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**How do we
change how
students talk
about General
Education?**

**By changing
how **we, as a**
University,
discuss General
Education.**

UPDATED LEARNING OBJECTIVES

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

KEY LITERACIES e.g. quantitative, health, intercultural, historical, aesthetic, linguistic, scientific

CRITICAL AND ANALYTICAL THINKING

INTEGRATIVE THINKING

CREATIVE THINKING

GLOBAL LEARNING

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICAL REASONING

NEW REQUIREMENTS

Foundation Courses

(15 credits and C or better)

Quantification (GQ) – 6 credits

Writing and Speaking (GWS) – 9 credits

Domain Courses

(30 credits including 6 Integrative Studies credits)

Arts (GA) – 6 credits

Humanities (GH) – 6 credits

Health and Wellness (GHW) – 3 credits

Natural Sciences (GN) – 9 credits

Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS) – 6 credits

INTEGRATIVE STUDIES REQUIREMENT

6 credits

Inter-domain Courses

- 3 credits each, students must take 2
- 2 domains represented in each course
- creates up to 6 credits of exploration in General Education because may count toward both domains
- 2 GX attributes and Inter-Domain attribute plus others as appropriate; N or Q (honors) Suffix

Linked Courses

- 2 courses that link in some substantial way
- each course used by a student is designated in a different domain
- may be used toward integrative studies requirement or regular domain course requirement if link is not taken
- One GX attribute and Linked attribute plus others as appropriate; Z Suffix

New GenEd Rules

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- Three credits of each domain required
 - Single-domain vs. Inter-domain
- Move 3 replaces 3-6-9 (no domain can <3)
 - Students can have 6 GHW and as few as 6 GN.
 - Still a substitution that requires approval from the college of graduation.

FOUNDATIONS

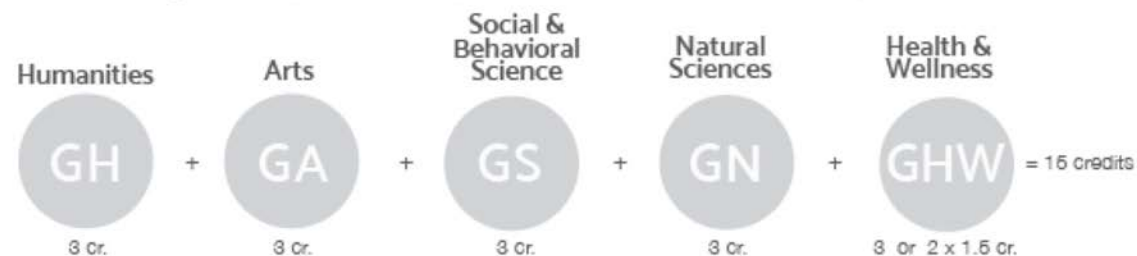
Writing, speaking, and quantification courses help develop the foundations to set forth oral and written arguments persuasively and apply mathematical and statistical skills in solving real-world problems.

15 credits total required and all must be completed with a grade of C or better. Credits completed at other institutions do not transfer unless a C or better was earned and therefore are acceptable.



BREADTH OF KNOWLEDGE

Each Knowledge Domain provides a unique framework to examine the world. (no substitutions or inter-domain courses here)



INTEGRATIVE STUDIES

Just as each Knowledge Domain provides a unique perspective to examine the world, there is additional value in being able to identify and synthesize information across domains.

Select 6 credits of either inter-domain (N or Q suffix) coursework or linked (Z suffix) courses. (must select one or the other)

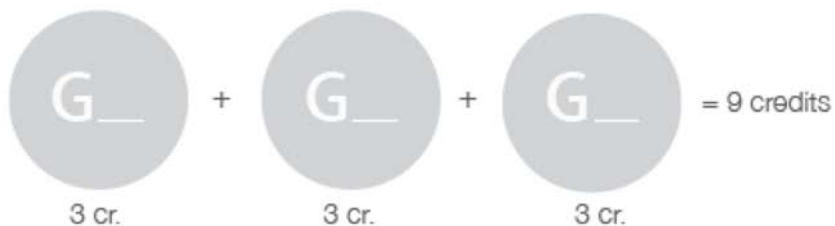


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<https://tinyurl.com/genedplan-psu>

EXPLORATION

Select additional courses to explore or satisfy other academic goals. (minors, certificates, etc.) Select 9 credits that may include up to 6 credits of GN and up to 3 credits in each of the other 4 domains (GH, GA, GS, GHW). If a GN course is not listed in the Integrative Studies section, 3 credits of GN must be selected here.



The General Education Knowledge Domain requirement (including Breadth of Knowledge, Integrative Studies, and Exploration) is: 9 credits GN, 6 credits GA, 6 credits GH, 6 credits GS, 3 credits GHW. Flexibility of the requirements, including upper-level substitution, world language substitution, or Move-3, can be discussed with your adviser. These substitutions require both approval by the college of graduation and a manual update to your degree audit.

ADDITIONAL UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS (9-12 CREDITS)

United States Cultures



3 cr.

May double count in General Education, major, B.A. requirement, or elective.

International Cultures



3 cr.

May double count in General Education, major, B.A. requirement (except Other Cultures), or as an elective. Study abroad courses often satisfy this requirement.

Writing Across The Curriculum



3 cr.

Typically prescribed in courses required for a major.

First-Year Experience



0 - 3 cr.

Requirement depends on which campus you first enrolled.

= 9 - 12 credits

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RLST 133N - 001 Ethics of Climate Change

The Pennsylvania State Univ | Spring 2018 | Lecture



Class Details

Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Closed	Course ID	301922
Class Number	30183	Offer Nbr	1
Session	Regular Academic Session	Career	Undergraduate
Units	3 units	Dates	1/8/2018 - 4/27/2018
Instruction Mode	In Person	Grading	Undergraduate
Class Components	Lecture Required	Location	Standard Grades
		Campus	University Park Campus University Park

Meeting Information

Days & Times	Room	Instructor	Meeting Dates
TuTh 12:05PM - 1:20PM	Earth and Eng Sciences 116	Jonathan Brockopp	01/08/2018 - 04/27/2018

Enrollment Information

Class Attributes	General Education: Humanities (GH) General Education: Natural Sciences (GN) General Education - Integrative: Interdomain GenEd Learning Objective: Effective Communication GenEd Learning Objective: Crit & Analytical Think GenEd Learning Objective: Integrative Thinking GenEd Learning Objective: Soc Resp & Ethic Reason
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NEW GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS AND LIONPATH

Audits are programmed, but still being tested – Program Requirement Term 2018. DO NOT PUT DIRECTIVES IN YET.

Existing attributes are used (GA, GN etc.)

New Integrative Studies section

Total credits counted to account for “Gen Ed electives”

Linked Course Table

- **Allows searching of approved linked course pairs**
- **Creates a way for audits to reconcile completion of approved linked pair using process similar to what is used for FYE requirements**

SEARCH THE BULLETINFIND A [COURSE](#) [PROGRAM](#) OR
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Transfer students? Re-enrolling students?

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- Recommendation to academic units to allow transfer and re-enrolled students to opt into the old program for the next two years.
- Will be communicated via memo soon.
- Developed in consultation with WC and OVPCC
- Restates existing flexibility but provides context.

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General Education related topics to be discussed in Senate committees this year.

- Firewall
- General Education year vs. Program year
- General Education substitutions – documenting and tracking during pre-major etc.

PROCESS and TIMELINE

2012

A University-wide conversation began

2013-2014

**Gen Ed Task Force deliberates models
and makes recommendations**

2015-2016

**Faculty Senate implementation reports
from University Faculty Senate**

2016-2017

Formation of Office for General Education

SUMMER/ FALL 2018

New requirements start for students

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