

General Education (GE) Requirements 2021-2022

Ohio State's General Education (GE) requirements are an integral part of an Ohio State education. General Education provides the development of knowledge, perception, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand society's traditions and past, its accomplishments and aspirations, its relation and responsibility to the natural world, its diversity and plurality, and its problems and needs. The goal is for students to attain a sense of self within society that invites a continuing desire and ability to learn and work with others for future realization of the human potential.

Writing (2 courses)

Goal – Develop skills in writing, reading, critical thinking and oral expression.

First Course - 1110.OX

Second Course - 1 Course

African-American & African Studies 2367.01•, 2367.02, 2367.04• 2367.07S•

Agricultural Communication 2367•

Animal Sciences 2367

Arabic 2367•

Art Education 2367.01•, 2367.02, 2367.03•

Communication 2367

Comparative Studies 2367.02•, 2367.04•, 2367.07•, 2367.08•

Dance 2367

Economics 2367.02

Education: Teaching and Learning 2367

Engineering 2367•, 2367.01H

English 2367.01•, 2367.02•, 2367.03, 2367.04, 2367.05• 2367.06• 2367.07S• 2367.08

Environment and Natural Resources 2367

Film Studies 2367.01, 2367.02

German 2367

Human Development and Family Science 2367

Jewish Studies 2367

Landscape Architecture 2367

Linguistics 2367.01•, 2367.02

Modern Greek 2367•

Nursing 2367

Pharmacy 2367.01, 2367.02

Philosophy 2367•

Physics 2367

Political Science 2367

Psychology 2367.01, 2367.02

Slavic Languages and Cultures 2367•

Sociology 2367.01H, 2367.02

Spanish 2367S

Theatre 2367.01•, 2367.02•, 2367.03•

Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies 2367.01•, 2367.02•, 2367.03•, 2367.04•

Yiddish 2367

Literature (1 course)

Goal-Interpretation and evaluation; critical listening, reading, seeing, thinking and writing

African-American and African Studies 2251▲, 2281•,2367.01•, 2367.04•, 3956▲, 4451▲

Arabic 2701▲, 2702▲, 3705

Chinese 2451▲, 4402▲, 4403▲, 4404▲

Classics 1101▲, 2220▲, 2221,2401, 3203, 3402, 3956▲

Comparative Studies 1100▲, 2101▲, 2103▲, 2104▲, 2105•, 2301▲, 2864H▲, 3603▲, 3604▲, 3606▲, 3608▲

Education: Teaching and Learning 2368, 3356

English 2201▲,2201H, 2202▲, 2202H▲, 2220▲, 2260, 2261, 2262, 2275, 2280, 2281•, 2290, 2291, 2367.02•,3361,3372

French 1801▲

German 2250, 2251, 2252H▲, 2253▲, 2254, 2256, 2310, 3252▲

History 2221E

Hebrew 2700▲, 2702▲, 3703▲, 3704▲, 3708▲

Italian 2051▲, 2052▲, 2054, 3051▲

Japanese 2451▲, 2452▲

Jewish Studies 2700▲, 2702▲,3703▲, 3704▲, 3708▲,3371▲

Korean 2451▲

Medieval and Renaissance Studies 2888

Modern Greek 3710▲

Near Eastern Languages and Cultures 1125▲, 3702▲

Persian 2701▲, 3704

Philosophy 2120▲, 2465, 3210▲, 3220▲, 3230▲, 3240▲, 3250▲, 3261 3262▲

Portuguese 2150▲, 2159▲

Religious Studies 2102.01▲, 2102.02▲

Russian 2250▲

Scandinavian 2310, 3350▲, 4250, 5251

Slavic Languages and Cultures 2345▲

Spanish 2320▲, 2321▲, 2520▲

Theatre 2367.02•

Turkish 2701▲

Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies 2215,2367.01•,2367.02•,

2367.03•,2367.04•, 2702▲

Yiddish 3371▲, 3399▲

Visual and Performing Arts (1 course)

Goal – Develop capacities for aesthetic response and judgment and to evaluate significant writing and works of art.

African-American and African Studies 2270•, 2288•, 3376▲, 4571•

Architecture 3192

Art 2100, 2300, 3002, 3201H, 3555H

Art Education 1600,2367.01•, 2520

Chinese 4405▲

Comparative Studies 3607▲, 3686•

Dance 2401

East Asian Languages and Literatures 3446

English 2263, 2269, 2464

Film Studies 2270.02, 2271

French 2801

German 2451, 3254H

Hebrew 2245, 2367.01, 3205,

History 3631•

History of Art 2001▲, 2002▲, 2003▲, 2005, 2101▲, 2901▲, 3002▲, 3005, 3010H, 3211, 3521▲, 3601▲, 3603▲, 3605, 3611,3901,4421▲, 4605, 4630, 4798.01, 4810▲, 4820▲, 4825▲

Italian 2053▲, 2055

Jewish Studies 2245, 3205

Landscape Architecture 2600

Modern Greek 2680▲

Music 2250▲, 2251(H)▲, 2252, 2253, 2254, 2288•, 3342, 3343, 3345, 3347▲, 3348▲, 3349, 3350, 3360, 3364E▲, 3365, 3366, 3367, 3368, 3369, 3370, 3371, 3372, 3373, 3374, 3375, 3376, 3377, 3378, 3379, 3380, 3381, 3382, 3383, 3384, 3385, 3386, 3387, 3388, 3389, 3390, 3391, 3392, 3393, 3394, 3395, 3396, 3397, 3398, 3399, 3400, 3401, 3402, 3403, 3404, 3405, 3406, 3407, 3408, 3409, 3410, 3411, 3412, 3413, 3414, 3415, 3416, 3417, 3418, 3419, 3420, 3421, 3422, 3423, 3424, 3425, 3426, 3427, 3428, 3429, 3430, 3431, 3432, 3433, 3434, 3435, 3436, 3437, 3438, 3439, 3440, 3441, 3442, 3443, 3444, 3445, 3446, 3447, 3448, 3449, 3450, 3451, 3452, 3453, 3454, 3455, 3456, 3457, 3458, 3459, 3460, 3461, 3462, 3463, 3464, 3465, 3466, 3467, 3468, 3469, 3470, 3471, 3472, 3473, 3474, 3475, 3476, 3477, 3478, 3479, 3480, 3481, 3482, 3483, 3484, 3485, 3486, 3487, 3488, 3489, 3490, 3491, 3492, 3493, 3494, 3495, 3496, 3497, 3498, 3499, 3500, 3501, 3502, 3503, 3504, 3505, 3506, 3507, 3508, 3509, 3510, 3511, 3512, 3513, 3514, 3515, 3516, 3517, 3518, 3519, 3520, 3521, 3522, 3523, 3524, 3525, 3526, 3527, 3528, 3529, 3530, 3531, 3532, 3533, 3534, 3535, 3536, 3537, 3538, 3539, 3540, 3541, 3542, 3543, 3544, 3545, 3546, 3547, 3548, 3549, 3550, 3551, 3552, 3553, 3554, 3555, 3556, 3557, 3558, 3559, 3560, 3561, 3562, 3563, 3564, 3565, 3566, 3567, 3568, 3569, 3570, 3571, 3572, 3573, 3574, 3575, 3576, 3577, 3578, 3579, 3580, 3581, 3582, 3583, 3584, 3585, 3586, 3587, 3588, 3589, 3590, 3591, 3592, 3593, 3594, 3595, 3596, 3597, 3598, 3599, 3600, 3601, 3602, 3603, 3604, 3605, 3606, 3607, 3608, 3609, 3610, 3611, 3612, 3613, 3614, 3615, 3616, 3617, 3618, 3619, 3620, 3621, 3622, 3623, 3624, 3625, 3626, 3627, 3628, 3629, 3630, 3631, 3632, 3633, 3634, 3635, 3636, 3637, 3638, 3639, 3640, 3641, 3642, 3643, 3644, 3645, 3646, 3647, 3648, 3649, 3650, 3651, 3652, 3653, 3654, 3655, 3656, 3657, 3658, 3659, 3660, 3661, 3662, 3663, 3664, 3665, 3666, 3667, 3668, 3669, 3670, 3671, 3672, 3673, 3674, 3675, 3676, 3677, 3678, 3679, 3680, 3681, 3682, 3683, 3684, 3685, 3686, 3687, 3688, 3689, 3690, 3691, 3692, 3693, 3694, 3695, 3696, 3697, 3698, 3699, 3700, 3701, 3702, 3703, 3704, 3705, 3706, 3707, 3708, 3709, 3710, 3711, 3712, 3713, 3714, 3715, 3716, 3717, 3718, 3719, 3720, 3721, 3722, 3723, 3724, 3725, 3726, 3727, 3728, 3729, 3730, 3731, 3732, 3733, 3734, 3735, 3736, 3737, 3738, 3739, 3740, 3741, 3742, 3743, 3744, 3745, 3746, 3747, 3748, 3749, 3750, 3751, 3752, 3753, 3754, 3755, 3756, 3757, 3758, 3759, 3760, 3761, 3762, 3763, 3764, 3765, 3766, 3767, 3768, 3769, 3770, 3771, 3772, 3773, 3774, 3775, 3776, 3777, 3778, 3779, 3780, 3781, 3782, 3783, 3784, 3785, 3786, 3787, 3788, 3789, 3790, 3791, 3792, 3793, 3794, 3795, 3796, 3797, 3798, 3799, 3800, 3801, 3802, 3803, 3804, 3805, 3806, 3807, 3808, 3809, 3810, 3811, 3812, 3813, 3814, 3815, 3816, 3817, 3818, 3819, 3820, 3821, 3822, 3823, 3824, 3825, 3826, 3827, 3828, 3829, 3830, 3831, 3832, 3833, 3834, 3835, 3836, 3837, 3838, 3839, 3840, 3841, 3842, 3843, 3844, 3845, 3846, 3847, 3848, 3849, 3850, 3851, 3852, 3853, 3854, 3855, 3856, 3857, 3858, 3859, 3860, 3861, 3862, 3863, 3864, 3865, 3866, 3867, 3868, 3869, 3870, 3871, 3872, 3873, 3874, 3875, 3876, 3877, 3878, 3879, 3880, 3881, 3882, 3883, 3884, 3885, 3886, 3887, 3888, 3889, 3890, 3891, 3892, 3893, 3894, 3895, 3896, 3897, 3898, 3899, 3900, 3901, 3902, 3903, 3904, 3905, 3906, 3907, 3908, 3909, 3910, 3911, 3912, 3913, 3914, 3915, 3916, 3917, 3918, 3919, 3920, 3921, 3922, 3923, 3924, 3925, 3926, 3927, 3928, 3929, 3930, 3931, 3932, 3933, 3934, 3935, 3936, 3937, 3938, 3939, 3940, 3941, 3942, 3943, 3944, 3945, 3946, 3947, 3948, 3949, 3950, 3951, 3952, 3953, 3954, 3955, 3956, 3957, 3958, 3959, 3960, 3961, 3962, 3963, 3964, 3965, 3966, 3967, 3968, 3969, 3970, 3971, 3972, 3973, 3974, 3975, 3976, 3977, 3978, 3979, 3980, 3981, 3982, 3983, 3984, 3985, 3986, 3987, 3988, 3989, 3990, 3991, 3992, 3993, 3994, 3995, 3996, 3997, 3998, 3999, 4000

Theatre 2100•, 2101H, 2341H, 2811

Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies 2230, 3310▲,3317

Math (1-2 courses)

Goal: Develop quantitative literacy and logical reasoning, including the ability to identify valid arguments, use mathematical models, draw conclusions, and critically evaluate results based on data.

BSPH-Sociology: Math 1116 or higher
BSPH – Environmental Public Health: Math 1148/1149 or 1150

Data Analysis (1 course)

BSPH- Public Health Sociology: Sociology 3549
BSPH – Environmental Public Health: Statistics 1350 or 1450 or higher

Science (3 courses)

Goal - Foster an understanding of the principles, theories and methods of modern science, the relationship between science and technology, and the effects of science and technology on the environment.

BSPH- Public Health Sociology: Select at least 3 courses from lists below. 1 Biological Science, 1 Physical Science and 1 other Natural Science from the list below. 1 course must include a lab.

Biological Science Courses

Animal Sciences 2200.01, 2200.02L (2200.01 must be taken prior to, or concurrent with, 2200.02L), 2300HL, 3140, 3140HL
Anthropology 2200L, 3304
Biology 1101L, 1102, 1105, 1113L, 1114L, 1113HL, 1114HL, 2100L
Earth Sciences 1911
Entomology 1101L, 1111L, 1350, 2101, 2400H, 3330
Environment and Natural Resources 2100
Evolution, Ecology, and Organismal Biology 2510L, 2520
Food Science and Technology 2200
Horticulture and Crop Science 2200, 2201L, 2202L
Human Nutrition 2210
Microbiology 4000.01L
Molecular Genetics 1301L, 3300L
Plant Pathology 2000

Physical Science Courses

Astronomy 1101L, 1140, 1141, 1142, 1143, 1144, 1221, 2162H, 2163H, 2291, 2292
Chemistry 1100, 1110L, 1210L, 1220L, 1250L, 1610L, 1620L, 1910HL, 1920HL
Earth Sciences 1100L, 1105, 1108, 1110, 1121L, 1151, 1911, 2122H, 2155, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2210
Environment and Natural Resources 2155, 3000, 3001L (both 3000 and 3001L must be taken), 3200
Geography 1900L, 2800L, 2960L (AU12 and later), 3900, 3901H
Physics 1103, 1104, 1106.01L, 1107.01L, 1110, 1200L, 1201L, 1250L, 1251L, 1260L, 1261L, 2367

BSPH- Environmental Public Health:

Biology 1113
Microbiology 4000
Physics 1200

Historical Study (1-2 courses)

Goal – Develop knowledge of how past events influence today's society and help students understand how humans view themselves

African-American and African Studies 1121▲, 1122▲, 2080, 2081, 2085•, 3080, 3081•, 3082•, 3083•, 3086•, 3089, 3304,
Classics 2221, 2222, 2301▲, 3000, 3215▲, 3401, 3407, 3408
Consumer Sciences: Fashion and Retail Studies 2374
Earth Sciences 1911
Economics 4130▲, 4140▲
Engineering 2361, 2362, 5797.13▲
History: any History department offering at the 1000-level (except for 1194), 2000-level (except for 2194, 2798, and 2800), or 3000-level (except for 3191, 3193.01, 3193.02, 3194, 3273, 3704, 3798.01, and 3800H), 3798.05, 3798.06
History of Art 2001▲, 2002▲, 2003, 2301▲, 3301▲
International Studies 3350▲
Jewish Studies 2450▲, 2451, 2452, 2453, 2454, 2455, 2475, 3455, 3470, 3505
Kinesiology: Sport Industry and Sport Management 2210, 2211
Near Eastern Languages and Cultures 2680▲, 3111
Microbiology 3798.05

Pharmacy 3708
Political Science 4123
Public Affairs 2500
Religious Studies 2222, 3680▲
Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies 2750H, 4401•

Cultures & Ideas (0-1 course)

Goal – Help students become educated, productive and principled citizens of their nation and the world

African-American and African Studies 3342H▲, 5485.01▲
Anthropology 1100▲, 2241▲, 3434
Arabic 2241▲, 2367•, 3301▲
Architecture 2300, 4596
Art Education 2550•
Arts and Sciences 2400, 4870
Bioethics 2000, 2010
Chinese 2231▲, 2232▲
Classics 2201▲, 2202▲, 2204▲, 2205, 2301▲, 2526▲, 2798.02▲, 3000, 3434▲, 3408, 4822
Community Leadership 3535•,
Comparative Studies 2220▲(Sp11 and later), 2264, 2265, 2281•, 2321•, 2322•, 2323, 2340▲, 2341▲, 2343▲, 2350, 2360, 2367.04•, 2367.07•, 2367.08•, 3302▲, 3620, 3645▲, 3646, 3657▲, 3689▲, 3692▲
Dance 3401•, 3402▲
East Asian Languages and Literatures 1231▲, 2284
Educational Studies: Philosophy of Education 3410
Engineering 5797.18
English 1167H, 2264, 2270, 2276, 2277, 2282•, 3271, 3364, 3378
Environment and Natural Resources 3470E
French 1803.01, 3801
German 2350, 2352▲, 3253, 3256, 3351▲, 3353H
Health and Rehabilitation Sciences 2530
Hebrew 2209, 2210▲, 2216▲, 2241▲, 3705▲
History 2079•, 2210▲, 2450▲
History 3213H
History of Art 2301▲
Japanese 2231▲
Jewish Studies 2201▲, 2210▲, 2241▲, 2242▲, 2367, 2450▲, 2516▲, 3111
Korean 2231▲
Landscape Architecture 2300, 2367
Linguistics 2000, 3601•, 3901
Medieval and Renaissance Studies 2211▲, 2212▲, 2215▲, 2217▲, 2510▲, 2513▲, 2514▲, 2516▲, 2610, 2618▲, 2666▲
Modern Greek 2000▲, 2100▲, 2240, 2410▲
Near Eastern Languages and Cultures 2220▲, 2241▲, 2244▲, 3101, 3201, 3204▲, 3205▲, 3501▲, 3508, 3620, 3625▲, 3700▲
Persian 2241▲
Pharmacy 3420, 3530
Philosophy 1100, 1300, 1332, 1337, 1338, 2340, 2400, 2458, 2670, 2850, 3100, 3420•, 2680
Portuguese 2330▲, 2331▲
Religious Studies 2210▲, 2370, 2670, 3672, 3677
Russian 2335▲, 2345▲, 3490▲, 3530,
Slavic Languages and Cultures 2230▲, 2365.01▲, 2365.99▲, 3333
Spanish 2150▲, 2151▲, 2242•, 2331▲, 2332▲
Turkish 2241▲
Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies 1110•, 2282•, 2327
Yiddish 2241▲, 2367

Social Sciences (2 courses)

Goal- Help students understand human behavior and cognition, and the structures of human societies, cultures, and institutions.

Course 1: Sociology 1101 or Rural Sociology 1500 (from Organization and Politics Category)

Course 2: Select one course from either Individuals and Groups category or Human Natural and Economic Resources category

Individuals and Groups

African-American and African Studies 1101, 2218
Animal Sciences 2367
Anthropology 2201▲, 2202▲, 3420, 3597.01▲, 3597.02▲
Communication 1100, 1101, 1102H, 2331, 3442

Philosophy 1101H▲, 1102H▲, 2660
 Education: Teaching and Learning 4005•
 Human Development and Family Science 2200, 2350, 2400, 2410, 3440
 International Studies 3850▲
 Linguistics 1100▲, 3501▲, 3602•, 3603▲, 3701
 Persian 3350
 Political Science 2150, 3596
 Psychology 1100•, 2500•, 2367.01, 3371
 Rural Sociology 3580▲
 Slavic Languages and Cultures 3800
 Social Work 1130
 Sociology 2210, 2370, 3380
 Spanish 2389•
 Speech and Hearing Science 3330, 3350
 Turkish 3350
 Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies 1110•

Human, Natural, and Economic Resources

Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics 2001, 2580▲
 Architecture 2220
 Business Administration: Management and Human Resources 2500
 Economics 1100.01, 1100.02, 2001.01, 2001.03H
 Environment and Natural Resources 2300
 Geography 2400▲, 2750▲, 3800, 3901H
 History 2700▲
 International Studies 2100▲, 2500▲, 2580▲, 3350▲
 Political Science 1300▲, 3220▲, 3225▲
 Public Affairs 2110
 Sociology 2320, 3460, 3463
 Social Work 1120

Foreign Language (0-3 courses)

Goal - Develop skills in communication across ethnic, cultural, ideological, and national boundaries and help develop an understanding of other cultures

Complete 1101,1102,1103 of any language on this list

Foreign Languages offered*

American Sign Language	Italian	Spanish
Arabic	Japanese	Swahili
Bosnian/Serbian/Croatian	Korean	Swedish
Chinese	Latin	Tibetan
Czech	Modern Greek	Turkish
French	Persian	Twí
Georgian	Polish	Urdu
German	Portuguese	Uzbek
Greek	Quechua	Yiddish
Hausa	Romanian	Yoruba
Hebrew	Russian	Zulu
Hindi	Shona	
Hungarian	Somali	

*Some languages are not offered every term.

Social Diversity in the United States (0-1 course)
 Social Diversity courses foster understanding of the pluralistic nature of institutions, society and culture in the United States.

All Social Diversity course options are indicated by the following symbol (•)

Sociology 1101 fulfills the Social Diversity in the United States GE requirement for both BSPH specializations.

Consumer Sciences: Fashion and Retail Studies 2372
 Economics 3048
 Education Studies: Philosophy and History of Education 2241

Global Studies (0-2 courses)

Global Studies courses help students become educated, productive, and principled citizens of their nation and increasingly globalized world. All Global Studies Course options are indicated by a triangle (▲)

Students should overlap the Global Studies course requirements with other GE courses. Important - If such an overlap is not planned, this requirement must still be met.

Open Options (2 courses)

BSPH-Public Health Sociology

- Another GE approved course
- Service-learning course
- Cross-Disciplinary seminar
- Education abroad
- Sociology 2210, 2345, 2370, 2380, 3597.01 and 3597.02 recommended*

*Courses selected for the GE Open Options category cannot "double count" as major electives

BSPH-Environmental Public Health
 Math 1151
 Biology 1114

College of Public Health GE Policies:

1. General Education courses (excluding Social Diversity and Global Studies courses) will not count for more than one General Education category.
2. If 2 Historical Study courses are completed, then no Cultures & Ideas courses are required. If one Cultures & Ideas course is completed than only one Historical Study course is required.
3. While Biology 1114 and Math 1151 are listed as Open Options courses with the Environmental Public Health specialization they are required courses of the specialization.
4. A minimum of 30 credit hours must be earned through regular course enrollment at Ohio State.
5. Students admitted to the BSPH program (Autumn 2013 and after) are required to maintain a semester and cumulative GPA of 2.80 (after a minimum of 24 credits) or higher until they graduate from the University. Students are also required to earn at least a C- or higher in all courses comprising their major.
6. Courses may not be counted on both the GE and the major. Courses taken to fulfill GE requirements may count on the minor unless specifically disallowed by an individual minor program. Courses may not be counted on both the major and the minor.

Symbols

• Social Diversity in the United States course that also counts for another GE category.

▲ Global Studies course that also counts for another GE category
 L Includes lab in the course

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