

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.

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 good 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.

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.

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**.