



General Education Course Lists

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General Education in Florida



Defined in **Florida Statutes** as **36 credit hours** for **all students** in the State University System & Florida College System

General Education Core

Min. 15 credit hours

Students must complete 5 courses

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| 1 Humanities | 1 Math |
| 1 Social Science | 1 Natural Science |
| 1 Communications | |

General Education Institution

Up to 21 credit hours

Remaining courses are identified by the university or college

Must be in the 5 areas

General Education **ensures successful articulation** across Systems

General Education Statutes

Sections 1007.25 & 1007.55



- In 2023 the Florida Legislature amended section 1007.25 & established section 1007.55, Florida Statutes
- The new law established a 2-part process for implementation

Part 1

General Education Core review

Part 2

Institution Gen Ed Lists review & approval by the BOG

General Education Core Course Options

Sections 1007.25



Establishes the process for the review of general education **core** courses

Summer & fall of 2023	Faculty committees recommended general education core courses & revised statewide course descriptions
Oct 2023	Faculty recommendations submitted to the Articulation Coordinating Committee
Nov 2023	Board of Governors approved revised list of core general education courses
Jan 2024	Board of Governors approved amendment to Regulation 8.005
Prior to Fall 2024	Universities updated course descriptions for general education core courses in the Statewide Course Numbering System (SCNS) for implementation

Institutional General Education Course Options

Sections 1007.55 & 1007.25



Establishes the process for the annual review of **institutional** general education courses

Feb 2024

Office of Articulation provides template & instructions for all colleges & universities

Feb - Sept 2024

Universities reviewed course lists & descriptions to align with Florida Statutes

Sept 2024

Universities submitted BOT approved lists to the Office of Articulation by September 1

Sept - Dec 2024

Board staff works with the Florida College System to review university lists & descriptions

Dec 2024

Chancellor receives final lists from the Office of Articulation (required in 1007.55)

Jan 2025

Board of Governors considers approval of 2025-26 General Education Lists

Criteria for General Education Courses

Section 1007.55



Intent

Every undergraduate student graduates as an informed citizen through a rigorous general education that promotes & preserves the constitutional republic through traditional, historically accurate, & high-quality coursework



Purpose

Provide broad foundational knowledge to help students develop intellectual skills & habits that enable them to become more effective & lifelong learners



Standards

Meet the course standards as provided in 1007.25 & provide instruction on the historical background & philosophical foundation of Western civilization & this nation's historical documents



Gen Ed Courses

Are not courses with curriculum based on unproven, speculative, or exploratory content

Criteria for General Education Courses

Section 1007.25 (3), Florida Statutes



The principles & standards for the content & identification of courses as general education core apply as standards for all general education courses:



(b) Each general education core course option must contain high-level academic & critical thinking skills & common competencies that students must demonstrate to successfully complete the course.



(c) General education core courses may not distort significant historical events or include a curriculum that teaches identity politics, is based on theories that systemic racism, sexism, oppression, & privilege are inherent in the institutions of the United States & were created to maintain social, political, & economic inequities.

5 Categories of General Education Courses

Section 1007.25 (3), Florida Statutes



General education courses must afford students the ability to:

Communication

Communicate effectively, including the ability to write clearly & engage in public speaking

Humanities

Think critically through the mastering of subjects concerned with human culture & include selections from the Western canon
literature, history, art, music, & philosophy

Social Science

Understand basic social & behavioral science concepts & principles used in the analysis of behavior & past & present social, political & economic issues

Natural Science

Critically examine & evaluate the principles of the scientific method, model construction & explain natural experiences & phenomena

Mathematics

Master foundational mathematical & computation models & methods by applying such models & methods in problem-solving



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