

CURRICULA

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT

The General Education Requirement (GER) includes the *GER Common Courses* requirement, the *GER University Distribution* requirement, and *GER free electives*. Depending on the academic discipline, there may also be a *GER Divisional Distribution* requirement.

GER COMMON COURSES

To enable students to share a widened range of reference, an experience in critical thinking, and skill in effective and reflective communication, certain courses are established as common to all curricula. The common course component includes six courses, distributed as follows:

ENG 1011	The Craft of Language
ENG 1021	Texts and Contexts
PHL 1011	The Human Person
PHL 1031	Moral Philosophy
HIS 1011-1021	Historical Introduction to Western Civilization

GER UNIVERSITY DISTRIBUTION

The GER University Distribution requirement includes fourteen courses, exclusive of free electives, distributed as follows:

Foreign Language (two courses at intermediate level)

The foreign language requirement may be satisfied by two courses in a modern or classical foreign language at the intermediate (1211-1221) level or higher. Students who have insufficient preparation for language study at this level may satisfy the requirement through an intensive three-semester, twelve-credit sequence (SPA 1011, 1021, 1031 or SPA 1051, 1061, 1071) which is designed to result in a comparable level of proficiency. The initial course (1011) would then be used to fulfill a free elective requirement. Students whose primary language is not English may request permission to satisfy the language requirement by completing comparable courses in English.

Art/Literature (one course from either field)

The art/literature requirement may be satisfied by one of the courses listed in the GER section of the departmental listing for the Department of Fine and Performing Arts. This requirement may also be satisfied by a course in Fine and Performing Arts, courses in English, a modern foreign language, a classical language, or a course in classical literature in translation. The various departments list courses that satisfy this requirement in their departmental sections of this catalog. In addition to satisfying the art/literature requirement described above, humanities majors must also take a course in Fine and Performing Arts. That divisional requirement may be satisfied by completing *any* course in the Department of Fine and Performing Arts.

Mathematics (*two courses*)

Unless particular courses are specified by the major department, students may fulfill the mathematics requirement by completing any two mathematics courses (normally both semesters of a two-course sequence) for which they qualify.

Natural Sciences (*two courses*)

Students majoring in the natural sciences must meet the requirement as specified by their departments. Other students may satisfy the natural science requirement by completing any two of the introductory courses in biology, chemistry, or physics for which they qualify; or by completing any two of the special one-semester science courses designed for non-science majors.

Philosophy (*one course*)

In addition to the two philosophy courses specified under the GER common courses, all students are required to complete a course chosen from those listed under the heading *Knowledge and Reality* under *Philosophy* in this *Catalog*. PHL 1011 is prerequisite to all other courses offered in the department.

Social/Behavioral Sciences (*three courses*)

The social/behavioral sciences requirement requires three courses from economics, political science, psychology, or sociology, with no more than two courses from one area.

Economics—ECN 1011 and ECN 1021 may be taken independently; each course is prerequisite to a specified group of upper division courses.

Political Science—POL 1011 and POL 1031 may be taken independently. All upper division political science courses are open to non-majors.

Psychology—All psychology courses numbered 1001 to 1781 are specifically designed to satisfy the social/behavioral sciences requirement, as well as to serve as electives in the psychology major. Courses at the 2000 level or above may be taken to satisfy the requirement if the student has successfully completed PSY 1001.

Sociology—SOC 1011 and SOC 1021 may be taken independently, and either course serves as prerequisite for upper division courses in sociology which can satisfy the GER requirement.

Theology (*three courses*)

Theology, taught as an academic discipline not necessarily implying a faith commitment, is considered an essential element in the Jesuit tradition of a liberal arts education. For this reason, all students must fulfill the theology requirement. All students select a first course in theology from the courses numbered THE 1111 through THE 1141; this course is prerequisite to all other courses offered in the department. All students select a second course from the courses numbered THE 1511 through THE 1591 and a third course from the courses numbered THE 2111 through THE 2891.

GER DIVISIONAL DISTRIBUTION

The disciplinary divisions may also establish divisional distribution requirements for their own majors. Where such requirements have been established, they are listed for the various majors in the departmental section of this *Catalog*. In the Haub School of Business, the GER divisional distribution requirement has been designated as the *Business Foundation*.