

General Education Implementation

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General Education Framework



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

6 hours

English 100 or 101 and English 102

Bucket #2: Communication Discipline Area

3 hours

Communication 111

Bucket #3: Mathematics & Statistics Discipline Area

3 hours

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

4-5 hours

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

6 hours

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

6 hours

3 hours of First-Year Seminar***
 (FYS may ONLY count for GE credit in Bucket #7)

3 GE hours with Diversity designation
 (May be satisfied by #4-#6 requirement)
 If diversity requirement is 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

6 hours

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.

Implementation Steps Completed

1. Review of existing approved GE courses to insure appropriate placement in each of the 7 Buckets. Review includes the courses that are not appropriate for Buckets 1-6, because they are not discipline specific, or science courses that have no lab, but may be used in Bucket 7 by students needing a substitute for First Year Seminar or Diversity course. To be completed by May 15, to be submitted by June 1.
2. Review of all program requirements to identify majors that may need an exception to a bucket requirement. To be completed by July 15 for submission by July 30.
3. Review of all program requirements to identify majors that require courses with GE attribute that transfer students will have to take regardless of GE completion. To be completed by July 15 for submission by July 30.
4. Begin work in departments/colleges to submit required program changes through the established curriculum process. Begin in 2023 Fall semester, with completion of Curricular change process by Dec 15, 2023.
5. Fall 2023. Begin process of degree audit changes in Banner system. To be completed by Jan 30, 2024.

Implementation Steps In Process

1. Update all major degree check-sheets to new GE requirements.
2. Update all university/college/department websites regarding GE requirements.
3. Completion of Degree Maps for all programs
4. Revise UG Catalog to conform to curricular changes
5. Transcript notation revision to include completion of GE
6. Math Pathways
7. English Pathways

Implementation

KBOR Actions and Pending

- Course Lists for each bucket approved
 - New and revised course list submitted for approval February 1
- Exceptions Requests
 - All approved except Dental Hygiene
 - Approval of Exception Requests for 1 year (conditional approval)
 - Elementary Education blanket approval after statewide institutional agreement
 - Engineering Blanket approval
- KBOR is creating 4 groups to create 60 credit systemwide transfer agreement
 - Business Administration
 - Nursing
 - Computer Science
 - Social Work

Future Work

- Revised Course list currently with KBOR for approval by March 1
- New requests for exceptions due May 31
- Annual process for reviewing Course lists to be developed by KBOR
- Implementation of Math and English Pathways
- WSU General Education Committee review of WSU General Education.