

# General Education Proposal

The General Education Program promotes learning that is central to intellectual pursuits and that will enable students to make informed choices about matters of public and personal significance in a diverse, democratic society and global community. The 48-hour program described below provides students with the knowledge that informed, independent thinkers need in order to ask good questions, evaluate answers, and make informed decisions.

The program includes a core that provides foundation skills in communications, critical thinking, and quantitative reasoning and foundation knowledge in the arts, humanities, history, social and behavioral sciences, and natural sciences. The institution-specific block is designed to help students make informed wellness decisions, to provide students with a breadth of knowledge outside the major, and to provide students with a depth of knowledge of a theme.

## General Education Core (33 hours)

Degree programs are allowed to designate as supporting courses up to three general education courses that have been approved for the core.

	<u>Hours</u>
<b>Block One: Communications</b>	<b>9</b>
A. Written Communication (6 hours)	
B. Oral Communication (3 hours)	
<b>Block Two: Mathematics</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Block Three: Arts and Humanities</b>	<b>6</b>
One arts course	
One humanities course	
<b>Block Four: Natural Sciences</b>	<b>6</b>
One laboratory biological science course	
One laboratory physical science course	
<b>Block Five: Social and Behavioral Sciences</b>	<b>9</b>
One history course	
One basic social science course	
One additional course in history or social science	

**Hours**

**Block Six: Institution-Specific Courses (15 hours)**

Degree programs are allowed to use general education courses in the breadth of knowledge requirement and the depth of knowledge requirement as supporting courses.

**Wellness** 3

**Breadth of Knowledge Requirement** 6

*Students must take one course from two areas that are not closely related to the major. The areas are arts and humanities, natural sciences, social and behavioral sciences, and quantitative skills.*

**Depth of Knowledge Requirement** 6

*Students must take two courses that address a common theme in one of the following ways:*

- 1. Degree programs define a coherent set of supporting general education courses that address a broadly defined theme.*
- 2. Six hours in the same second language.*
- 3. Six hours in a cluster of general education courses that address a common theme in depth.*

**Total Hours** 48