

2009-2010
UH Hilo
General Education

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What is the purpose of General Education?

- * It provides students with a series of experiences that allows them to become more broadly educated, with skills for continuing life-long education.

What should you know and be able to do after completing the General Education Requirements?

- * Think clearly and logically
- * Communicate effectively, both orally and in writing
- * Find, examine, and utilize information
- * Carry out fundamental numerical operations

What should you know and be able to do after completing the General Education Requirements?

- * Gain knowledge of ones body and mind
- * Understand how human societies develop and operate
- * Learn about the natural world -- its forces, principles, and occupants
- * Develop a familiarity with the cultural heritage and contributions of world cultures including their art, music, literature, and science

What should you know and be able to do after completing the General Education Requirements?

- * Develop an understanding and awareness of the principles, methods, and thought processes utilized in academic/intellectual inquiries
- * Recognize and understand the interdependence between mankind's view of the biological and physical continuum and the development of culture, literature, and aesthetics

General Education Requirements

Now that we've examined the reasons for the general education program, let's move on and look at the specific requirements.

General Education Requirements

BEWARE! Some majors require special courses within General Education. Please review the requirements for your major and meet with a faculty advisor in the department!

General Education Requirements

General Education consists of:

- * Basic Requirements
- * Area Requirements

General Education Requirements

The Basic Requirements include:

- * English Composition (3 semester hours)
- * Quantitative Reasoning (3 semester hours)
- * World Cultures (6 semester hours)

Let's check out these requirements!

General Education Requirements

English Composition (3 semester hours)

All entering freshmen, continuing, or transfer students WITHOUT English 100, and all students for whom English is not a native language must take the UH Hilo Writing Placement Exam.

Depending upon your Writing Placement Exam score, you will need to take ONE of the following to fulfill this requirement:

ENG 100, ENG 100T, ESL 100, or ESL 100T

It is strongly recommended that students complete this requirement within their first 24 semester hours at UH Hilo.

If you have not already earned credit for ENG 100, you may not test out of this requirement.

NOTE: You may not use ENG 100 in the Humanities area.

General Education Requirements

Quantitative Reasoning (3 semester hours)

Select from any MATH course at the 100-200 level (except for 199 or 299)

MATH (100-200 level)

A math placement exam is required for students who plan on enrolling in courses other than MATH 100, 107, 108, 121, or 231 and higher.

NOTE: Depending on your intended major, you may need to take a specific MATH course. Be sure to check your major requirements and speak with an advisor in that department.

NOTE: You may not use this MATH course in the Natural Sciences area.

General Education Requirements

World Cultures (6 semester hours)

Select 2 courses from the following:

- * **AG 230** - Sustainable Agriculture
- * **ANTH 100** - Cultural Anthropology
- * **ENG/WS 201** - Global Cinema
- * **ENG/WS 202** - Literature of Human Rights
- * **ENG 253** - World Literature (Classical to 17th Century)
- * **ENG 254** - World Literature (17th Century to the present)
- * **ENG 275** - Literature of the Earth
- * **GEOG 102** - Geography of World Regions
- * **HIST 151** - World History (Prehistory to 1500)
- * **HIST 152** - World Culture (1500 to the present)
- * **KIND 230** - Culture Revitalization Movements
- * **POLS 251** - Introduction to Comparative Politics

NOTE: You may not use courses already counted in the Humanities or Social Sciences areas.

General Education Requirements

The Area Requirements include:

- * Humanities (9 semester hours)
- * Social Sciences (9 semester hours)
- * Natural Sciences (10 semester hours)

Let's check out these requirements!

General Education Requirements

Humanities (9 semester hours)

Select from at least THREE DIFFERENT academic disciplines as listed below OR from two different academic areas plus one Interdisciplinary course, which is eligible for Humanities credit, such as Honors 200, 201, 202, or 203.

Only courses at the 100-200 level, with the exception of 199 and 299, can be applied to the following areas:

ART (Art)	LING (Linguistics)
COM (Communication)	DNCE, DRAM, or MUS (Performing Arts)
ENG (English)	PHIL (Philosophy)
HWST (Hawaiian Studies) or KIND (Indigenous Studies)	RELS (Religious Studies)
Languages other than English	

NOTE: You may not use courses already counted in the English Composition and/or World Cultures area.

General Education Requirements

Social Sciences (9 semester hours)

Select from at least THREE DIFFERENT academic disciplines as listed below OR from two different academic areas plus one Interdisciplinary course, which is eligible for Social Science credit, such as Honors 200, 201, 202, or 203.

Only courses at the 100-200 level, with the exception of 199 and 299, can be applied to the following areas:

ANTH (Anthropology)	HIST (History)
BUS 100 (Introduction to Business)	POLS (Political Science)
ECON (Economics) or AGEC 201 (Agricultural Economics)	PSY (Psychology)
GEOG (Geography)	SOC (Sociology)
WS (Womens' Studies)	

NOTE: You may not use courses already counted in the World Cultures area.

General Education Requirements

Natural Sciences (10 semester hours)

Select from at least THREE DIFFERENT academic disciplines as listed below OR from two different academic areas plus one Interdisciplinary course, which is eligible for Natural Science credit.

The 10 semester hour requirement must include 1 semester hour of laboratory in any discipline except agriculture, computer science, or math.

Only courses at the 100-200 level, with the exception of 199 and 299, can be applied to the following areas:

AQUA, ANSC, HORT, FOR, PPTH, or SOIL (Agricultural Sciences)	ASTR (Astronomy)
BIOL (Biology)	CHEM (Chemistry)
CS (Computer Science)	GEOL (Geology)
MARE (Marine Science)	MATH (Math)
NSCI (Natural Science)	PHYS (Physics)

General Education Requirements

Please note the following about General Education requirements:

- ❖ Only courses numbered below 299 may be counted for General Education credit. Also, no 199 course may be counted for General Education credit. In other words, in order for classes to count for General Education, they must be at the 100-200 level, but cannot be 199 or 299.
- ❖ No course may be counted for more than one General Education requirement. In other words, a course can only be applied to one general education requirement, so no double counting.
- ❖ Courses which meet both major requirements and General Education requirements may be simultaneously counted for both. In other words, if your major requires a course that can also be counted as a General Education requirement, no problem.

General Education Requirements

Transfer students, your general education requirements at UH Hilo are waived only if...

- ❖ You earned your AA degree PRIOR to your first semester at UH Hilo as a classified student. The final transcript showing evidence that your AA degree must be received by the Admissions Office in order to verify your General Education requirements are waived.

or

- ❖ You have just 6 credits left to finish your AA degree from one of the University of Hawai'i system community colleges and will officially graduate at the end of your first semester at UH Hilo. Don't forget, you must apply to graduate from your community college in that first semester!

General Education Requirements

We've come to the end of the 2009-2010 UH Hilo General Education Requirements. If you have additional questions about these requirements, please contact us.

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Mahalo!

Welcome to UH Hilo
and Good Luck!

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