General Education Program

General Education (GE) Requirements at Wichita State follow the KBOR system-wide GE program framework and are comprised of 34-35 credit hours organized in six discipline-based "buckets" and an institutionally designated bucket. A student who satisfies all seven buckets will complete the GE program.

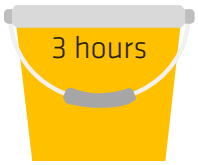
Bucket #1: English Discipline Area

English 100 or 101
and English 102

Bucket #2: Communication Discipline Area

Communication 111

Bucket #3: Mathematics & Statistics Discipline Area

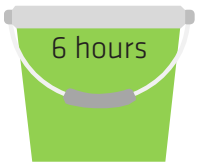


Math 111, 112 or 131*
or any math/stat course that requires a MATH 111 or MATH 112 prerequisite.
(123, 144, 242, 242H, STAT 370)

Bucket #4: Natural & Physical Sciences Discipline Area

Choose One Subject (must include a lab) :
Anthropology (101 with 106)
Biological Sciences (106 with 107, 210, 211,220, 223
Chemistry (103, 211, 212, 523, 531)
Geology (102 for 4 cr.hr., 111, 302, 312 570, 574)
Physics (195 with 196, 111, 210, 213, 214, 313 with 315, 314 with 316)
Health Sciences (290)

Bucket #5: Social & Behavioral Sciences Discipline Area



Choose from at Least Two Subject Areas:
Anthropology
Criminal Justice
Economics
Entrepreneurship
Ethnic Studies
Geography
Political Science
Psychology Sociology
Social Work
(full course list on next pages)

Bucket #7: Institutionally Designated Area

3 hours of First-Year Seminar***
(May satisfy #5, #6 requirement.)

3 GE hours with Diversity designation
(May satisfy #4-#6 requirement)

If above requirements are satisfied in buckets #4-#6, students must take additional Gen Ed approved courses to reach a total of 6 cr. hr. in bucket #7. *(May include disciplines not included in buckets #1-#6. See full list on next page. No repeat courses.)*

Bucket # 6: Arts and Humanities Discipline Area

Choose from at least Two Subject Areas:
Communication**
English**
History
Modern and Classical Languages
Linguistics
Philosophy
Religion
Women's Studies
Art History
Dance
Musicology / Composition Studio Arts
Theatre
(full course list on next pages)

*MATH 131 does not fulfill the prerequisite for any further math course. MATH 131 does not meet degree requirements in all colleges.

**Excludes courses from #1-#3

***Students who have earned an Associate Degree or 30 credit hours prior to high school graduation and before starting classes at WSU as a degree-bound student, may be exempt from taking a First-Year Seminar course.

GE Course List for Buckets 5-7

FROM SPRING 2023 GE LIST

Bucket #5: Social & Behavioral Sciences Discipline Area

AGE 404, 405, 512
ANTH 102, 103, 200, 303, 305, 318, 327, 335, 344, 352, 416, 511, 522, 528, 555, 613
ARTS 211, 211H, 312, 312H, 322, 324
CESP 334
CJ 191, 315, 351, 355, 394, 453, 513, 518, 593, 652
COMM 130
ECON 201, 201H, 202
EDUC 310, 310H
ENTR 310, 327, 440
ETHS 100, 210, 330, 331, 332, 334, 360, 381AC, 381AD, 399, 512
FYAN 102AC, 102X
FYCJ 102A, 102Q
FYEC 102B
FYED 102A, 102B, 102C, 102D
FYET 102A
FYIM 102C
FYIS 102E
FYMG 102C, 102D
FYMK 102A
FYPH 102B, 102C, 102D, 102G
FYPS 102AB, 102AD
FYSO 102A, 102Y
FYSW 102A, 102T
GEOG 125, 210, 530, 542, 550, 570
HNRS 106AB, 152F, 306G, 306I, 306J, 306K, 406A, 406B, 406C, 406D
IB 333
ID 300, 301
PHS 310, 326, 408, 408H
POLS 121, 121H, 220, 226, 232, 232H, 305, 310, 315, 315H, 316, 319, 320, 336, 337, 337H, 352, 352H, 356, 356H, 380, 380H, 385, 390, 390F, 390G, 391E, 391L, 391M, 391MH, 391P, 391R, 395
PSY 111, 111H, 320, 321, 322, 323, 323H, 324, 324H, 325, 404, 406, 409, 410, 413, 413H, 414, 416, 508AH, 534
SCWK 201, 304, 385, 541, 571
SOC 111, 302, 306, 315, 316, 318, 319, 320, 322, 325, 326, 330, 332, 336, 337, 338, 346, 350, 405, 515, 516, 528, 534, 528, 539
WSUA 102AG
WSUN 102A, 102E, 102G

Bucket # 6: Arts and Humanities Discipline Area

ARTS
ARTE 303
ARTH 103, 125A, 125B, 125C, 125D, 328, 346, 347, 387
ARTS 270
DANC 140, 225, 325
FA 110, 301, 321
FYMU 102A, 102B
FYPF 102A, 102C
HNRS 304F
MUSC 113, 160, 161, 162, 334, 335, 346, 493
THEA 143, 221, 241, 243, 260, 385, 516, 517, 624
WSUN 102C

HUMANITIES
COMM 190, 221, 302, 312, 313, 321, 335, 430, 535, 631
ENGL 152, 230, 232D, 232E, 232I, 232K, 232L, 232M, 232OH, 232P, 232Q, 232R, 232S, 232T, 240, 241, 252, 254, 273, 274, 276, 277, 278, 285, 310, 315, 320, 322, 323, 330, 340, 343, 344, 360, 361, 362, 363, 365, 375, 377, 378, 379, 517, 518, 579
FREN 210, 210H, 223, 223H, 300, 300H, 540, 541
FYAR 102D
FYCM 102D, 102R
FYEN 102P
FYET 102B
FYHS 102AE, 102AZ, 102K, 102M, 102O, 102V, 102Z
FYML 102C, 102E, 102F, 102G, 102I, 102N
FYPL 102A, 102S
FYWS 102AA, 102J
GERM 210, 224, 300
HIST 100, 101, 102, 131, 132, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 314, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 327, 330, 333, 340, 359, 362, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 507, 508, 511, 512, 513, 514, 517, 517H, 518, 518H, 522, 525, 528, 530, 531, 535, 536, 541, 543, 543H, 544, 550, 553, 559, 560, 562, 566, 567, 575, 576, 581, 582, 588, 589, 592, 593
HNRS 105G, 305F, 305J, 305N, 305O, 305P, 305Q, 305R, 305S, 305U, 305V, 305W, 305X 351, 352, 405C, 405E, 405F, 405G
JAPN 322, 324
LASI 300
LATN 223, 224
LING 151, 152, 315
PHIL 100, 105, 125, 125H, 144, 144H, 300, 302, 304, 305, 306, 307, 310, 312, 312H, 313, 315, 320, 322, 327, 331, 338, 341, 342, 346, 352, 354, 360, 361, 365, 385, 526, 530, 577
REL 110, 115, 301, 301H, 302, 327, 420, 576
RUSS 210, 224, 300
SPAN 210, 323, 323H, 400
WOMS 190, 287, 306, 316, 338, 361, 365, 385, 387, 389, 391, 392, 399, 420, 511, 513, 516, 530, 534, 541, 571, 588
WSUN 102D, 102F

Bucket #7 Course List: Institutionally Designated

FYS Courses (Student must take 1 FYS course which may be satisfied in bucket #5 or #6)

BUCKET #5
FYAN 102AC, 102X
FYCJ 102A, 102Q
FYEC 102B
FYED 102A, 102B, 102C, 102D
FYET 102A
FYIM 102C
FYIS 102E
FYMG 102C, 102D
FYMK 102A
FYPH 102B, 102C, 102D, 102G
FYPS 102AB, 102AD
FYSO 102A, 102Y
FYSW 102A, 102T
WSUA 102AG
WSUN 102A, 102E, 102G

BUCKET #6
ARTS
FYMU 102A, 102B
FYPF 102A, 102C
WSUN 102C

HUMANTIES
FYAR 102D
FYCM 102D, 102R
FYEN 102P
FYET 102B
FYHS 102AE, 102AZ, 102K, 102M, 102O, 102V, 102Z
FYML 102C, 102E, 102F, 102G, 102I, 102N
FYPL 102A, 102S
FYWS 102AA, 102J
WSUN 102D, 102F

OTHER
FYBI 102A
FYCH 102W
FYGE 102U
FYMP 102A
FYMS 102F
WSUH 102E

GE Courses with Diversity Attribute (Student must take 1 Diversity course which may be satisfied in bucket #4, #5 or #6)

BUCKET #4 (NOT FYS)
GEOL 102

BUCKET #5 (NOT FYS)
ANTH 101, 102, 200, 303, 327, 356, 356, 416, 511, 522, 356H, 387
ARTS 211, 312, 324, 211H, 312H
CESP 334
CJ 355
ENTR 327
ETHS 210, 330, 331, 332, 334, 360, 399, 512, 381AC, 381AD
GEOG 210, 570
HNRS 106AB, 306K
IB 333
PHS 512
POLS 220, 310, 320, 356, 385, 356H
PSY 406, 416, 534
SCWK 304, 385, 541, 571
SOC 302, 306, 316, 318, 319, 326, 330, 346, 515, 516, 528, 534, 538

BUCKET #6 (NOT FYS)
ARTS
MUSC 113, 162, 346, 493
THEA 385

HUMANITIES
COMM 190, 335
ENGL 152, 241, 278 365
HIST 100, 317, 333, 511, 512, 513, 522 530, 531, 536, 553
HNRS 305S
LASI 300
LING 152
PHIL 144, 300, 302, 306, 313, 327, 338, 354, 385, 144H
REL 327, 420
WOMS 190, 287, 306, 316, 338, 361, 365, 385, 387, 389, 391, 392, 399, 420, 511, 513, 516, 530, 534, 541, 571, 588

FYS COURSES
FYAN 102AC, 102X
FYED 102A, 102B
FYET 102A
FYIS 102E
FYMG 102C, 102D
FYMK 102A
FYML 102E
FYMP 102A
FYPH 102D
FYPH 102G
FYPS 102E
FYSO 102Y
FYSW 102A,102T
WSUN 102C, 102D, 102E, 102F, 102G

OTHER (NOT FYS)
BIOL 360, 370
GEOL 200, 300

GE Courses Not in Buckets #1-#6 or FYS

ANTH 356, 356H
BIOL 309, 309H, 310, 360, 370
CHEM 101, 514, 545, 661
GEOG 235
GEOL 200, 235, 300, 310, 574C
HNRS 153B, 153T, 307C
HP 330
MATH 144, 242, 242H, 243, 243H, 344, 344H, 531
MLS 430
PC 105
PHS 101
PHYS 131, 395
STAT 370, 460, 571, 572, 576

Differences From Current WSU GE

The committee found in reviewing the framework that WSU's existing GE program largely complied with the new policy. Below is a list of specific differences.

KBOR Framework Required Changes

•Each KBOR institution determines that a student has satisfied the system-wide GE requirements. KBOR mandates that a student transferring to WSU from any KBOR institution with this notation will have satisfied the requirements for GE at WSU. A student who transfers without this notation must meet WSU GE requirements.

•Total required GE credits hours are reduced from 36 to 34-35.

•The Fine Arts Discipline has merged with Humanities. Students now pick two subjects within this larger bucket.

•Math and Statistics have been separated to a distinct discipline from Natural Sciences.

•All students are required to take a NS Lab.

•There is no requirement for course number 300 and above, however they are not excluded and can still receive GE attribution.

•An additional 3 cr. hr. of social and behavioral sciences are required. Students must select from 2 subject areas in this bucket. FYS may fulfill this requirement.

Institutional Changes

•Institutional requirement of at least 3 GE cr. hr. of diversity designated coursework has been added. These may be satisfied through the discipline specific requirements including FYS.

•There is no restriction of the amount of major or program requirements which can be applied to GE, but students must fulfill the two subject requirement in buckets #5 and #6.

FAQ about Framework and Proposal

FAQ #1: What is the KBOR GE policy and what are its goals?

Full details about the KBOR Framework policy are at: https://kansasregents.org/academic_affairs/general-education.

"At the end of FY 2020, the Board expressed a strong desire to develop a more robust system-based approach to facilitate student transfer. Building on this vision, in FY 2021 and 2022, the Board established a goal to develop a system-wide general education (GE) package under a common framework. When framing this goal, the Board instructed Board staff to develop a system-based GE package that would maximize the application of credit throughout the system, simplify processes for transfer students, and remove barriers for transfer students."

FAQ #2: Does WSU have to comply with this policy?

Yes. "State universities are required to comply with every aspect of both policies."

FAQ #3: Do all programs need to comply?

There is an exceptions process which is detailed at https://kansasregents.org/academic_affairs/general-education/implementing-systemwide-ge for specific programs.

FAQ #4: Is an institution able to change or modify the bucket names?

"Common terminology and consistent themes help prospective students, current students, transfer students, academic advisors, and high school counselors connect the dots between multiple institutions. Thus, universal bucket names are a necessary component to provide an avenue to navigate GE requirements throughout the system. "

FAQ #5: What is the implementation timeline?

"At the latest, this will need to take effect on each campus for first-time students and transfer students who begin in the Fall of 2024." "Nothing prohibits an earlier implementation."

FAQ #6: What was the process to produce this proposal?

On Aug 16, 2022 the Faculty Senate President with support from the Senate Executive Committee charged the general education committee to produce a new WSU GE policy which complies with the KBOR system-wide framework. A subcommittee consisting of 4 members of the GE committee, a representative from the registars office, the Associate VP for Academic affairs, and a representative from LAS advising was formed to produce the policy and met 5 times. This policy was then approved on Jan 23, 2023 by the full GE committee to bring forward to the Faculty Senate for consideration.

FAQ #7: What is the overall strategy in drafting the new policy?

The KBOR framework leaves little room for variation except in the institutional bucket (#7). In general we aimed for compliance and maximal flexibility while supporting the unique FYS and diversity components of our existing program.

FAQ #8: Does the University maintain its authority to approve individual courses for GE?

Yes. We will continue to approve GE coursework following the existing GE process. We also have the authority to set the discipline for each approved course.

FAQ #9: How will the diversity attribute be determined for GE courses?

The GE committee recommends the formation of a standing diversity committee to review the diversity attribute for all courses including GE courses.

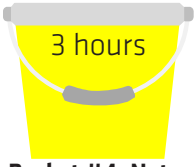
Sample GE Programs

Sample General GE Completed at WSU

Bucket #1: English Discipline Area

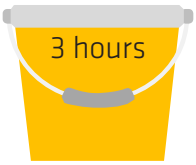
English 100 - 3 hours
English 102 - 3 hours

Bucket #2: Communication Discipline Area



Communication 111 - 3 hours

Bucket #3: Mathematics & Statistics Discipline Area

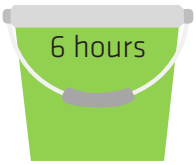


Math 111 - 3 hours

Bucket #4: Natural & Physical Sciences Discipline Area

GEOL 111 - 4 hours

Bucket #5: Social & Behavioral Sciences Discipline Area



Choose from at Least Two Subject Areas:
SOC 316 - 3 Hours **(DIVERSITY REQ.)**
PSY 111 - 3 Hours

Bucket #7: Institutionally Designated Area

Any approved GE - 3 hours
Any approved GE - 3 hours

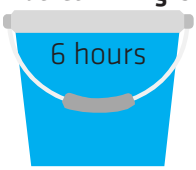
Bucket # 6: Arts and Humanities Discipline Area

FYEN 102P - 3 hours **(FYS REQ.)**
PHIL 100 - 3 Hours

34 GE hours total, FYS and Diversity fulfilled in Bucket #5 and #6

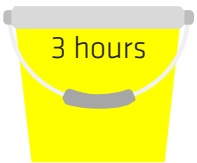
Sample Engineering GE Completed at WSU

Bucket #1: English Discipline Area



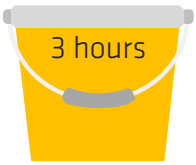
English 100 - 3 hours
English 102 - 3 hours

Bucket #2: Communication Discipline Area



Communication 111 - 3 hours

Bucket #3: Mathematics & Statistics Discipline Area

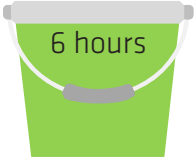


Math 242 - 5 hours
(REQUIRED BY ENG.)

Bucket #4: Natural & Physical Sciences Discipline Area

CHEM 211 - 5 hours
(REQUIRED BY ENG.)

Bucket #5: Social & Behavioral Sciences Discipline Area



FYET 102A 316 - 3 Hours **(FYS REQ.)**
(REQUIRED BY ENG.)

ECON 201 - 3 hours
(REQUIRED BY ENG.)

Bucket #7: Institutionally Designated Area

PHYS 313 - 4 hours
(REQUIRED BY ENG.)

MATH 243 - 5 hours
(REQUIRED BY ENG.)

Bucket # 6: Arts and Humanities Discipline Area

PHIL 385 - 3 hours **(DIVERSITY REQ.)**
(REQUIRED BY ENG.)

THEA 143 - 3 hours

40 GE hours total, FYS and Diversity fulfilled in Bucket #5 and #6. 28 hours required by Engineering.