

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Associate's Degree

The New Mexico General Education Requirements

General Education at NMSU provides all students with a broad foundation and common framework upon which to develop knowledge and skills, social consciousness and respect for self and others, thus enabling them to function responsibly and effectively now and in the future. General education courses at NMSU can be identified by the G suffix.

In accordance to state law ([Post-Secondary Education Articulation Act](#)), the New Mexico Higher Education Department has established a state-wide model for General Education. Within the General Education model, is nine credits of electives that will be determined at an institutional level. The current approved NMSU General Education courses are listed below under each of the six general education areas.

Prefix	Title	Credits
Area I: Communications		10
Select one course from each sub group:		
<i>English Composition-Level 1</i>		
ENGL 1110G	Composition I	
ENGL 1110H	Composition I Honors	
ENGL 1110M	Composition I Multilingual	
<i>English Composition-Level 2</i>		
ENGL 2130G	Advanced Composition	
ENGL 2210G	Professional & Technical Communication	
ENGL 2210H	Professional and Technical Communication Honors	
ENGL 2210M	Professional and Technical Communication for Multilingual Students	
ENGL 2215G	Advanced Technical and Professional Communication	
ENGL 2221G	Writing in the Humanities and Social Science	
<i>Oral Communication</i>		
AXED 2120G	Effective Leadership and Communication in Agriculture	
COMM 1115G	Introduction to Communication	
COMM 1130G	Public Speaking	
HNRS 2175G	Introduction to Communications Honors	
Area II: Mathematics		3-4
MATH 1130G	Survey of Mathematics	
MATH 1220G	College Algebra	
MATH 1250G	Trigonometry & Pre-Calculus	
MATH 1350G	Introduction to Statistics	
MATH 1430G	Applications of Calculus I	
MATH 1511G	Calculus and Analytic Geometry I	
MATH 1521G	Calculus and Analytic Geometry II	
MATH 1521H	Calculus and Analytic Geometry II Honors	
MATH 2134G	Fundamentals of Elementary Math II	
MATH 2350G	Statistical Methods	
MATH 2530G	Calculus III	
Area III/IV: Laboratory Sciences and Social/Behavioral Sciences ¹		10-11
<i>Area III: Laboratory Sciences</i>		
AGRO 1110G/ HORT 1115G	Introduction to Plant Science (Lecture & Lab)	

ANTH 1135G & ANTH 1135L	Introduction to Biological Anthropology and Introduction to Biological Anthropology Lab
ASTR 1115G	Introduction Astro (lec+lab)
ASTR 1120G	The Planets
BIOL 1120G & BIOL 1120L	Human Biology and Human Biology Laboratory
BIOL 1130G	Introductory Anatomy & Physiology (non-majors)
BIOL 1190G	Contemporary Problems in Biology
BIOL 2110G & BIOL 2110L	Principles of Biology: Cellular and Molecular Biology and Principles of Biology: Cellular and Molecular Biology Laboratory
BIOL 2610G & BIOL 2610L	Principles of Biology: Biodiversity, Ecology, and Evolution and Principles of Biology: Biodiversity, Ecology, and Evolution Laboratory
C S 171G	Introduction to Computer Science
CHEM 1120G	Introduction to Chemistry Lecture and Laboratory (non majors)
CHEM 1215G	General Chemistry I Lecture and Laboratory for STEM Majors
CHEM 1225G	General Chemistry II Lecture and Laboratory for STEM Majors
ENVS 1110G	Environmental Science I
FSTE 2110G	Food Science I
FWCE 1110G	Introduction to Natural Resources Management
GEOG 1110G	Physical Geography
GEOL 1110G	Physical Geology
HNRS 1135G & HNRS 1135L	Introduction to Biological Anthropology and Introduction to Biological Anthropology Lab
HNRS 2116G	Earth, Time and Life
PHYS 1115G	Survey of Physics with Lab
PHYS 1125G	Physics of Music
PHYS 1230G & PHYS 1230L	Algebra-Based Physics I and Algebra-Based Physics I Lab
PHYS 1240G & PHYS 1240L	Algebra-Based Physics II and Algebra-Based Physics II Lab
PHYS 1310G & PHYS 1310L	Calculus -Based Physics I and Calculus -Based Physics I Lab
PHYS 1320G & PHYS 1320L	Calculus -Based Physics II and Calculus -Based Physics II Lab
PHYS 2230G & PHYS 2230L	General Physics for Life Science I and Laboratory to General Physics for Life Science I
PHYS 2240G & PHYS 2240L	General Physics for Life Science II and Laboratory to General Physics for Life Science II
<i>Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences</i>	
AEEC/FSTE 2130G	Survey of Food and Agricultural Issues
ANTH 1115G	Introduction to Anthropology
ANTH 1137G	Human Ancestors
ANTH 1140G	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
ANTH 1160G	World Archaeology
ANTH 2140G	Indigenous Peoples of North America
CEPY 1120G	Human Growth and Behavior
CJUS 1110G	Introduction to Criminal Justice
ECON 1110G	Survey of Economics

ECON 2110G	Macroeconomic Principles
ECON 2110H	Principles of Macroeconomics Honors
ECON 2120G	Microeconomics Principles
ECON 2120H	Principles of Microeconomics Honors
GEOG 1120G	World Regional Geography
GEOG 1130G	Human Geography
GNDR 2110G	Introduction to Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
GNDR 2120G	Representing Women Across Cultures
HNRS 2161G	Window of Humanity
HNRS 2170G	The Human Mind
HNRS 2172G	Archaeology: Search for the Past
HNRS 2174G	American Politics in a Changing World
HNRS 2180G	Citizen and State Great Political Issues
HRTM 1120G	Introduction to Tourism
JOUR 105G	Media and Society
LING 2110G	Introduction to the Study of Language and Linguistics
PHLS 1110G	Personal Health & Wellness
POLS 1110G	Introduction to Political Science
POLS 1120G	American National Government
POLS 1130G	Issues in American Politics
POLS 2120G	International Relations
PSYC 1110G	Introduction to Psychology
SOCI 1110G	Introduction to Sociology
SOCI 2310G	Contemporary Social Problems
SOWK 2110G	Introduction to Human Services & Social Work
Area V: Humanities	3
AFST 1110G	Introduction to Africana Studies
AFST 2110G	African American History
AFST 2140G	Black Women in the African Diaspora
ENGL 1410G	Introduction to Literature
ENGL 2520G	Film as Literature
ENGL 2650G	World Literature I
HIST 1105G	Making History
HIST 1110G	United States History I
HIST 1120G	United States History II
HIST 1130G	World History I
HIST 1140G	World History II
HIST 1150G	Western Civilization I
HIST 1160G	Western Civilization II
HIST 2245G	Islamic Civilizations to 1800
HIST 2246G	Islamic Civilizations since 1800
HIST 2250G	East Asia to 1600
HIST 2251G	East Asia since 1600
HNRS 2110G	The Present in the Past: Contemporary Issues and their Historical Roots
HNRS 2117G	The World of the Renaissance: Discovering the Modern
HNRS 2120G	Foundations of Western Culture
HNRS 2140G	Plato and the Discovery of Philosophy
HNRS 2141G	Bamboo and Silk: The Fabric of Chinese Literature
HNRS 2145G	Celtic Literature
HNRS 2160G	New Testament as Literature
HNRS 2171G	The Worlds of Arthur
HNRS 2173G	Middle Ages

HNRS 2185G	Democracies, Despots and Daily Life
HNRS 2190G	Claiming a Multiracial Past
PHIL 1115G	Introduction to Philosophy
PHIL 1120G	Logic, Reasoning, & Critical Thinking
PHIL 1140G	Quest for God
PHIL 1145G	Philosophy, Law, and Ethics
PHIL 1155G	Philosophy of Music
PHIL 2110G	Introduction to Ethics
PHIL 2230G	Philosophical Thought
Area VI: Creative and Fine Arts	3
ARTH 1115G	Orientation in Art
ARTH 2110G	History of Art I
ARTH 2120G	History of Art II
ARTS 1145G	Visual Concepts
DANC 1110G	Dance Appreciation
ENGL 2310G	Introduction to Creative Writing
HNRS 2114G	Music in Time and Space
HNRS 2115G	Encounters with Art
HNRS 2130G	Shakespeare on Film
HNRS 2178G	Theatre: Beginnings to Broadway
MUSC 1110G	Music Appreciation: Jazz
MUSC 1130G	Music Appreciation: Western Music
THEA 1110G	Introduction to Theatre
THEA 1210G	Acting for Non-Majors
General Education Elective	3-4
This requirement can be met with any "G" course in any area, excluding Area I: Communications and any crosslisted courses, that exceeds the minimum requirement.	
or	
ENGR 100G	Introduction to Engineering
or ENGR 100GH	Introduction to Engineering Honors
Total Credits	32-35

¹ For Area III: Laboratory Sciences and Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences, students **must** take one course from each for a total of 7 credits. Students will then take an additional course in either Area III or Area IV for 3-4 credits depending on the students selection (i.e. Area III is 4 credits, Area IV is 3 credits).

Alternatives for Meeting General Education Requirements (9 credit hour rule)

Students taking nine or more credits in a specific subject area, even though the courses are not designated as General Education courses, will have met the general education requirements for that subject area. The courses can meet both major and general education requirements for the degree. For example, a student may complete [ARTS 2610](#) Drawing II, [ARTS 1240](#) Design I and [ARTS 1250](#) Design II (9 hours) and thereby satisfy one course from the Area VI: Creative and Fine Arts category even though none of those courses carries a G suffix. Please check with the Center for Academic Advising and Student Support.