

General Education Program

The University of Memphis General Education Program consists of 41 hours of coursework from a variety of disciplines. Students should consult their advisors on specific General Education Program courses that may be required for the major. The following are the General Education Program categories and their approved courses.

Communication (9 hours)

ENGL 1010	English Composition—Expository writing with emphasis on content, organization & style
ENGL 1020	English Comp/Analysis—Expository writing, including library work & documented papers
COMM 2381	Oral Communication—Public speaking

Literature (3 hours) Select one

*ENGL 2201	Literary Heritage—Major texts of literary heritage
*ENGL 2202	Literary Heritage—Major texts of literary heritage with emphasis on African American culture
*Prereqs: ENGL 1010 & ENGL 1020	

Mathematics (3 hours) Required math course depends on major

MATH 1420	Foundations of Mathematics—Basic logic, managing finances, fundamentals of statistical reasoning
MATH 1530	Probability & Statistics—Intro to concepts such as sample surveys, observational studies & experiments; methods of sampling
MATH 1710	College Algebra—Analysis of functions such as linear, quadratic, polynomial, root, rational, exponential & logarithmic
MATH 1830	Elementary Calculus—Intro to the concepts and methods of calculus
MATH 1730	Pre-Calculus—Exponents, radicals, quadratic functions, inequalities, solution of algebraic systems (4 hours)
MATH 1910	Calculus I—Intro to calculus of one real variable, limits, continuity, derivatives (4 hours)

Humanities/Fine Arts (6 hours) Select two

Fine Arts	ART 1030	Intro to Art—Fundamental principles of artistic expression as basis for understanding Western & non-Western traditions in art
	ARTH 2010	World Art I—Intensive Art History course for Art & Architecture majors; prehistoric times through medieval period
	ARTH 2020	World Art II—Intensive Art History course for Art & Architecture majors; medieval period to present
	COMM 1851	Intro to Film—Comprehensive study of the forms, functions & history of film art
	DANC 1151	Intro to Dance—Study of dance as an expressive art form, a symbolic language & an integral aspect of world cultures
	MUS 1030	Intro to Music—Music of Western/Non-Western cultures & time historical periods; attendance at concert required
	MUS 1040	Music in America—American music history; attendance at concert required
THEA 1030	Intro to Theatre—Experiential, conceptual, historical & cultural study of theatre; attendance at live theatre production required	
Humanities	CLAS 2481	Mythology—Thematic study of classical myths & their function in ancient literature, emphasis on reading myths in translation
	JDST 2850	Religions of Abraham—Survey of development of Near Eastern religious traditions; consideration of intellectual relationships
	PHIL 1101	Intro to Philosophy—Exploration of such issues as knowledge, reality, consciousness & the good life
	PHIL 1102	Intro to Ethics—Exploration of social & ethical questions (What makes a happy life? What justifies ideas of good and evil?)
	POLS 1101	Intro to Ancient Pol Thought—Fundamental questions of ancient thought (Who should rule? What is justice? Duties of citizens?)
	POLS 1102	Intro to Modern Pol Thought—Fundamental questions of modern thought including origin of political society & citizen's rights
	RLGN 1100	Intro to Religion—Intro to the world's major spiritual traditions from ancient times to the present
	*UNIV 3580	Hebrew & Greek Legacy—Examination of ideas, values & traditions of ancient Hebraic & Greek culture
*UNIV3581	Faith/Reason/Imagination—Examination of religious, rationalist & aesthetic viewpoints to understand the human experience	

*Prereqs: ENGL 1010 & ENGL 1020

History (6 hours) Select two

+Students who have not completed 1 year of American History in high school must complete 6 credit hours of American History to satisfy the General Education History requirement.

Lower Division	HIST 1110	World History to 1500—History of the world from human origins to about 1500 CE
	HIST 1120	World History since 1500—History of the world from about 1500 CE to the present
	HIST 2010	U.S. to 1877—United States from colonization through Reconstruction
	HIST 2020	U.S. Since 1877—United States from 1877 to present
	HIST 2030	Tennessee History—Political, economic & social development of Tennessee from earliest times
Upper Division	HIST 3863	American Ideas & Culture—Survey of the way Americans have thought about essential features of social & political order
	HIST 3881	African American History—History & culture of African Americans in light of their experiences
	HIST 4851	History of Women in America—History of women from discovery of America to present
	ANTH 3282	American Communities—Cultural historic interpretation of formation, development & transformation of community life in U.S.
	POLS 4212	Const Law & Civil Liberty—Background, role & legitimate extent of civil rights & liberties in the U.S.
	POLS 4405	Origin & Development of American Political Thought—U.S. from colonial to present time
SOCI 3422	Racial & Ethnic Minorities—Comparative study of racial & ethnic minorities in the U.S.	

Social/Behavioral Science (6 hours) Select two

ANTH 1100	Biological Anthropology & Prehistory—Evolutionary basis of human origins & contemporary biocultural variation
ANTH 1200	Cultural Anthropology—Global comparison of cultural traits & traditions such as social relations, language, religion & ritual
CDFS 2101	Family/Global Perspective—Intro to family as a primary, global & social institution; variations of family systems worldwide
ECON 2010	Intro to Macroeconomics—Nature & functions of the national economy in a global context
ECON 2020	Intro to Microeconomics—Operation of the market economy at the individual & firm level
ESCI 1301	Survey of World Regions—Survey of economic, cultural, physical traits & characteristics of developing & industrialized nations
ESCI 1401	Intro to Cultural Geography—Geographical aspects of human behavior; distributional patterns of language, religion, politics & econ
FIR 1220	Personal Financial Management—Non-technical course covering budgeting, borrowing, credit, insurance & financial planning
HLSC 2100	Wellness Concepts Practice—Individual responsibility for achieving optimal well-being to promote healthy lifestyles
INTL 1101	Intro to International & Global Studies—Exploration of economic, human, cultural & political dimensions of globalization
JRSM 1700	Intro to Media—Social background, scope, functions & organization of modern communication media
POLS 1030	American Government—Development, structure & processes of the American system of government
POLS 1301	Intro to Comparative Politics—Comparison of institutions, issues, processes & policies in a variety of political systems
POLS 1501	International Relations—Consideration of all major forms of political interaction such as conflict, competition & cooperation
PSYC 1030	General Psychology—Intro to its history as a science of behavior, research strategies & techniques of therapy
PSYC 3510	Deviance/Role in History—Intro to concepts of deviance from prehistory to present
PUBH 2181	Population Health & Society—Population-based approaches to address health disparities & bring about social justice in health
SOCI 1010	Intro to Sociology—Intro to concepts, methods & theoretical perspectives in sociology
SOCI 2100	Sociology of Globalization—Sociological analysis of forces & consequences of globalization
WMST 2100	Intro to Women/Gender Study—Exploration of racially diverse women's experience, focus on contemporary gender issues

Natural Science with Lab (8 hours) Select two

BIOL 1010/1011	Biology of Cells—Overview of cellular structure/function; genes & biodiversity
BIOL 1020/1021	Biology of Organisms—Overview of life, emphasis on structure/function of organisms & biosphere; BIOL 1010 is not a prereq
ESCI 1010	Weather & Climate—Atmospheric processes, oceanic influences, earth-sun relationships & climate patterns
ESCI 1020	Landforms—Landform development & geographic relationships of landscapes, soil development, & environmental hazards
ESCI 1040	Physical Geology—Intro to processes that form the rocks in the earth's crust & the earth's internal forces
ESCI 1050	The Earth Through Time—History of earth & its life as interpreted from fossil records; origins of continents & mountain ranges
ESCI 1103	The Human Planet—Understanding, evaluating & solving problems encountered in the environment by past human populations
PHYS 1010/1001	Intro Physics—Physics for non-technical students; laws of motion, structure of matter, heat, sound, electromagnetics, & light
PHYS 1020/1002	Survey of Astronomy—Motions of earth & moon; apparent motion of stars & planets; orbits & properties of bodies in solar system
PHYS 1301/1031	Astronomy II—Sun & other stars, star properties, star life cycle & galaxies; Prereq: PHYS 1020

Designed for Science, Engineering, Math, Nursing, & Health Studies Majors

BIOL 1110/1111	General Biology I—Principles of biology; Prereq: CHEM 1110
BIOL 1120/1121	General Biology II—Continuation of BIOL 1110 with emphasis on origin & diversity of life; Prereq: BIOL 1110
BIOL 2010/2011	Anatomy & Physiology I—Detailed study of structure & functions of human organism
BIOL 2020/2021	Anatomy & Physiology II—Continuation of BIOL 2010/2011
CHEM 1010/1011	Chemistry of Materials—Measurement & scientific method, states of matter, fundamental laws of chem & modern atomic theory
CHEM 1020/1021	Chemistry of Life—Basics of organic & biological chemistry; Prereq: CHEM 1010
CHEM 1110/1111	General Chemistry I—Laws, periodic table, modern atomic theory, bonding & ionic/molecular compounds; Prereq: MATH 1710
CHEM 1120/1121	General Chemistry II—Continuation of CHEM 1110; Prereq: CHEM 1110
PHYS 2110/2111	Physics for Science/Engineering I—Calculus-based physics; Coreq: MATH 1910
PHYS 2120/2121	Physics for Science/Engineering II—Calculus-based physics; Prereq: PHYS 2110; Coreq: MATH 1920