

Purpose

The Virginia State University (VSU) General Education Program is founded on the principles of academic excellence and personal growth and comprises the core curriculum for all baccalaureate degrees offered by the institution. Driven by the University's Mission and Principles, the program endeavors to develop engaged, enlightened, productive citizens in a changing world.

The course framework represents a balanced menu of courses designed to enhance core skill sets, including synthesis and analysis of information; problem solving through structures, organizations and systems; understanding of global/cultural and historical contexts; research; and effective communication skills.

Authority, Responsibility, and Duties

In general, the Faculty Senate, through the Curriculum and Academic Issues Committee (CAIC) and the Provost, who has final authority over curriculum matters, establishes the governance body of the General Education Program. The Faculty Senate is responsible for the following areas: academic programs, teaching and pedagogy, and the student's catalogs. The committee will formulate and recommend policies on curricular requirements, instructional standards, academic and instructional research, and the standards for all educational programs of the University including General Education (GE).

Policy Statements

Provisions and Requirements

1. The minimum requirements for successful completion of the General Education program (History, Humanities, Global Studies, English, Literature, Wellness/Health, Mathematics, Social Science and Science, respectively) is a minimum of 33 credit hours.
2. Departments (majors) may require additional credit hours to satisfy certain specialized accreditation agency requirements.
3. Student may use one course simultaneously to satisfy a requirement for general education and their major discipline; however, students may not use one course to satisfy more than one general education course requirement.
4. The minimum grade required for successful completion of English 110 and 111 (Composition I and II) is a "C."
5. The General Education Monitoring Sub-Committee of the CAIC - GE will approve courses that satisfy the different disciplines of the General Education Program.
6. Departments may decide to allow students to choose from the list of courses for each GE discipline or select a specific course.

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Policies Manual

Title: General Education Curriculum

Policy: 2203

The General Education Program consists of the below requirements. Some majors may require additional credit hours/courses:

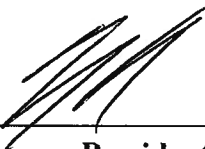
- a. English (composition) - 6 semester hours
- b. History – 3 semester hours
- c. Humanities – 3 semester hours
- d. Global Studies - 3 semester hours
- e. Literature - 3 semester hours
- f. Wellness/Health – 2 semester hours
- g. Mathematics – 6 semester hours
- h. Social Science - 3 semester hours
- i. Natural Science and Lab – 4 semester hours

References

VSU Undergraduate Catalog 2015-2016, pages 54 - 60

VSU Faculty Handbook and Academic Procedures Manual (2013 Edition), pages 28 - 29

Approved By: _____



President

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