

THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

GEN ED REFRESH

An Overview

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Curriculum

The new GE Curriculum (in gray) consists of Entry, Core, and Exit courses. Students add 4 Emphasis attributes to Core Courses.

Entry Courses



Intro to GE Experience

1 unit

Core Courses



Exploring Perspectives

12 units

Exit Course



Portfolio

1 unit



Foundations

9 units (variable)



Building Connections

9 units

Emphases are taken in the Core Courses aspect of the curriculum.



Entry & Exit Courses

The new GE curriculum introduces and develops interdisciplinary thinking, perspective-taking, and reflection, culminating in an ePortfolio.

Introduction to the GE Experience

1 unit. A course introducing students to General Education & its conceptual foundations (interdisciplinary thinking, perspective-taking, reflection on learning).

GE Portfolio

1 unit. A course designed to help students reflect upon and make meaning of the General Education experience through the refinement of their ePortfolio.



Core Courses

Core Courses replace Tier 1 and Tier 2 categories. Core Courses shift learning goals from acquiring disciplinary knowledge (what we know) to practicing perspective-taking (how we reason and work) within and across various disciplines. Core Courses can be taken in any order.

Exploring Perspectives (EP)

12 units, 4 courses. EP courses introduce students to ways of thinking, knowing, and doing in different disciplines within the broad identities of the Artist, Humanist, Natural Scientist, and Social Scientist.

Building Connections (BC)

9 units, 3 courses. BC courses bring together modes of thinking from two or more disciplines and/or perspectives in order to foster more comprehensive understanding of questions, ideas, challenges, and/or problems.



Emphases

The new GE curriculum adds emphases when a course focuses on one or more skills, methodologies, and/or contexts that frame the course content.

Diversity & Equity (D&E)

6 units, 2 courses. The D&E Emphasis focuses on one or more marginalized population and explores issues of inequality, power, and social justice.

Quantitative Reasoning

6 units, 2 courses. The QR Emphasis challenges students to generate, analyze, and/or interpret quantitative information to construct coherent and evidence-based arguments.

World Cultures & Societies (WCS)

3 units, 1 course. The WCS Emphasis explores the perspectives, impact, interactions and change within one or more cultures outside U.S. contexts.

Writing

6 units, 2 courses. The Writing Emphasis incorporates meaningful writing activities.



ABOR Outcomes

ABOR Outcome

Communication, rhetoric,
composition

Quantitative reasoning

Literature, fine arts, humanities,
natural sciences, social sciences

American Institutions

Course(s) Satisfying Outcome

English Composition I and II
(Foundations); Writing Emphasis

Mathematics; Quantitative
Reasoning Emphasis

Exploring Perspectives (Artist,
Humanist, Natural Scientist, Social
Scientist

Diversity & Equity Emphasis;
Exploring Perspectives (Humanities);
Building Connections