

GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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NOTE: THE GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM OF THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON IS THE CORE OF COURSES THAT PROVIDES THE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL FOR ALL GRADUATES OF THE UNIVERSITY. THE GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM CONSISTS OF A MINIMUM OF 41 CREDITS DISTRIBUTED IN EIGHT AREAS. STUDENTS ARE ADVISED TO SELECT GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES IN CONJUNCTION WITH COURSES NEEDED FOR THEIR MAJOR DURING THE FIRST FEW SEMESTERS OF STUDY.

	<u>Credits</u>		<u>Credits</u>		
A. ORAL COMMUNICATION (3 credits minimum)					
7600:105	Intro. to Public Speaking	3			
	or				
7600:106	Effective Oral Communication	3			
	or				
2420:263	Prof. Communications and Presentations	3			
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B. ENGLISH (6 credits minimum, <u>sequential</u>)					
(Appropriate placement by adviser.)					
3300:110	English Composition I + Workshop	4			
	or				
3300:111	English Composition I	3			
	or				
3300:113	African American Lang. and Culture I	3			
	or				
2020:121	English	3			
	AND				
3300:112	English Composition II	3			
	or				
3300:114	African American Lang. and Culture II	3			
	or				
2020:222	Technical Report Writing	3			
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C. MATHEMATICS (3 credits minimum)					
(Appropriate placement by adviser.)					
Consult with an adviser to determine the math course or courses required in your major. (3450:100, Intermediate Algebra, <u>does NOT</u> meet the General Education math Requirement.)					
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D. NATURAL SCIENCE (8 credits minimum)					
The science requirement is met by taking courses from <u>two different sets</u> , <u>including one lab course</u> , from the courses below <u>or</u> any higher level course(s) from these departments: Biology (3100), Chemistry (3150), Geology (3370) or Physics (3650).					
DEPARTMENTAL COURSES FOR NON-SCIENCE MAJORS (Select from <u>two different sciences and include at least one lab class.</u>)					
	<u>Credits</u>		<u>Credits</u>		
Geology		Biology			
3370:100	Earth Science	3	2780:106	Anat. & Phys. for A. Health I	3
3370:101	Intro. Physical Geology/Lab	4	2780:107	Anat. & Phys. for A. Health II	3
3370:103	Natural Science: Geology	3	3100:100	Introduction to Botany/Lab	4
3370:121-141	Concepts in Geology	1	3100:103	Natural Science: Biology/Lab	4
3370:171	Intro. To the Oceans	3			

Anthropology

3230:151 Human Evolution/Lab 4

Chemistry

3150:100 Chemistry & Society 3

Physics

3650:130 Descriptive Astronomy/Lab 4

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

RATIONALE: The General Education Program at The University of Akron offers an educational experience to students pursuing a bachelor's degree or an associate's degree (to a limited extent). It is designed to help students acquire knowledge, skills, and attitude contributing to an understanding of self and the world; to promote effectiveness in meeting civic, occupational, and personal challenges; to enhance appreciation of the range and depth of human knowledge and experience; and to encourage the desire and ability to continue learning.

The basic goals of the General Education Program are to enhance the student's:

- X ability to think critically - to abstract, analyze, synthesize, and evaluate;
- X ability to think creatively;
- X ability to communicate clearly and effectively;
- X understanding of historical and cultural perspectives;

The General Education Program emphasizes academic experiences that enhance the student's:

- X ability to interpret written works;
- X awareness of language and its uses;
- X understanding of and ability to utilize mathematical and scientific principles and methods;
- X appreciation of artistic experience and expression;
- X understanding of contemporary political, social, and economic issues;
- X understanding of western and non-western cultural traditions;