General Education Program

Why is general education required for all students? General Education encompasses the four broad areas of fine arts, humanities, social and behavioral sciences, and the natural sciences and mathematics. Knowledge of these subjects is the mark of a truly educated human being. Basic skills in written composition, public speaking, and mathematics are valued by employers and can be the key to being hired and being promoted.

GENERAL EDUCATION: University Requirements for all Colleges
14 COURSES (AT LEAST 42 HOURS) AS FOLLOWS:

4 courses in Basic Skills to be completed first 48 hours, with a grade of “C-” or better in each:
- English Composition I
- English Composition II
- Public Speaking
- College-level Math

7 courses – Introduction to Disciplines Outside the Major
- Fine Arts — 1 course
- Humanities — 2 courses
- Social and Behavioral Sciences — 2 courses
- Math/Natural Sciences — 2 courses

3 courses – Further Study / Issues and Perspectives
(Courses outside the major discipline; at least one Issues & Perspectives course and at least one Further Study course.)
If two Further Study courses and one Issues and Perspectives course are taken, the two Further Study Courses must be distributed over two divisions. If two Issues and Perspectives courses are taken out of three, a divisional distribution is not required, but at least two subject areas are required.

All courses in general education are at least (3) hours and must be chosen from the approved list of general education courses, which are listed in the General Education section on the next few pages. General Education courses are also identified in the Catalog with this mark > in front of the title. These are the only courses that satisfy General Education requirements.

- An Introductory course meets general education objectives and introduces students to the scope of human knowledge and inquiry.
- A Further Study course is a more focused course and is taken in a discipline once a student has completed an introductory course in the same discipline.
- An Issues and Perspectives course is designed as an interdisciplinary class or to inform students of issues or problems from a disciplinary perspective. More information can be found at www.wichita.edu/generaleducation.

Additional College/School Requirements
University general education requirements apply to students in all colleges and departments. In addition, there are specific and/or additional courses required for graduation for every college and major. Some of these may apply in satisfying the University general education requirements. Here is a brief summary of these additional requirements - see the WSU Undergraduate Catalog for details.

- Business requires Mathematics 144 or 242, Economics 201 and 202, and Philosophy 125.
- Education requires Psychology 111. Teacher licensure requires Statistics 370, and an overall grade point average of 2.50. There are additional requirements. See an Education adviser for specific requirements.
- Fine Arts Art Ed, Music Ed, and Special Ed Music require Psychology 111. Teacher licensure requires Statistics 370, and an overall grade point average of 2.50. There are additional requirements. See an adviser for specific requirements.
- Health Professions requirements are listed by major. Please meet with a Health Professions adviser.
- Liberal Arts and Sciences also requires
  - English or foreign language literature (counts as Humanities introduction course)
  - History 131 or 132 (counts as 2nd Humanities introduction course)
    OR
  - Political Science 121 (counts as Social and Behavioral introduction course)
  - One course in biology (or ANTH 101)
  - One course in physical science (Chemistry, Geology, Physics) One of the sciences must include a laboratory
  - Third Natural Science (not math or computer)
  - BA degrees require a foreign language
  - BS in Criminal Justice also requires a foreign language
- Engineering requires: Math 242 AND Math 243 AND Chemistry 211.
  Engineering students may complete the general education as prescribed below:
  - One introductory Humanities course (PHIL 125 for Computer Science majors)
  - One introductory Social and Behavioral Science course
  - One more introductory course in either Humanities or Social and Behavioral Science
  - Further Study course in same department as one of the above courses
  - One introductory Fine Arts course
  - PHIL 385 Engineering Ethics for Engineering majors (excluding Computer Engineering) and PHIL 354 Ethics and Computers for Computer Engineering and Computer Science majors.

Please refer to the WSU Undergraduate Catalog for further details of General Education requirements, or consult your adviser.