

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 (itransfer.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: (38 to 41 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

COMS 1160	Public Discourse (IAI C2 900)	Oral
ENGL 2910	Writing Principles	Written
ENGL 1000	Writing Studies I (IAI C1 900)	Written
ENGL 1010	Writing Studies II (IAI C1 901R)	Written

Humanities and Fine Arts

ART 1100	Art Appreciation (IAI F2 900)	Fine Arts
ART 1110	Survey of Art History I (IAI F2 901)	Fine Arts
ART 1111	Survey of Art History II (IAI F2 902)	Fine Arts
ART 3300	Interrelational Studies: Art and Music	Fine Arts
ART 3301	Photographic Foundations	Fine Arts
ART 3303	Studio Practices	Fine Arts
ART 3304	Drawing: Studio (can take only 1 time for Gen. Ed.)	Fine Arts
ART 3305	Drawing: Life Study	Fine Arts
ART 3309	Stained Glass	Fine Arts
ART 3310	Ceramics	Fine Arts
ART 3311	Introduction to Printmaking	Fine Arts
ART 3312	Textile Printing	Fine Arts
ART 3313	Hand-Made Books	Fine Arts
ART 3314	American Art: Diverse Views	Fine Arts
ART 3319	Basic Sculpture Principles	Fine Arts
ART 3361	Non-traditional Photography	Fine Arts
ART 4505	Worlds of Art (Cross listed with ICS 4110)	Fine Arts
CDIS 2100	Introduction to Sign Language	Humanities
CDIS 3100	Intermediate Sign Language	Humanities
CJUS 4400	Exploring Ethics in the Justice System	Humanities
ENGL 3108	Living Literature: The Classics and You	Humanities
ENGL 1111	English Literature I (IAI H3 912)	Humanities
ENGL 1112	English Literature II (IAI H3 913)	Humanities
ENGL 1221	American Literature I	Humanities
ENGL 1122	American Literature II	Humanities
ENGL 2331	World Literature I (IAI H3 906)	Humanities
ENGL 2332	World Literature II (IAI H3 907)	Humanities
ENGL 2334	Arabic Literature (IAI H3 909)	Humanities
ENGL 3115	Studies in Mythology	Humanities
ENGL 3123	Modern American Poetry	Humanities
ENGL 3330	Studies in Literature	Humanities
FYS 1001	Interdisciplinary Humanities (IAI H9 900)	Humanities
GNSX 1200	Gender and Identity in Literature (IAI H3 911D)	Humanities
HIST 1110	US History I	Humanities
HIST 1120	US History II	Humanities
ICS 3200	Dynamics of the Spanish Language	Humanities
ICS 3400	Chinese Language and Culture I	Humanities
ICS 3401	Chinese Language and Culture II	Humanities
INST 4110	Worlds of Art (Cross listed with ART 4505)	Fine Arts



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JAPN 3350	Japanese Language and Culture I.....	Humanities
JAPN 3351	Japanese Language and Culture II.....	Humanities
MGMT 3210	Business Ethics and Social Responsibility.....	Humanities
MUS 2101	Understanding the Elements of Music.....	Fine Arts
MUS 2202	Rock and Roll History.....	Fine Arts
MUS 2301	Survey of Music History.....	Fine Arts
MUS 2201	Introduction to the History of Jazz.....	Fine Arts
PHIL 1100	Introduction to Philosophy (IAI H4 900).....	Humanities
PHIL 3111	Studies in Religion.....	Humanities
PHIL 3333	Ethics in Health Care.....	Humanities
PHIL 3881	Theory of Knowledge.....	Humanities
PHIL 3886	Logic.....	Humanities
SPAN 3250	Spanish Language and Culture I.....	Humanities
SPAN 3251	Spanish Language and Culture II.....	Humanities
TAPS 1100	Theatre Appreciation (IAI F1 907).....	Fine Arts

Mathematics

MATH 1423	College Algebra.....	Math
MATH 2100	Statistics (IAI M1 902) (Cross listed with STAT 2100).....	Math
MATH 2109	Finite Mathematics (IAI M1 906).....	Math
MATH 2137	Mathematical Foundations.....	Math
MATH 2141	Math Structures and Concepts II (IAI M1 903).....	Math
MATH 2150	Discrete Mathematics (IAI M1 905).....	Math
MATH 2281	Applied Calculus (IAI M1 900-B).....	Math
MATH 2290	Calculus I.....	Math
MATH 2292	Calculus II.....	Math
MATH 2294	Calculus III.....	Math
STAT 2100	Statistics (IAI M1 902) (Cross listed with MATH 2100).....	Math
STAT 2700	Statistics for Management I).....	Math

Physical and Life Science

ASTR 1111	Introduction to Astronomy (IAI P1 906).....	Physical
ASTR 1112	Introduction to Astronomy Lab.....	Physical
BIOL 1100	Human Biology (IAI L1 904).....	Life
BIOL 1101	Human Biology Lab (IAI L1 904L).....	Life
BIOL 1200	Environmental Biology (IAI L1 905).....	Life
BIOL 1201	Environmental Biology Lab (IAI L1 905L).....	Life
BIOL 1500		
+ 1501	General Biology I and Lab (IAI BIO 910).....	Life
BIOL 2102	Biological Science Foundations I.....	Life
BIOL 2104	Biological Science Foundations II.....	Life
BIOL 2107	Biological Science Foundations I Lab.....	Life
BIOL 2109	Biological Science Foundations II Lab (online).....	Life
BIOL 3108	Human Evolution.....	Life
BIOL 3109	Human Evolution Lab.....	Life
BIOL 3112	Human Genetics: Concepts and Tech.....	Life
CHEM 1111	Chemical Science Foundations I.....	Physical
CHEM 1112	Chemical Science Foundations I Lab.....	Physical
CHEM 1113	Chemical Science Foundations II.....	Physical
CHEM 1141	General Chemistry I (IAI P1 902).....	Physical
GEOG 2100	Physical Geography.....	Physical



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PHYS 1111	Physical Science Foundations (IAI P1 900)	Physical
PHYS 1112	Physical science Foundations I Lab (IAI P1 900L).....	Physical
PHYS 2141	Intermediate Physics I (IAI P1 900).....	Physical
PHYS 2142	Intermediate Physics I Lab	Physical
PHYS 2171	University Physics I (IAI P1 900).....	Physical
PHYS 2172	University Physics I Lab	Physical
PHYS 2323	Energy and Problems of a Technical Society (IAI P1 901)	Physical
PHYS 3435	Meteorology (online)	Physical

Social and Behavioral Sciences

ANSO 2100	Gender and Sexuality (IAI S7 904D)
ANTH 1100	Cultural Anthropology (IAI S1 901N)
ANTH 2500	Archaeology (IAI S1 903)
ANTH 3100	Trends in Cross Cultural Analysis
ANTH 3501	Beliefs and Believers
CJUS 4130	Histories of Corrections
CJUS 4140	Restorative Justice
CJUS 4411	Theories of Crime and Deviance
ECON 2301	Principles of Microeconomics (IAI S3 902)
ECON 2302	Principles of Macroeconomics (IAI S3 901)
GEOG 1100	Geography of the Non-Western World (IAI S4 902N)
GEOG 2200	North American Geography
GEOG 2500	World Regional Geography
GEOG 4470	Human Geography
GNSX 2100	Introduction to Gender & Sexuality Studies (IAI S9 900)
HIST 2700	World History to 1500 (IAI S2 912N)
HIST 2710	World History since 1500 (IAI S2 913N)
MCOM 2520	Media and Society
POLS 2100	American National Government (IAI S5 900)
POLS 2101	Principles of Political Science (IAI S5 903)
POLS 2110	Transformations of Global Systems (IAI S5 904)
POLS 2200	Local Government Systems
POLS 2950	Transformation of the Global System
PSYC 1101	Principles of Psychology (IAI S6 900)
PSYC 2201	Developmental Psychology (IAI S6 902)
PSYC 2345	Social Psychology (IAI S8 900)
PSYC 3201	Child Development (IAI S6 903)
PSYC 3605	Love: What Everyone Needs to Know
SOC 1100	Introduction to Sociology (IAI S7 900)
SOC 2100	Social Inequalities (IAI S7 901)
SOC 2800	Sociology of Marriage and Family (IAI S7 902)
SOC 3300	Principles of Urban Studies
SOSC 2100	Survey of Social Science
SOSC 3200	Perspectives on Diversity (Previously SOCS 32A)
SOSC 3250	International Political Economy

Students who plan to transfer to another university should obtain prior approval from the receiving institution regarding transfer coursework 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/>.

