

State University Requirements

Common Program Prerequisites

Students entering most bachelor's degree programs at any Florida public institution must successfully complete a set of lower division courses specified as "common prerequisites" for the selected program. The common lower division prerequisites for a given program are listed with other course requirements for that program. The [Common Prerequisite Manual](#) at FLVC.org (Florida Virtual Campus) lists the common prerequisite courses and substitutions for each university program. Students are urged to consult their advisor(s) early about choices of majors and to schedule General Education and common prerequisite coursework.

*BOG 8.010; BOG 8.011

Civic Literacy Requirement

The 2017 Florida Legislature amended [Section 1007.25, Florida Statutes](#), to require students *initially entering a State University System (SUS) and/or Florida College System (FCS) institution in 2018-2019* and thereafter to demonstrate competency in civic literacy. The 2021 Legislature further amended Florida Statutes, requiring students to complete both a civic literacy course and an exam. As a result, there are three cohorts of students currently matriculating at Florida public institutions subject to varying requirements. As demonstrated in the table below, the exact civic literacy requirements are based on the academic term in which a student first enrolled in a Florida public institution.

Students Included in Cohort	Civic Literacy Competency Requirement
Cohort 1: Students first entering the SUS or FCS prior to fall 2018	None
Cohort 2: Students first entering the SUS or FCS in fall 2018 – summer A 2021	Complete a course or exam
Cohort 3: Students first entering the SUS or FCS in summer B 2021 (on or after July 1, 2021) and thereafter	Complete both a course and exam

Additionally, the 2021 Legislature made two additional exceptions: approving the use of accelerated mechanisms for meeting the course competency requirement and exempting high school students who pass the Florida Civic Literacy Exam in high school from the postsecondary exam requirement. These two changes are in effect for Cohort 3.

There are multiple ways to satisfy this requirement. Students should work with their academic advisor to determine which option is best for their degree requirements/degree plan.

Additional information can be found on our [Civic Literacy](#) website.

*BOG 8.006; s.1007.25(4,a-b)

Foreign Language Requirement

Florida Statutes require that students admitted to a Florida public university meet the foreign language requirement for demonstrating

competency in a foreign language. Students who have earned an A.A. from a Florida public community college may be admitted to the University, but must demonstrate competency prior to graduation with a baccalaureate degree. Students completing American Sign Language with passing grades will have satisfied the foreign language admission requirement. The foreign language requirement must be satisfied prior to progression to upper-division status. In addition, each academic department may determine specific language requirements for students and will recommend or require languages and proficiency according to individual needs, career objectives, and academic programs.

Competency may be demonstrated in the following ways:

- Earning two credits of a single foreign language in high school or one credit in high school and the second semester (four semester hours) of the same foreign language at an accredited post-secondary institution demonstrating proficiency through the second level, OR
- Satisfactory completion of a second level (i.e. SPN 1121, FRE 1121, etc...) foreign language at a post-secondary institution prior to admission to UWF demonstrating proficiency. Grades of "P" are acceptable for this requirement.
- Language courses at the second level may require a course prerequisite in order to register. Pre-requisites and/or the second-level course (i.e. SPN 1120, FRE 1120, etc...) may be successfully completed by taking the appropriate UWF course or via credit by examination with appropriate test scores: CLEP subject matter examinations, MAPS-Latin examination published by the College Entrance Examination Board, or credit by proficiency (challenge examination) at UWF.
- The University of West Florida accepts language exams taken through the Brigham Young University's Foreign Language Achievement Testing Services (FLATS). This service will allow students to fulfill the foreign language competency requirement by passing a computerized foreign language exam. UWF will not grant credit for the BYU test, but instead, the foreign language requirement will be waived if the score meets the required passing requirement.

Undergraduate transfer students are exempt if one of the following applies: (1) they received an A.A. from a Florida public college prior to September 1, 1989; or (2) they enrolled in a program of study leading to an associate's degree from a Florida public college prior to August 1, 1989, and completed at least one academic course each twelve-month period beginning with the student's first enrollment in a Florida public college and continuing until the student enrolled at UWF.

*BOG 6.002; **Passed by UWF Faculty Senate on 12/09/2016

General Degree Requirements

In addition to the requirements for the major program of study, students must satisfy the following general University requirements:

General Education Requirements

All students (except for students holding an A.A. or certification of the completion of general studies requirements from a Florida public university or college) who enter UWF must complete the requirements specified as General Education. The General Education requirements are the basic studies that provide students with a broad educational foundation and are essential requirements for all A.A. and baccalaureate degree programs, per [BOG Reg 8.005](#). Courses

may not be taken on the pass/fail basis. The General Education requirements are specified in the distribution as follows:

Communication

ENC 1101	English Composition I	3
ENC 1102	English Composition II	3

Mathematics

Choose one course from Group A and one Additional course from either Group A or Group B 6

Group A

MAC 1105	College Algebra
MAC 1105C	College Algebra with Lab
MAC 2311	Analytic Geometry and Calculus I
MGF 1106	Mathematics for Liberal Arts I
MGF 1107	Mathematics for Liberal Arts II
STA 2023	Elements of Statistics

Group B

MAC 1114	Trigonometry
MAC 1140	Precalculus Algebra
MAC 1147	Precalculus with Trigonometry
MAC 2233	Calculus with Business Applications
MAC 2312	Analytic Geometry and Calculus II
STA 2360	Introduction to Data Science

Social Sciences

Choose one course from Group A and one additional course from either Group A or Group B 6

Group A

AMH 2020	United States since 1877
ANT 2000	Introduction to Anthropology
ECO 2013	Principles of Economics Macro
POS 2041	American Politics
PSY 2012	General Psychology
SYG 2000	Introduction to Sociology

Group B

AMH 2010	United States to 1877
ANT 2100	Introduction to Archaeology
ANT 2400	Current Cultural Issues
CCJ 2002	Survey of Crime and Justice
COM 2023	Death and Communication
CPO 2002	Comparative Politics
DEP 2004	Human Development Across the Lifespan
EUH 1000	Western Perspectives I
EUH 1001	Western Perspectives II
FIN 2104	Personal Financial Planning
GEA 2000	Nations and Regions of the World
GEB 1011	Introduction to Business
HIS 2050	Explore Gender and Diversity
IDH 1041	Honors Core: Social Sciences
INR 2002	International Politics
MMC 2000	Principles of Mass Communication
PLA 2013	Survey of American Law

SOW 2192	Understanding Relationships in the 21st Century
SPM 2010	Sport in Global Society
SYG 2010	Current Social Problems

Humanities

Choose one course from Group A and one additional course from either Group A or Group B 6

Group A

ARH 1000	Art Appreciation
LIT 2000	Introduction to Literature
MUL 2010	Music Appreciation
PHI 2010	Introduction to Philosophy
THE 2000	Theatre Appreciation

Group B

AML 2010	American Literature I
AML 2020	American Literature II
AML 2072	Sex, Money, and Power in American Literature
ARH 2050	Western Survey I: Prehistory to the Medieval Period
ARH 2051	Western Survey II: Renaissance to Contemporary
ART 1015C	Exploring Artistic Vision
ART 2821	The Self, Creativity, Your Career and Visual Culture
CRW 2001	Introduction to Creative Writing
ENL 2010	History of English Literature I
ENL 2020	History of English Literature II
IDH 1040	Honors Core: Humanities
LIT 2030	Introduction to Poetry
MUH 2930	The Music Experience: Special Topics
PHI 2103	Critical Thinking
PHI 2603	Ethics in Contemporary Society
REL 1300	World Religions
SPC 2608	Public Speaking
THE 2300	Survey of Dramatic Literature

Natural Sciences

Choose one course from Group A and one additional course from either Group A or Group B 6

Group A

AST 1002	Descriptive Astronomy
BSC 1005	General Biology for Non-Majors *
BSC 1085	Anatomy and Physiology I *
BSC 2010	Biology I
CHM 1020	Concepts in Chemistry *
CHM 2045	General Chemistry I *
ESC 2000	Introduction to Earth Science *
EVR 2001	Introduction to Environmental Science
PHY 1020	Conceptual Physics
PHY 2048	Calculus-Based Physics I **, **
PHY 2048C	Calculus-Based Physics I Studio ***
PHY 2053	Algebra-Based Physics I **, **

Group B

ANT 2511	Biological Anthropology *
AST 2037	Life in the Universe
BOT 2010	General Botany
BSC 1050	Fundamentals of Ecology
BSC 1086	Anatomy and Physiology II *
BSC 2011	Biology II
BSC 2311	Introduction to Oceanography and Marine Biology *
CGS 2020	Introduction to Machine Learning
CHM 2046	General Chemistry II *
CIS 2530	Introduction to Cybersecurity
GLY 2010	Physical Geology *
MCB 1000	Fundamentals of Microbiology *
PHC 2082	Informatics and Your Health
PHY 2049	Calculus-Based Physics II * **
PHY 2054	Algebra-Based Physics II * **

* May be taken with or without lab.

** Algebra-Based Physics is usually recommended for non-science majors, while Calculus-Based Physics is recommended for science majors

*** Although students receive 5 semester hours credit for PHY 2048C, an additional 3 semester science course will be needed to meet General Education requirements.

General Education Electives

Choose an additional course from two of the three areas of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences

Gordon Rule (Writing and Mathematics) Requirements

To fulfill the writing and mathematics requirement for earning the first baccalaureate degree, students are required to satisfy the Gordon Rule ([BOG 6.017](#)) through successful completion of coursework in English, Writing, and Mathematics.

- Six (6) semester hours of English Composition coursework and six (6) semester hours of additional coursework in which students are required to demonstrate college-level writing skills through multiple assignments.
- Six (6) semester hours of mathematics at the level of college algebra or higher are required.
 - Students are required to take six (6) semester hours of theoretical math or
 - three (3) semester hours of theoretical math and three (3) semester hours of applied math.

For the purposes of this rule, a grade of "C" or higher shall be considered successful completion.

Courses may not be taken on the pass/fail basis. Students must complete these requirements before advancing to upper-division status. Transfer students should refer to the [Transfer Credit](#) section of this catalog. Students should consult the [Office of Undergraduate Admissions](#) for evaluation of transfer mathematics courses for General Education requirements, Gordon Rule, and credit for graduation.

*[BOG 6.017](#)

The following UWF courses are approved for Gordon Rule (some courses may be more or less than 3 sh):

College-Level Writing Courses

AMH 4380	Disaster in North American History	3
AML 2072	Sex, Money, and Power in American Literature	3
AML 4640	Topics in Native American Literature	3
ARH 2050	Western Survey I: Prehistory to the Medieval Period	3
ARH 2051	Western Survey II: Renaissance to Contemporary	3
ARH 3150	Ancient Roman Art and Architecture	3
ARH 3201	Art and Culture in The Global Middle Ages	3
ARH 3301	Early European Renaissance	3
ARH 3303	Late European Renaissance	3
ARH 3350	Baroque Art and Architecture	3
ARH 3590	Non-Western Art	3
ARH 3607	Native American Art	3
ARH 3621	American Art	3
ARH 3724	History of Graphic Design	3
ARH 3871	Women in Art	3
ARH 4302	Late Renaissance Art in Italy	3
ARH 4412	The Age of Revolution to Romanticism in Europe: 1750-1850	3
ARH 4417	Art and Science in the Nineteenth Century	3
ARH 4450	Modern Art: 1850-1980	3
ARH 4470	Contemporary Art	3
ARH 4563	Art of Japan	3
ARH 4889	Inscribed Bodies: Concepts of Tattoo and Body Art in World History	3
ARH 4911	Research in Art History	3
ARH 4930	Theory and Methods in Art History	3
CCJ 3024	Criminal Justice System	3
CCJ 4700	Research Design in Criminal Justice	3
COM 2713	Introduction to the Communication Professions	3
CRW 2001	Introduction to Creative Writing	3
ENC 1101	English Composition I *	3
ENC 1102	English Composition II *	3
ENC 3213	Professional and Technical Writing *	3
ENC 3377	Studies in Rhetorical Theories *	3
ENC 3455	Writing for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Majors	3
ENC 3416	Digital Writing *	3
ENG 3010	Critical Methods for Literary Study	3
ENL 2010	History of English Literature I	3
EUH 1000	Western Perspectives I	3
EVR 3894	Environmental Writing	3
FIL 4102	Screenwriting for Film, TV, and Digital Media	3
GEB 3213	Writing for Business: Theory and Practice	3
HIS 4491	History of Medicine and Society	3
HSA 3111	Understanding U.S. Healthcare	3

IDH 1040	Honors Core: Humanities	3
JOU 3101	Digital and Multimedia Journalism	3
JOU 4306	Writing Critical Reviews	3
JOU 4308	Magazine Writing	3
LIT 2000	Introduction to Literature	3
LIT 2030	Introduction to Poetry	3
LIT 4036	Topics in Poetry and Poetics	3
LIT 4074	Topics in Auto/Biography	3
MLS 4704	Clinical Management Portfolio for the MLT to MLS track	3
MUH 3211	History of Western Music I: End of Ancient World Through 17th Century	3
MUH 3212	History of Western Music II: 18th through 20th Centuries	3
NUR 3081	Professional Nursing Practice	3
NUR 4169	Integration of Evidence in Professional Nursing Practice	3
NUR 4828	Systems-Based Nursing Leadership	3
PHH 3100	Greek Philosophy	3
PHH 3400	Modern Philosophy	3
PHH 4200	Medieval Philosophy	3
PHI 2010	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHI 2103	Critical Thinking	3
PHI 2603	Ethics in Contemporary Society	3
PHI 3320	Philosophy of Mind	3
PHI 3400	Philosophy of Science	3
PHI 3452	Philosophy of Biology	3
PHI 3500	Metaphysics: Furniture of the Universe	3
PHI 3640	Environmental Ethics	3
PHI 3670	Ethics	3
PHI 3700	Philosophy of Religion	3
PHI 3790	African Philosophy	3
PHI 3800	Philosophy of Art	3
PHI 3880	Philosophy of Film	3
PHI 4300	Theory of Knowledge	3
PHI 4633	Biomedical Ethics	3
PHM 3200	Social and Political Philosophy	3
PLA 4155	Legal Advocacy	3
PSY 2023	Professional Development in Psychology	3
PSY 3213	Research Methods in Psychological Science I	3
PSY 3860	Positive Psychology	3
REL 1300	World Religions	3
REL 3241	Studies in the New Testament	3
SOW 3350	Interviewing and Recording	3
THE 2300	Survey of Dramatic Literature	3

* NOTE: Courses with an asterisk meet English Composition and/or College-Level Writing

Mathematics/Applied Courses

STA 2023	Elements of Statistics	3
STA 2360	Introduction to Data Science	3

STA 3162C	Applied Statistics	4
STA 4173	Biostatistics	3
STA 4321	Introduction to Mathematical Statistics I	3

Mathematics/Theoretical Courses

MAA 4211	Advanced Calculus I	3
MAC 1105C	College Algebra with Lab	4
MAC 1105	College Algebra	3
MAC 1114	Trigonometry	3
MAC 1140	Precalculus Algebra	3
MAC 1147	Precalculus with Trigonometry	4
MAC 2233	Calculus with Business Applications	3
MAC 2311	Analytic Geometry and Calculus I	4
MAC 2312	Analytic Geometry and Calculus II	4
MAD 4401	Numerical Analysis	3
MAP 2302	Differential Equations	3
MAP 4341	Partial Differential Equations	3
MAS 3105	Linear Algebra	3
MAS 4203	Number Theory	3
MAS 4301	Abstract Algebra	3
MGF 1106	Mathematics for Liberal Arts I	3
MGF 1107	Mathematics for Liberal Arts II	3
MHF 3202	Set Theory and Mathematical Logic	3

NOTE: Courses with the MAE prefix do not satisfy the Gordon Rule math requirement.

Multicultural Courses

An important component of a liberal education is the study of cultures other than one's own. As such, multiculturalism encompasses the appreciation of the values, expressions, and modes of organization of diverse cultural communities. To further such study, the University of West Florida requires all students pursuing a bachelor's degree to complete at least one course that explores one or more of the dimensions of another culture (language, religion, socio-economic structures, etc.). Students are exempt from this requirement if they have completed an A.A. degree, the general education program at a Florida public institution, or a baccalaureate degree.

The requirement is satisfied by the successful completion of a multicultural course designated on the following list. Several of the selections are General Education courses, and students may enroll in these to meet both the General Education and the multicultural requirements.

***Passed by UWF Faculty Senate on 11/08/2002*

This list is continually updated and students are encouraged to check with their advisors for alternative options.

AML 2010	American Literature I	3
AML 2020	American Literature II	3
AML 3604	African American Literature	3
AML 3624	Black Women Writers	3
AML 4015	Topics in Nineteenth-Century American Literature	3
AML 4640	Topics in Native American Literature	3
ANT 1001	Anthropology as a Profession	1
ANT 2000	Introduction to Anthropology	3
ANT 2301	Human Sexuality and Culture	3

ANT 3212	Peoples and Cultures of the World	3	LAH 4451	Greater Mexico: Central America from Conquest to the 20th Century	3
ANT 3312	North American Indians	3	LAH 4728	Gender and Sexuality in Latin America from Colonization to Today	3
ANT 3363	Japanese Culture	3	LIT 2000	Introduction to Literature	3
ANT 3403	Cultural Ecology	3	LIT 2030	Introduction to Poetry	3
ANT 4006	Anthropology of Human Rights	3	LIT 3233	Postcolonial Literature	3
ANT 4025	Ritual Use of Human Remains	3	LIT 4036	Topics in Poetry and Poetics	3
ANT 4516	Modern Human Physical Variation	3	LIT 4385	Feminist Theory	3
ARH 1000	Art Appreciation	3	MAN 4102	Management of Diversity	3
ARH 2050	Western Survey I: Prehistory to the Medieval Period	3	MAR 4156	Seminar in International Marketing	3
ARH 3201	Art and Culture in The Global Middle Ages	3	MMC 3743	Communicating Fear: Horror Films and Popular Culture	3
ARH 2051	Western Survey II: Renaissance to Contemporary	3	MMC 3745	Communicating Fear Abroad: International Horror Films & Popular Culture	3
ARH 3590	Non-Western Art	3	MMC 4601	Minorities and the Mass Media	3
ARH 3607	Native American Art	3	MUH 2930	The Music Experience: Special Topics	3
ARH 4302	Late Renaissance Art in Italy	3	MUL 2010	Music Appreciation	3
ARH 4412	The Age of Revolution to Romanticism in Europe: 1750-1850	3	NUR 4615	Community and Public Health Nursing	3
ARH 4450	Modern Art: 1850-1980	3	NUR 4636	Population-based Public Health Nursing	3
ARH 4470	Contemporary Art	3	PHI 3790	African Philosophy	3
ARH 4563	Art of Japan	3	PUR 3404	International Public Relations	3
CCJ 3678	Race, Gender, Ethnicity, and Crime	3	PSY 3860	Positive Psychology	3
COM 3014	Gender Communication	3	SOP 3730	Psychology, Culture, and Society	3
COM 3461	Intercultural Communication	3	SOW 4233	Human Diversity and Social Justice	3
COM 4242	Communication and Christianity	3	SPN 3400	Advanced Stylistics	3
CPO 2002	Comparative Politics	3	SPN 4520	Latin American Culture and Civilization	3
CRW 2001	Introduction to Creative Writing	3	SYO 4421	Sociology of Health, Illness and Health Care	3
EDF 2085	Teaching Diverse Populations	3	SYO 4530	Inequality in America	3
ENG 4013	Introduction to Literary Theory	3			
ENL 2020	History of English Literature II	3			
EUH 1000	Western Perspectives I	3			
EUH 1001	Western Perspectives II	3			
EUH 3203	Modern Europe	3			
EUH 3334	Emperors, Sultans, Dictators, and Democrats: The Balkans	3			
EUH 3411	Rome and the Mediterranean World	3			
EUH 3576	Soviet Union since 1917	3			
FRE 4955	Supervised Foreign Language Field Experience Abroad	1-3			
GEA 2000	Nations and Regions of the World	3			
GEB 4361	International Business	3			
GEO 3421	Cultural Geography	3			
GEO 3471	Geography of World Affairs	3			
HSC 2622	Introduction to Global Health Sciences	3			
HIS 2050	Explore Gender and Diversity	3			
HIS 4262	Rise and Fall of the Portuguese Empire	3			
IDH 1040	Honors Core: Humanities	3			
IDH 1041	Honors Core: Social Sciences	3			
INR 2002	International Politics	3			
LAH 4135	Spanish Conquest of the Americas	3			
LAH 4131	'Atlantic Indians': How Indigenous and African Peoples Shaped Europe & the Americas	3			

Summer Hour Requirement

All students entering a university in the State University System with fewer than sixty (60) semester hours credit shall be required to earn at least nine (9) semester hours prior to graduation by attendance at one or more summer sessions at one of the state universities.

Students may satisfy this requirement through online courses at UWF as well as any other UWF courses. Courses taken within the community college, state college system, or outside of the State University System of Florida cannot be used to satisfy summer hours.

*BOG 6.016

General Education Digital Badges

The 2021 Florida Legislature amended [s. 1007.25, F.S.](#) to require public postsecondary institutions to award students a nationally recognized digital badge upon completion of general education core courses that demonstrate career readiness, beginning with students who initially enter a postsecondary institution in the 2022-2023 academic year.

The digital badge is earned by completing general education core courses, which are already built into associate in science, associate in arts, and baccalaureate degree programs. Florida's state universities and state colleges will automatically award the badge upon successful completion of the required coursework. The badge will appear on the student's FASTER* transcript, which will be accepted by all institutions

if the student chooses to transfer to another Florida state college or university.

Pursuant to s. 1007.25(4), F.S., all students initially entering a public postsecondary institution in the 2022-23 academic year (Fall 2022) and thereafter and enroll in general education core courses are eligible for the awarding of a digital badge. This is inclusive of dual enrollment students who complete core courses while in high school in the 2022-23 academic year and thereafter. Institutions must award badges to students meeting these criteria.

Additionally, pursuant to s. 1007.27, F.S., Florida public postsecondary institutions must award credit earned through acceleration mechanisms, including credit by examination (e.g., AP, IB, AICE, and CLEP). Therefore, institutions may award digital badges to students who receive transcribed credit for the general education core course(s) required to complete the digital badge.

Fundamentals of Written Communication Digital Badge

Florida public postsecondary institutions now offer students a Fundamentals of Written Communication digital badge. With this badge, students will be able to enhance their personal communication skills and convey to future employers that they have acquired vital skills needed for professional success.

To earn the Fundamentals of Communication Digital Badge students will need to:

- a. Enroll in ENC 1101 English Composition I or ENC 1102 English Composition II.
- b. Successfully complete the course with a grade of "C" or better.
- c. Upon completion of the course with the required minimum grade, the digital badge will automatically be awarded at the institution where the student completed the course and will be added to their FASTER transcript.
*FASTER is the Florida Automated System for Transferring Educational Records

What is effective written communication?

Effective written communication is the ability to communicate ideas, information, and perspectives clearly, adapt a message to different audiences and situations, and use the appropriate style to convey meaning in various written contexts.

What are students learning by earning this badge?

By completing the college course associated with this badge, you will demonstrate information literacy, comprehension of written material, and conveying information in writing for a variety of rhetorical purposes and audiences.

Some of the learning outcomes associated with the college course that results in this badge include:

- Examining and analyzing written material.
- Synthesizing information and ideas.
- Developing content relevant to the purpose.
- Demonstrating the ability to write to a specific audience.
- Presenting a perspective informed by research and critical thinking.
- Revising written communication based on feedback.

Why is written communication important in the workplace?

- Enhances an employee's ability to interpret and evaluate a wide variety of written material.
- Promotes research, critical thinking, and problem solving.
- Advances the development of clearly written material relevant to the intent. Enhances the use of appropriate language for an intended audience.
- Increases the competent, effective, and responsible use of information.

For more information about the General Education Digital Badges please contact generaleducation@uwf.edu.