The Human Community is James Madison University’s core academic program. All undergraduate students, regardless of their major or pre-professional program, must complete 41 credit hours of general education coursework. These credits reflect coursework completed in all five clusters of the program as described below:

Cluster One: Skills for the 21st Century
(9 Credit Hours and Information Literacy Requirement)

Cluster One: First year and transfer students must complete Cluster One, which includes three courses and the Information Literacy Requirement, during their first year at JMU. All Cluster One choices are designed for students in any major.

Complete the Information Literacy Requirement
These two tests are both a Cluster One and a graduation requirement. For more information and tutorials: http://www.jmu.edu/gened/info_lit_general.html

___ Technology Competency Test (Tech Level I) deadline for completion 11/14/2008.

___ Information Seeking Skills Test (ISST) deadline for completion 04/17/2009.

Complete one course in each of three areas (courses may be taken in any order):

___ Critical Thinking
Choose one of the following:
___ GBUS 160 Business Decision Making in a Modern Society
___ GHIST 150 Critical Issues in Recent Global History
___ GISAT 160 Problem Solving Approaches in Science and Technology
___ GMAD 150 Mediated Communication: Issues and Skills
___ GPHIL 120 Critical Thinking

___ Human Communication
Choose one of the following:
___ GCOM 121 Human Communication: Principles and Practices
___ GCOM 122 Human Communication: Individual Presentations
___ GCOM 123 Human Communication: Group Presentations

___ Writing
___ GWRIT 103 Critical Reading and Writing
Cluster Two: Arts and Humanities (9 Credit Hours)

Complete one course in each of three areas (courses may be taken in any order):

___ Human Questions and Contexts
Choose one of the following:
- _GAMST 200_ Introduction to American Studies
- _GANTH 205_ Buried Cities and Lost Tribes
- _GHIST 101_ World History to 1500
- _GHIST 102_ World History Since 1500
- _GHUM 102_ God, Meaning, and Morality
- _GHUM 250_ Foundations of Western Culture (options include: Greek, Renaissance)
- _GHUM 251_ Modern Perspectives (options include: Enlightenment, Romanticism, Human Rights)
- _GHUM 252_ Cross-Cultural Perspectives (options include: East Asian, West African, Latin American, Islamic)
- _GPHIL 101_ Introduction to Philosophy
- _GREL 101_ Religions of the World

___ Visual and Performing Arts
Choose one of the following:
- _GART 200_ Art in General Culture
- _GARTH 205_ Survey of World Art I: Prehistoric to Renaissance
- _GARTH 206_ Survey of World Art II: Renaissance to Modern
- _GMUS 200_ Music in General Culture
- _GMUS 203_ Music in America
- _GMUS 206_ Introduction to Global Music
- _GTHEA 210_ Introduction to Theatre

___ Literature
Choose one of the following:
- _GENG 235_ Survey of English Literature: From Beowulf to the 18th Century
- _GENG 236_ Survey of English Literature: 18th Century to Modern
- _GENG 239_ Studies in World Literature
- _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
- _GHUM 200_ Great Works (topics vary by course section)

Study Abroad for General Education

Many courses offered in JMU’s Study Abroad Programs fulfill General Education requirements. Students planning to go abroad should consult the Study Abroad link at [www.jmu.edu/gened/abroad.html](http://www.jmu.edu/gened/abroad.html). Dr. Margaret M. Mulrooney (mulroomm@jmu.edu), Associate Dean of University Studies, can provide additional information about these and other study abroad opportunities.
Cluster Three: The Natural World (10 Credit Hours)  
Complete Track I or Track II

Track I:  
Complete one course in each of three groups and the Lab Requirement. 
Courses may be taken in any order, except courses denoted by an asterisk (*) which require a Group 1 (mathematics) and/or Group 2 (science) prerequisite or corequisite. (See 2008-2009 Undergraduate Catalog course descriptions for specific requirements).

______Group 1  
Choose one of the following:  
__ GISAT 151 Analytic Methods I: Topics in Applied Calculus for ISAT  
__ GISAT 251 Analytic Methods III: Topics in Statistics for ISAT  
__ MATH 103 The Nature of Mathematics  
__ MATH 205 Introductory Calculus I  
__ MATH 220 Elementary Statistics  
__ MATH 231 Calculus with Functions I  
__ MATH 235 Calculus I

______Group 2  
Choose one of the following:  
__ CHEM 120 Concepts of Chemistry  
__ CHEM 131 General Chemistry I  
__ CHEM 131L required lab corequisite  
__ GISAT 112 Environmental Issues in Science and Technology (includes lab)  
__ GSCI 101 Physics, Chemistry and the Human Experience*  
__ GSCI 121 The Physical Nature of Light and Sound (includes lab)  
__ PHYS 140 College Physics I  
__ PHYS 140L required lab corequisite  
__ PHYS 215 Energy and the Environment*  
__ PHYS 240 University Physics I*  
__ PHYS 140L required lab corequisite

Lab Requirement  
Choose one of the following:  
____ Group 2 course that includes a lab  
____ Group 3 course that includes a lab  
____ GSCI 104 Scientific Perspectives* (some sections have pre or corequisites)

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Track II: Complete all of the following:  
MATH 107 must be taken prior to GSCI 163; GSCI 161 and 162 are corequisites; GSCI 163 and 164 are corequisites. Corequisite pairs may be taken in any order. (This track primarily serves IdLS majors).  
__ MATH 107 Fundamentals of Mathematics I  
__ GSCI 161 Science Processes  
__ GSCI 162 The Science of the Planets  
__ GSCI 163 The Matter of Matter  
__ GSCI 164 Physical Science: Learning Through Teaching  
__ GSCI 165 The Way Life Works
Cluster Four: Social and Cultural Processes (7 Credit Hours)

Complete one course in each of two areas (courses may be taken in any order).

Students must take one course from the American Experience and one course from the Global Experience sections of Cluster Four. Students who enroll in both GPOSC 225 and GPOSC 200 may only count one of these courses for General Education credit.

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:
- GAFST 200 Introduction to Africana Studies
- 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)

Complete one course in each of two areas (courses may be taken in any order).

Wellness:
Choose one of the following:
- GEIC 101 The Wellness Dimension: Individual Perspectives
- GHTH 100 Personal Wellness
- GKIN 100 Lifetime Fitness and Wellness
  (options include swim conditioning, cardio/strength, yoga, boot camp or others)

Socio-cultural Dimension
Choose one of the following:
- GEIC 102 The Sociocultural Dimension: Community Perspective
- GPSYC 101 General Psychology
- GPSYC 160 Life Span Human Development
- GSOCI 240 Individual in Society

Questions?
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