

# General Education Options

## 1000/2000 Level



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### *What is General Education?*

- General Education allows you to explore a broad range of subjects which will help you become a well-rounded student.
  - There are 7 competency areas under General Education (some grouped together): Humanities and Fine Arts, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Health Promotion and Health-Related Physical Activity, Written Communication, Mathematics, and General Education Elective.
  - Every student must complete 40 hours of general education before graduation.
  - **As this is your first semester, you have plenty of time to complete these.**
  - Not all courses are taught each semester.
  - Each course is 3 credits unless otherwise noted.
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### Key Terms

*Higher education is full of terms that you may not know or understand. Here are a few to assist in the process of registering for General Education courses. If you come across any that are not listed here, don't be afraid to "Google" them!*

**Course Subject:** Also referred to as "Course Prefixes," this is an abbreviation of an area of study.

For example, ENGL is the Course Subject for English

For the full list of ECU course prefixes, [click here](#).

**Course Number:** A course number allows colleges to organize their course catalog. Each course is assigned a number.

For example, ENGL 1100. The course number "1100" represents Foundations of College Writing (the course title).

**Class Sections:** Also referred to as Course Sections, a section number identifies a particular section of a course. There are multiple sections of courses offered each semester. Each section may have a different professor or delivery method, and the section number marks this.

Example: ENGL 1100 **Section 005**  
Meets Monday, Wednesday, Friday (MWF)  
8:00 AM to 8:50 AM

**Course Level:** Course levels reflect the increasing difficulty of a course, as well as whether that course is undergraduate, graduate, or doctorate level.

0001-0999 are Remedial Courses\*  
1000-1999 are Freshman Courses  
2000-2999 are Sophomore Courses

*\*Remedial courses allow you to build skills to be successful in college-level coursework, but they generally do not count toward your degree/major.*

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Course Designations: Also known as Attributes, course designations indicate types of courses:  
For example: GE=General Education \*\*  
WI=Writing Intensive

\*\*GE courses will also have a designation of the competency area they relate to, such as HU (Humanities) or SO (Social Science).

Delivery Method: The delivery method refers to how the course meets, whether it is face to face (traditional/on-campus) or online (distance education).

### Online Options

Asynchronous: Online Asynchronous courses do not require students to attend online at a certain time/day. They allow you access and complete the course on your time.

Synchronous: Online Synchronous courses requires all students to attend class on a certain day, at a certain time, though still online and not on-campus.

Term: Also referred to as “semester”, an academic term refers to the length of time students are enrolled in a specific course. The main “terms” in higher education are Fall, Summer, and Spring. Within each term, there are additional options for accelerated (shorter) courses.

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## How to search for General Education Courses

1. Log into Pirate Port and select “REGISTRATION & PLANNING.”
2. Select “BROWSE CLASS SECTIONS” and select appropriate term:  
Example: Fall 2023
3. Enter search criteria as needed. You can filter by any of the following
  - a. Subject
    - You can search for multiple subjects at a time, but the more subjects you search, the more results you’ll get. If you are overwhelmed by your options, just search one subject at a time.
  - b. Course Number
    - You can leave the course number blank if you want to search for all courses in a particular subject, or you can put in the specific course number, such as 1100 for ENGL 1100.
  - c. Level
    - Choose undergraduate.
  - d. Attribute
    - You do not have to put in this option, but you are able to search by Course Designation.
  - e. Delivery methods
    - If you specifically want only face-to-face courses, or online courses, then you may choose that option here to narrow your search.
  - f. Term
    - If you’d like, you may narrow by **full term**, **first 8-week block**, or **second 8-week block**.
    - Keep in mind that accelerated (first and second blocks) still have the same amount of material as full term courses, just at a faster pace.
  - g. Optional: Check “Open Sections Only”
    - You can check the “open sections only” box to see only sections that have seats available.

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### Competency Areas

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| <b>Mathematics</b>   | <p>Not everyone will take math in their first semester.</p> <p>Consult the PIER Registration Worksheet for the math specific to your major.</p> <p>Choices include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MATH 1050 Explorations in Mathematics;</li> <li>• MATH 1065 College Algebra;</li> <li>• MATH 2228 Elementary Statistics; or</li> <li>• PHIL 1500 Introduction to Logic</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Written Communication</b>                                 | <p>Not everyone will take English in their first semester.</p> <p>ENGL 1100 and ENGL 2201 are both required to satisfy the Written Communication competency area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ENGL 1100 Foundations of College Writing (<i>taken some time in first year</i>)</li> <li>• ENGL 2201 Writing about the Disciplines (<i>taken some time in 2<sup>nd</sup> year</i>)</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Health Promotion and Health-Related Physical Activity</b> | <p>Not everyone will take these courses in their first year.</p> <p>A minimum of three (3) hours are required to graduate.</p> <p>Take</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HLTH 1000 Health in Modern Society <b>and</b></li> <li>• KINE 1000 Lifetime Physical Activity <b>or</b></li> <li>• RCTX 2200 Principles and Practices in Stress Management</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Humanities and Fine Arts</b>                              | <p>Nine (9) hours of HU and FA combined are required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You must have at least one HU course and one FA course.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ You will then take an additional HU or FA course to complete this competency.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Click here</a> to go directly to Humanities course options.<br/> <a href="#">Click here</a> to go directly to Fine Arts course options.</p> |
| <b>Social Sciences</b>                                       | <p>Nine (9) hours are required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You must pick from two different disciplines (subjects).</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Click here</a> to go directly to Social Science course options.</p>   |
| <b>Natural Sciences</b>                                      | <p>Seven (7) hours of Natural Science courses are required.</p> <p>Some majors require specific courses not on the list. Consult the Undergraduate Catalog for major specific courses.</p> <p><a href="#">Click here</a> to go directly to Natural Science course options.</p>  |
| <b>General Education Elective</b>                            | <p>Pick an additional three (3) hours from a course designated as HU, FA, MA, SC, or SO.</p>  |

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## Additional Requirements

- Some majors require specific General Education course options.
  - Use this document **with** the PIER Guide of your intended major to make sure you're choosing the appropriate General Education courses.
- Remember, when you attend Orientation, you'll have the opportunity to meet with an advisor. If you need to make schedule changes, you will have an option to do so before the semester begins.

## Writing Intensive

- You must complete a total of 4 Writing Intensive (WI) courses. ENGL 1100 and 2201 are two of the four required, and first semester freshmen should not worry about additional WI courses until future terms.
  - You are advised to only taken one WI course a semester.

## Foreign Language

- Foreign Language is NOT a General Education requirement.
- Most BA degrees require foreign language through level 4.
- If your major requires language, you should start early to ensure you complete the requirement by the time you graduate.
- ECU offers the following languages:
  - French
  - German
  - Greek
  - Japanese
  - Latin
  - Russian
  - Spanish

You may need a placement test to determine your foreign language placement. Visit [www.ecu.edu/foreign](http://www.ecu.edu/foreign) for placement test information.

*Continue to next page for specific humanities, fine arts, natural science, and social science course options.*

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## HUMANITIES (must have at least 1 humanity)

### Classical Studies

CLAS 1300 Greek and Latin  
CLAS 1500 Classical Mythology  
CLAS 1600 Sex, Spells & Sacrifices: Religion in Classical World  
CLAS 2000 Intro to Classics  
CLAS 2220 Great Works of Ancient Lit: Greece  
CLAS 2230 Great Works of Ancient Lit: Rome  
CLAS 2400 Women in Classical Antiquity  
CLAS 2500 Greek Tragedy in Translation

### English

ENGL 1000 Appreciating Literature  
ENGL 1500 Topics in Words, Images, and Ideas  
ENGL 2000 Interpreting Literature  
ENGL 2100 Major British Writers (WI)  
ENGL 2200 Major American Writers (WI)  
ENGL 2230 Southern Literature  
ENGL 2260 Topics Contemporary African American Cultural Texts  
ENGL 2400 World Literature in English (WI)  
ENGL 2420 Short Story  
ENGL 2470 Topics in Popular Literature  
ENGL 2480 Science Fiction  
ENGL 2570 The Supernatural  
ENGL 2630 The Bible as Literature

### Ethnic Studies

ETHN 2001 Intro to Ethnic Studies

### Film Studies

FILM 2900 Intro to Film Studies

### Global Studies

GLST 1000 Intro to Global Studies  
GLST 1050 Dis/Order @the Border  
GLST 1060 Global Understanding through literature  
GLST 1551 Intro to Russia: Land of the  
GLST 1662 Intro to Hispanic Studies  
GLST 2000 Fashion Representations in Culture  
GLST 2220 Sci-Fi: East and West  
GLST 2520 Special Topics in Global Cinema  
GLST 2600 The Holocaust  
GLST 2665 Don Quixote  
GLST 2680 Fairy Tales

### Great Books

GRBK 2000 Intro to the Great Books  
GRBK 2010 Great Books of Modern China  
GRBK 2400 Great Books of the Middle Ages & Renaissance (WI)  
GRBK 2500 Great Books of the Enlightenment (WI)

### History

HIST 1030 World Civilizations to 1500  
HIST 1031 World Civilizations since 1500  
HIST 1050 American History to 1877  
HIST 1051 American History since 1877  
HIST 2300 Passion and Sex in Asian History

### International Studies

INTL 2003 Intro to Chinese Culture

### Language Studies:

LING 2700 Intro to Language Studies  
LING 2720 Invented Languages  
LING 2740 Language in the USA

### Medieval and Renaissance Studies:

MRST 2000 Intro to Medieval and Renaissance Studies  
MRST 2400 Intro to Medieval Studies  
MRST 2500 Intro to Renaissance Studies

### Philosophy

PHIL 1110 Intro to Philosophy  
PHIL 1175 Intro to Ethics  
PHIL 1176 Intro to Social and Political Philosophy  
PHIL 1180 Critical Reasoning  
PHIL 1290 Intro to Philosophy of Religion  
PHIL 1300 Great Philosophers from Antiquity to Present  
PHIL 1500 Intro to Logic  
(also counts as math requirement)  
PHIL 2261 Intro to Philosophy of Science  
PHIL 2271 Intro to Philosophy of Art  
PHIL 2274 Business Ethics  
PHIL 2275 Professional Ethics  
PHIL 2280 Intro to Philosophy of Sport  
PHIL 2282 Philosophy of Law  
PHIL2453Existentialismand Phenomenology  
PHIL2455 Introduction to Africana Philosophy  
PHIL 3281 Intro Phil Ethics in Health Care

### Religious Studies

RELI 1000 Intro to Religious Studies  
RELI 1500 Use and Abuse of the Bible  
RELI 1600 Sex, Spells & Sacrifices: Religion in Classical World  
RELI 1690 World Religions  
RELI 2340 Religion & Science  
RELI 2350 Religion & Sexuality  
RELI 2400 Religion and Film  
RELI 2691 Classical Islam  
RELI 2692 Buddhism  
RELI 2693 Hinduism  
RELI 2694 Indigenous Religions  
RELI 2695 Intro to Old Testament  
RELI 2696 Intro to New Testament  
RELI 2697 Judaism

### Russian Studies

RUSI 2001 Intro to Russian Studies (taught in English)  
RUSS 2120 Intro to Russian Culture (taught in English)

### Theatre Arts

THEA 2235 Global Theater

## FINE ARTS (must have at least 1 fine art)

### Art and Design

ART 1001 Color and Design  
ART 1105 Ceramics Appreciation  
ART 1250 Digital Photography for non-art majors  
ART 1827 Photography Changes Everything  
ART 1910 Art Appreciation

### Communication

COMM 2020 Fundamentals of Speech  
COMM 2410 Public Speaking

### Dance

DNCE 1000 Intro to Dance  
DNCE 1001 Fundamentals of Ballet  
DNCE 3703 International Ballroom & Folk Dance Styles

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## English

ENGL 2815 Intro to Creative Writing

## Ethnic Studies

ETHN 2003 Intro to Ethnic Studies

## Music

MUSC 1008 Music Theory for non-music majors

MUSC 1018 Music Reading & Fundamentals for non-music majors  
(2 s.h.)

MUSC 1208 Non-music major group piano I (*must contact instructor*)

MUSC 1308 Non-music major group guitar I (1 s.h.)

MUSC 1625 Concert Choir (*audition -contact instructor*) (1 s.h.)

MUSC 1635 University Chorale (*audition -contact instructor*) (1 s.h.)

MUSC 1705 Marching Band

MUSC 1715 Concert Band (1 s.h.)

MUSC 2207 Enjoyment of Music

MUSC 2249 Music in World Cultures

MUSC 2257 Jazz Appreciation

## Russian Studies

RUSI 2003 Intro to Russian Studies  
(*taught in English*)

## Theatre Arts

THEA 1000 Intro to Theater

THEA 1010 Intro to Acting

*\*typically open to non-majors in spring*

THEA 2015 Voice & Articulation

*\*typically open to non-majors in spring.*

## NATURAL SCIENCE (7 hours; at least 1 lab)

### Sciences with labs

(*must have at least 1 lab science to graduate*)

#### Anthropology

ANTH 2015/2016 Intro to Biological Anthropology (3,1)

#### Biology

BIOL 1050/1051 General Biology (3,1)

BIOL 1060/1061 Environmental Biology (3,1)

BIOL 2015/2016 Intro to Biological Anthropology (3,1)

#### Geography

GEOG 1250/1251 Water & Environment (3,1)

#### Geology

GEOL 1500/1501 Dynamic Earth (3,1)

GEOL 1550/1551 Oceanography (3,1)

#### Physics

PHYS 1080/1081 Physics & Universe/Astronomy (3,1)

### Sciences without labs

#### Atmospheric Science

ATMO 1300 **or**

GEOG 1300 Weather & Climate

#### Chemistry

CHEM 1020 General Descriptive Chemistry

#### Environmental Health Science

EHST 2110 Intro to Environmental Health Science

## Geology

GEOL 1010 Geology Goes to Hollywood: Natural Disasters

GEOL 1600 Earth & Life through time

GEOL 1700 Environmental Geology

GEOL 1800 Geology of National Parks

## Physics

PHYS 1050 Physics & Environment

## SOCIAL SCIENCE (9 hours; 2 disciplines)

#### African and African American Studies

AAAS 1000 Intro to African and African American Studies

#### Anthropology

ANTH 1000 Intro to Anthropology

ANTH 1001 Aliens, Atlantis and Archaeology

ANTH 1050 Global Understanding

ANTH 1200 *Special Topics. Varies by semester*

ANTH 2000 Archaeology Around the World

ANTH 2005 Environmental Anthropology

ANTH 2010 Societies Around the World

ANTH 2025 Sexual Behavior/ANTH Perspective

ANTH 2200 Cultural Anthropology

ANTH 2250 Race & Ethnic Relations

#### Communication

COMM 1001 Intro to Communications

#### Economics

ECON 2113 Principles of Microeconomics

ECON 2133 Principles of Macroeconomics (pre-req: ECON 2113)

#### Ethnic Studies

ETHN 2002 Intro to Ethnic Studies

#### Gender Studies

GENS 2400 Intro to Gender Studies

#### Geography

GEOG 1000 People, Places, and Environments

GEOG 2003 Geography in the Global Economy

GEOG 2019 Geography of Recreation

GEOG 2100 World Geography: Developed regions

GEOG 2110 World Geography: Less developed regions

GEOG 2300 Environment and Society

GEOG 2350 Climate Change: Science and Society

GERO/HDFS/SOCW 2400 Intro to Gerontology

#### History

HIST 2012 American Business History

HIST 2150 Shop Til You Drop: Consumerism

HIST 2444 History of Sports in Western Society

#### Human Development and Family Science

HDFS 1103 Individual, Family, and Romantic Relationships

#### International Studies

INTL 1000 Intro to International Studies

#### Linguistics

LING/COMM 2050 English for Global Communication

LING 2710 English Grammar

#### Planning

PLAN 1900 Sustainable Cities

PLAN 2030 Global Cities

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### Political Science

POLS 1010 National Government  
POLS 1050 Politics and Global Understanding  
POLS 2010 Intro to Comparative Gov't and Politics  
POLS 2020 International Relations

### Psychology

PSYC 1000 Intro to Psychology  
PSYC 2777 Ethnocultural Psychology (pre-req: PSYC 1000)

### Recreation Sciences

RCSC 2601 Leisure in Society

### Russian Studies

RUSI 2002 Intro to Russian Studies (taught in English)

### Security Studies

SECS 1000 Intro to Security Studies

### Sociology

SOCI 1010 Race, Gender, Class  
SOCI 1025 Courtship and Marriage  
SOCI 1050 Global Understanding: Sociological perspectives  
SOCI 2110 Intro to Sociology  
SOCI 2111 Modern Social Problems