Understanding Gen Eds

A gen ed is a “general education” course. Students develop inquiry, analysis, and communication skills in gen eds.

SLCC groups most university transfer courses into six broad disciplines, or categories.

English Composition Requirement

A minimum of 1 college-level writing class.

- ENGL 1010 Rhetoric and Composition
  (Prerequisite: see current Placement Guide for English and Math)
- ENGL 1020 Composition and Critical Thought
  (Prerequisite: ENGL 1010—minimum grade of C)

NOTE: Some degrees require 2 college-level writing classes. Review specific degree plans for requirements.

Mathematics Requirement

1 college-level math class.

- MATH 1105 College Algebra
  (Prerequisite: see current Placement Guide for English and Math)
- MATH 2020 Introductory Statistics
  (Prerequisite: see current Placement Guide for English and Math)

NOTE: Some degrees require a specific math course. See catalog for requirements.

NOTE: Students planning to transfer to 4-year institutions should complete 1 math course in addition to MATH 1105.

Humanities

The study of how people process and document the human experience.

- Communications
- English literature
- History

NOTE: Some course exceptions may apply. See catalog for list.

NOTE: Students planning to transfer to 4-year institutions should complete 1 English literature course.

Social/Behavioral Sciences

The study of human behavior and how we influence the world around us.

- Anthropology: study of people across time and space with an emphasis on cultural diversity.
- Criminal justice: study of the people, procedures, and institutions that uphold law in society.
- Economics: study of the production, transfer, and consumption of goods and services.
- Geography: study of environments, landscapes, people, and places.
- Political science: study of how people create and exercise power.
- Psychology: study of the mind and behavior.
- Sociology: study of society and behavior shaped by social categories and institutions.

Fine Arts

The study of visual and performing arts created for aesthetic and intellectual purposes.

- Arts (art history and visual arts)
- Music
- Theater (performing arts)

NOTE: Some course exceptions may apply. See catalog for list.

Natural Sciences

The study of the objects, phenomena, and laws of the physical world.

- Life Sciences
  - Biology
  - Environmental science
- Physical Sciences
  - Chemistry
  - Geology
  - Physical science
  - Physics

NOTE: Students are not required to complete science labs with science lecture courses.
For example, students taking General Biology I (BIOL 1010) are not required to take General Biology I Lab (BIOL 1011).

NOTE: Students planning to transfer to 4-year institutions should complete 2 courses in the same science discipline.

See “General Education Curriculum” chapter of the college catalog for additional information, as well as a comprehensive list of gen ed courses and disciplines.