

GENERAL EDUCATION

the human community

madison foundations

NOTE: This area must be completed before the end of your first year at JMU.

CRITICAL THINKING: C1CT (choose one)

- BUS 160** Business Decision Making in a Modern Society
- HIST 150** Critical Issues in Recent Global History
- ISAT 160** Problem Solving Approaches in Science and Technology
- PHIL 120** Critical Thinking
- PHIL 150** Ethical Reasoning
- SMAD 150** Mediated Communication: Issues and Skills
- UNST 300 & Other Integrative Options** Juniors/seniors who still need C1CT may enroll in an Integrative course. More information [here](#).

HUMAN COMMUNICATION: C1HC (choose one)

- SCOM 121** Fundamental Human Communication: Presentations
- SCOM 122** Fundamental Human Communication: Individual Presentations
- SCOM 123** Fundamental Human Communication: Group Presentations

WRITING: C1W (choose one)

- WRTC 103** Rhetorical Reading and Writing

sociocultural and wellness area

WELLNESS DOMAIN: C5WD (choose one)

- HTH 100** Personal Wellness
- KIN 100** Lifetime Fitness and Wellness

SOCIOCULTURAL DOMAIN: C5SD (choose one)

- PSYC 101** General Psychology
- PSYC 160** Life Span Human Development
- SOCI 140** Microsociology: The Individual in Society
- WGSS 200** Introduction to Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

arts and humanities

HUMAN QUESTIONS AND CONTEXTS: C2HQC (choose one)

- AMST 200** Introduction to American Studies
- ANTH 205** Buried Cities and Lost Tribes
- HIST 101** World History to 1500
- HIST 102** World History since 1500
- HUM 250** Foundations of Western Culture
- HUM 251** Modern Perspectives
- HUM 252** Global Cultures
- LAXC 252** Introduction to Latin American, Latinx and Caribbean Studies
- PHIL 101** Introduction to Philosophy
- REL 101** Religions of the World
- REL 102** Religion, Spirituality, and the Meaning of Life

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS: C2VPA (choose one)

- ART 200** Art in General Culture
- ARTH 205** Survey of World Art I: Prehistoric to Renaissance
- ARTH 206** Survey of World Art II: Renaissance to Modern
- DANC 215** The Dance Experience
- MUS 200** Music and Culture
- MUS 203** Music in America
- MUS 206** Introduction to Global Music
- THEA 210** Introduction to Theatre

LITERATURE: C2L (choose one)

- ENG 221** Literature/Culture/Ideas
- ENG 222** Genre(s)
- ENG 235** Survey of English Literature: From Beowulf to the 18th Century
- ENG 236** Survey of English Literature: 18th Century to Modern
- ENG 239** Studies in World Literature
- ENG 247** Survey of American Literature: From the Beginning to the Civil War
- ENG 248** Survey of American Literature: From the Civil War to the Modern Period
- ENG 260** Survey of African-American Literature
- HUM 200** Great Works of Literature

american and global perspectives

NOTE: POSC 200 and POSC 225 cannot both be used to satisfy this area.

THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: C4AE (choose one)

- HIST 225** U.S. History
- JUST 225** Justice and American Society
- POSC 225** U.S. Government

THE GLOBAL EXPERIENCE: C4GE (choose one)

- AAAD 200** Introduction to African, African American and Diaspora Studies
- ANTH 195** Cultural Anthropology
- ECON 200** Introduction to Macroeconomics
- GEOG 200** Geography: The Global Dimension
- POSC 200** Global Politics
- SOCI 110** Social Issues in a Global Context

the natural world

NOTE: Some Physical Principles & Natural Systems courses have labs embedded (which fulfill the Lab Experience requirement as well), and some have separate lab corequisites; see notes in parentheses for specific course requirements.

QUANTITATIVE REASONING: C3QR (choose one)

- ISAT 151** Topics in Applied Calculus in ISAT
- ISAT 251** Topics in Statistics in ISAT
- MATH 103** The Nature of Mathematics
- MATH 105** Quantitative Literacy and Reasoning
- MATH 110** Math for Elementary & Middle School Teachers I
- MATH 205** Introductory Calculus
- MATH 220** Elementary Statistics
- MATH 229** Introduction to Applied Statistics Using R
- MATH 231** Calculus with Functions I
- MATH 235** Calculus

PHYSICAL PRINCIPLES: C3PP (choose one)

- ASTR 120** The Solar System
- ASTR 121** Stars, Galaxies, and Cosmology
- CHEM 120** Concepts of Chemistry
- CHEM 131** General Chemistry (**take with CHEM 131L**)
- ISAT 100** Environmental and Energy Sustainability
- ISAT 112** Environmental Issues in Science and Technology (**includes lab**)
- ISCI 101** Physics, Chemistry and the Human Experience
- ISCI 172** Physical Science for Teachers (**IdLS, some COE majors only**)
- PHYS 121** The Physical Nature of Light and Sound (**includes lab**)
- PHYS 140** College Physics I (**take with PHYS 140L**)
- PHYS 215** Energy and the Environment
- PHYS 240** University Physics I (**take with PHYS 240L**)

NATURAL SYSTEMS: C3NS (choose one)

- ANTH 196** Biological Anthropology (**can take with ANTH 196L, but not required**)
- BIO 103** Contemporary Biology
- BIO 140** Foundations of Biology I (**take with BIO 140L**)
- BIO 270** Human Physiology (**take with BIO 270L**)
- GEOL 102** Environment: Earth
- GEOL 110** Physical Geology (**take with GEOL 110L**)
- GEOL 115** Earth Systems and Climate Change (**take with GEOL 115L**)
- GEOL 210** Applied Physical Geology
- GEOL 211** Introduction to Oceanography
- ISAT 113** Biotechnical Issues in Science & Technology (**take with ISAT 113L**)
- ISCI 171** Earth & Planetary Sciences for Teachers (**IdLS, some COE majors only**)

LAB EXPERIENCE: C3L (if not included in C3NS/C3PP choice)

- ANTH 196L** Biological Anthropology Lab (**take with ANTH 196**)
- BIO 140L** Foundations of Biology I Lab (**take with BIO 140**)
- BIO 270L** Human Physiology Lab (**take with BIO 270**)
- CHEM 131L** General Chemistry Lab (**take with CHEM 131**)
- GEOL 110L** Physical Geology Lab (**take with GEOL 110**)
- GEOL 115L** Earth Systems and Climate Change Lab (**take with GEOL 115**)
- ISAT 113L** Biotechnical Issues in Science & Technology Lab (**take with ISAT 113**)
- ISCI 104** Scientific Perspectives
- ISCI 173** Life & Environmental Science for Teachers (**IdLS, some COE majors only**)
- PHYS 140L** General Physics Lab I (**take with PHYS 140**)
- PHYS 240L** University Physics Lab I (**take with PHYS 240**)

NOTES & RESOURCES

total number of credits needed in Gen Ed: 41

course descriptions [here](#)

[experimental courses that fulfill Gen Ed requirements](#)

how to: [search for class by requirement in MyMadison](#)

questions? contact gened@jmu.edu!

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WHEN SHOULD I COMPLETE GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS?

