American Identity
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 with the GHIST course first.

Track I: Before 1650

1. ___ GHIST 101 World Culture to 1650
2. *Choose one of the following:*
 - ___ GARTH 205 Survey of World Art I: Ancient to Renaissance
 - ___ GMUS 205 Global Music to 18th Century
3. *Choose one of the following:*
 - ___ GENG 235 Survey of English Literature: Beowulf to 18th Century
 - ___ GENG 238 Survey of World Literature: Ancient to Renaissance

Track II: Since 1650

1. ___ GHIST 102 World Culture since 1650
2. *Choose one of the following:*
 - ___ GARTH 206 Survey of World Art II: Renaissance to Modern
 - ___ GMUS 206 Global Music 18th Century to Present
3. *Choose one of the following:*
 - ___ GENG 236 Survey of English Literature: 18th Century to Modern
 - ___ GENG 239 Survey of World Literature: 18th Century to Modern

_____ Package C: Past Cultures and Modern Perspectives

1. ___ GHUM 250 Past Cultures (Greek or Medieval or Renaissance)
2. ___ GHUM 251 Modern Perspectives (Enlightenment or Romanticism or Modernism)
3. ___ GHUM 252 Cross-Cultural Perspectives (East Asian or West African or Native American)

_____ Package D: Reality and Imagination

It is strongly recommended that students take GHUM 102, GPHIL 101 or GREL 101 before GHUM 200.

1. *Choose one of the following:*
 - ___ GHUM 102 God, Meaning, and Morality
 - ___ GPHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy
 - ___ GREL 101 World Religions
2. *Choose one of the following:*
 - ___ GART 200 Art in General Culture
 - ___ GMUS 200 Music in General Culture
 - ___ GTHEA 210 Introduction to Theatre
3. ___ GHUM 200 Great Works

Cluster Three: The Natural World (10 Credit Hours)

Package A:

General Science and Mathematics

GSCI 101 is prerequisite to GSCI 102 and 103.

Check each semester's schedule of classes for any prerequisite or corequisite to GSCI 104.

1. Choose one of the following:
 - ___ MATH 103 The Nature of Mathematics
 - ___ MATH 107 Fundamentals of Mathematics I
 - ___ MATH 205 Introductory Calculus I
 - ___ MATH 220 Elementary Statistics
 - ___ MATH 235 Calculus I*
2. ___ GSCI 101 Physics, Chemistry, and the Human Experience (*Must be taken prior to GSCI 102 or GSCI 103*)
3. Choose one of the following:
 - ___ GSCI 102 Environment: Earth
 - ___ GSCI 103 Discovering Life
4. ___ GSCI 104 Scientific Perspectives

Package B:

Living Systems and the Environment: From Cell to Globe

GISAT 141 is corequisite to GISAT 112.

GISAT 112 is prerequisite to GISAT 113.

1. ___ GISAT 141 Analytical Methods I
2. ___ GISAT 112 Environmental Issues in Science and Technology
3. ___ GISAT 113 Issues in Science and Technology: Living Systems

Package C: Health Issues

CHEM 120 is prerequisite to BIO 270.

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

Package D:

Advanced Science and Mathematics†

1. Choose one of the following:
 - ___ MATH 205 Introductory Calculus I
 - ___ MATH 220 Elementary Statistics
 - ___ MATH 235 Calculus I
2. ___ CHEM 131 General Chemistry I
- ___ 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 I and General Physics Lab
 - ___ PHYS 240 & 140L University Physics I and General Physics Lab

Package E:

Humans and the Earth Environment

GMATH 115 is corequisite to GSCI 115.

GSCI 115 is prerequisite to GSCI 116.

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

Package F:

Light and Sound - Science and Perception

Math requirement and GSCI 121 are prerequisites to GSCI 122.

1. Choose one of the following:
 - ___ MATH 103 The Nature of Mathematics
 - ___ MATH 107 Fundamentals of Mathematics I
 - ___ MATH 205 Introductory Calculus I
 - ___ MATH 220 Elementary Statistics
 - ___ MATH 235 Calculus I*
2. ___ GSCI 121 The Physical Nature of Light and Sound
3. ___ GSCI 122 The Science of Vision and Audition

* The selection of MATH 235 increases the number of credit hours in Cluster Three to 11.

† Package D is a minimum of 11 credits, but the selection of MATH 235 increases the number of credit hours in Cluster Three to 12.

Cluster Four: Social and Cultural Processes (7 Credit Hours)

*Students must take one course from both the American Experience and the Global Experience sections of Cluster Four and the two courses must come from **two different disciplinary perspectives** (such as GPOSC and GANTH).*

_____ The American Experience (4 credits)

Choose one of the following:

- GHIST 225 U.S. History
- GPOSC 225 U.S. Government

_____ The Global Experience (3 credits)

Choose one of the following:

- GANTH 195 Cultural Anthropology
- GECON 200 Macroeconomics
- GGEOG 200 Geography: the Global Dimension
- GPOSC 200 Global Politics
- GSOCI 210 Social Issues in a Global Context

Cluster Five: Individuals in the Human Community (6 Credit Hours)

_____ Package A: Individual and Community Wellness

1. GHTH 100 Personal Wellness
2. *Choose one of the following:*
 - GPSYC 101 General Psychology
 - GPSYC 160 Life Span Human Development
 - SOCI 240 (GSOCI 240) Individual in Society

_____ Package B: Individual Health and Wellness

1. GKIN 100 Lifetime Fitness and Wellness
2. *Choose one of the following:*
 - GPSYC 101 General Psychology
 - GPSYC 160 Life Span Human Development

_____ Package C: Individual and Community Perspectives

GEIC 101 is prerequisite to GEIC 102.

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

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