

General Education Category Definitions

Communication

Communication focuses on the study of how people convey and interpret messages across various mediums within different contexts. These include reading, writing, listening, public speaking interpersonal communication, media studies, rhetoric, digital communication, and communication theory.

Humanities & Fine Arts

Humanities & Fine Arts explore human culture, creativity, and expression. Humanities analyze human experience with creative and critical thinking and encompass a broad range of disciplines including literature, philosophy, history, and religion. Fine arts also focus on the creation and appreciation of visual and performing arts.

Social & Behavioral Sciences

Social & Behavioral Sciences study human behavior and societal interactions. These fields aim to understand how individuals and groups behave, make decisions, and interact within various social contexts. Social sciences focus on human behavior in social contexts. This category encompasses a broad range of disciplines that include sociology, anthropology, political science, economics, and human geography. Behavioral sciences concentrate on understanding human actions, psychology, and cognitive sciences, especially at the individual level.

Natural Sciences

Natural Sciences encompass the study of the natural world through observation, experimentation, and critical thinking. This broad field includes diverse disciplines that explore the physical universe and the life forms within it, including biological, chemical and physical sciences.

Quantitative Reasoning

Quantitative Reasoning focuses on developing the ability to apply mathematical concepts and skills to everyday scenarios. These courses aim to enhance logical and analytical thinking to interpret and analyze quantitative data effectively. Course studies may include such topics as mathematical skills, problem-solving, data interpretation, finance, statistical analysis and logical reasoning.

Global Studies & Languages

Global Studies & Languages focuses on the interconnectedness of social and cultural systems worldwide and could also include targeted language, cultural immersion and global experiences.

Diversity & Ethnic Studies

Diversity Studies focus on exploring the variety of human experiences, identities, and cultures within the United States. These courses examine the varying historical and contemporary experiences of different groups. Ethnic studies use an additional lens to focus on structurally excluded populations within the United States.