

GENERAL EDUCATION 2011

Graduation Requirements & Transfer Coursework

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Who can follow the Pre-Fall 2011 GE?

- ⦿ Students currently enrolled at UH Hilo (admitted prior to Fall 2011)
- ⦿ Students who transfer to UH Hilo from another University of Hawaii System campus with no more than a one semester break (excluding summer) may continue to use the Pre-Fall 2011 General Education and graduation requirements.

Who will be under the new GE?

- ◎ **New** students entering any University of Hawaii System campus beginning in the Fall 2011 semester.
 - This brings us in compliance with E5.209
<http://www.hawaii.edu/apis/ep/e5/e5209.pdf>

New: Catalog Choice

- Beginning Fall 2011, all students can choose from 3 catalog options to follow for their major and/or GE (mix & match). By default, all students will be admitted to UH Hilo under the current academic catalog.

Catalog Choices

Catalog in force when student entered the UH System (with no more than one semester interruption, excluding summer)

Catalog in force when student enters UH Hilo (first time or after two or more semesters interruption in enrollment, excluding summer)

Catalog in force when student graduates

New: Catalog Choice Cont.

- Students will need to obtain the Catalog Choice Declaration form from the Office of the Registrar or online at:
<http://hilo.hawaii.edu/registrar/documents/Catalogdeclaration.pdf>
- Students should have the Office of the Registrar pre-verify which catalog(s) they are eligible to follow.
- Students must meet with a Faculty Advisor **prior** to declaring their catalog(s). The Office of the Registrar will not process the request without the Faculty Advisor's signature.

New: Catalog Choice Cont.

If the student is deemed eligible for a certain catalog and they want to declare a major that is no longer offered, they must obtain the College Dean's permission.

GE 2011 Overview

The 2011 General Education Basic, Area and Integrative Requirements are designed to help students achieve learning outcomes in:

- ① critical thinking
- ① information literacy
- ① written and oral communication
- ① scientific and quantitative reasoning
- ① human interaction and cultural diversity
- ① collaborative skills and civic participation

GE 2011 Overview Cont...

All General Education courses are reviewed and approved by the General Education Committee and are certified for five years. Not a rolling-GE.

- ⦿ Additional courses will be approved for future catalogs.
- ⦿ Upper and Lower division courses apply
- ⦿ Transfer courses are **not** subject to GE certification.

GE 2011 Overview Cont...

- ◎ The General Education and Integrative Requirements along with the approved courses are posted at:
 - <http://hilo.hawaii.edu/academics/gened/index.php>

GE 2011 Overview Cont...

- ⦿ GE courses may be approved for more than one core requirement (Basic & Area), but can only be applied to one.
 - **Exception:** An Integrative Requirement (WI, HPP, GCC) can also satisfy a Basic or Area Requirement.
- ⦿ GE courses can also be used to satisfy major/minor/certificate requirements.

GE 2011 Overview Cont...

- ◎ STAR has been built to designate the course to the requirement which is the most difficult to fulfill.
- If a student wishes to have an approved GE course moved from one area to another, they can contact the Office of the Registrar in person, via hawaii.edu email, or through the STAR Comments feature.

The Office of the Registrar will move only courses that have been approved for the specific basic/area/core. If a student wants to have a course counted for something other than what it is approved for, they must use the Request for Modification of Academic Requirement form and obtain the College Dean's signature.

The 2011 GE Core

Basic Requirements (Course Specific)

- ⦿ **GF.** Composition (3 semester hours)
- ⦿ **GL.** Language Arts (3 semester hours)
- ⦿ **GQ.** Quantitative Reasoning (6 semester hours)
- ⦿ **GW.** World Cultures (6 semester hours)

The 2011 GE Core Cont...

Area Requirements (Course Specific)

- ⦿ **GH.** Humanities Electives (6 semester hours)
- ⦿ **GS.** Social Science Electives (6 semester hours)
- ⦿ **GN.** Natural Science Electives (6 semester hours in lecture courses, *plus the **laboratory course associated** with one of these lecture courses*, for a total of 7 semester hours)

Graduation Requirements

In addition, in order to graduate, students will be expected to complete the following (can also be counted in area/basic requirements).

Integrative Requirements (Course Specific)

- ◎ **WI.** Writing Intensive (3 courses, at least one of which is at the upper division level)
- ◎ **HPP.** Hawaii Pan-Pacific (3 semester hours)
- ◎ **GCC.** Global and Community Citizenship (3 semester hours)

Transfer Courses & 2011 GE

- ⦿ Again, Transfer courses are not subject to GE certification.
 - A course which transfers as a specific UH Hilo course will satisfy all requirements the UH Hilo course satisfies.

Transferring BASIC Requirements

- ◎ **Composition requirement (GF)** are courses that transfer to UH Hilo as Freshman Composition.
- ◎ **Language Arts (GL)** are courses that transfer to UH Hilo as foreign or Hawaiian language, second level English writing, or Linguistics courses at any level.
- ◎ **Quantitative Reasoning (GQ)** are courses that transfer to UH Hilo as math, statistics, or ***symbolic logic*** at any level.
- ◎ **World Cultures (GW)** are courses which titles/content indicate they focus on world cultures (such as World Religions, Survey of World Music) at any level.

Transferring AREA Requirements

- ⦿ Any course that transfers to UH Hilo with *the alpha* of courses approved for that area will satisfy that area requirement.
- ⦿ Courses at any level (lower division or upper division) can be used.
- ⦿ Courses with alphas not represented in UH Hilo's curriculum (such as Humanities/American Studies) will be assigned to the area requirement most closely related to the course title and content.

Transferring INTEGRATIVE Requirements

- **Hawai'i-Pan-Pacific (HPP)** are courses which titles/content indicate they focus on Hawai'i, or of another *indigenous* culture, nation, or region of the Pan-Pacific.
- **Writing Intensive (WI)** courses within the UH System will transfer as WI. New: Courses outside the UH System must document WI equivalency. If the sending institution has indicated on a student's transcript that the course is Writing Intensive (or a related designation), the course will receive WI credit.
- **Global and Community Citizenship (GCC)** are courses which titles/content indicate that they fulfill the criteria for Global Community Citizenship.

Transferring Courses Cont...

- ⦿ Criteria for transferring courses are provide in the handouts.
- ⦿ When in doubt, transfer evaluators will refer courses to the Dean of the students college for evaluation.