

General Education Requirements

General Education Mission Statement

Nashua Community College is committed to offering a foundation of common knowledge and skills to all students through a variety of learning experiences. General Education at NCC provides a broad core of humanistic knowledge demonstrated through the achievement of essential learning outcomes to prepare students for twenty-first-century challenges. It is a coherent framework for providing students a high level of learning as well as strong intellectual and practical skills needed to become well-informed citizens in an ever-changing world.

Philosophy of General Education

General Education is based on the belief that all students should have the educational experiences that enable them to broaden their perspective of the world around them and help them succeed in future career and intellectual pursuits. Students should be able to understand various key concepts and methods of inquiry that relate to specific fields of study. General Education will provide the skills and knowledge that will allow students the opportunities to communicate effectively, create exemplary work, commit to learning, collaborate with others, and challenge ones' self and others by questioning and reasoning.

General Education Learning Outcomes

After completion of general education courses, the student will meet the following outcomes:

1. The student will communicate effectively and fluently; read with comprehension; listen, speak and write competently.
2. The student will develop skills in reflection, analysis, logical reasoning, and evaluation to formulate judgments, reach conclusions, and solve problems.
3. The student will evaluate and utilize quantitative and qualitative data and apply mathematical and scientific principles and methods.
4. The student will utilize technology to locate, evaluate, organize, and utilize information accurately and responsibly.
5. The student will acquire knowledge and skills to function effectively as informed and responsible citizens.
6. The student will acquire knowledge and skills that will enable respect for diversity as well as an awareness of global interdependency.



General Education Graduation Requirement

Group A: English – 7 credits minimum

In this group, students demonstrate their ability to communicate effectively through the written and oral format. In literature courses, students demonstrate the ability to interpret and analyze selected works. The course ENGN101 is required for all students. Any one of the other courses listed below will satisfy the requirements for this group.

	Credits	
CMNN101	Introduction to Media Studies	3
CMNN102	Principles of Communications	3
CMNN115	Introduction to Media Writing	3
CMNN120	Introduction to Public Relations	3
CMNN125	Introduction to Broadcasting	3
CMNN204	Screenwriting	3
CMNN206	Social Media	3
CMNN285	Communications Internship: A Capstone Experience	3
ENGN102	Writing about Literature	3
ENGN103	Professional Writing and Presentations	3
ENGN105	Introduction to Literature	3
ENGN109	Oral Communication	3
ENGN122	Technical Writing	3
ENGN206	Writing Short Stories	3
ENGN215	Literature by American Women	3
ENGN220	Contemporary Dramatic Literature	3
ENGN230	British Literature I	3
ENGN231	British Literature II	3
ENGN235	Poetry Workshop	3
ENGN240	American Literature I	3
ENGN241	American Literature II	3
ENGN285	Individual Project in English: A Capstone Experience	3
HONN250	Honors Advanced Creative Writing	3
HONN260C	Honors Humor in Literature and Other Media	3

Group B: Science - 3 credits minimum

Through study in this group, students will investigate the laws, scientific methods of inquiry, and theories used to explain the universe, life forms within the universe, and natural phenomena.

	Credits	
HONN117	Honors The Environment in Chemical Perspective	4
SCIN101	Biology in Focus I	4
SCIN102	Biology in Focus II	4
SCIN103	Principles of Biology I	4
SCIN104	Principles of Biology II	4
SCIN111	Basic Human Anatomy and Physiology	4
SCIN115	Astronomy	4
SCIN116	Meteorology	4
SCIN117	Environmental Science	4
SCIN120	Nutrition (no lab)	3
SCIN130	Physics I	4
SCIN131	Physics II	4
SCIN141	Introduction to Chemistry	4
SCIN142	General Chemistry I	4
SCIN143	General Chemistry II	4
SCIN150	Physical Science I	4
SCIN151	Physical Science II	4
SCIN160	Genetics	4
SCIN201	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
SCIN202	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
SCIN205	Basic Pathophysiology (no lab)	3
SCIN215	Microbiology	4
SCIN220	Ecology	4
SCIN231	Calculus-Based Physics I	4
SCIN232	Calculus-Based Physics II	4
SCIN242	Organic Chemistry	4

Group C: Social Sciences (Behavioral) – 3 credits minimum

In this group, students learn about the interrelationship of individuals with the larger society in which they live. Emphasis is placed on an understanding of the forces within society that help shape the individual.

	Credits	
CRJN101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CRJN102	Criminology	3
PJSN101	Introduction to Peace and Social Justice Studies	3
PJSN105	Foundations of Conflict Resolution	3
PJSN108	Theories of Conflict and Conflict Resolution	3
PJSN201	Group Facilitation Theory	3
PJSN210	Theory and Practice of Mediation	3
PSYN101	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSYN130	Human Relations	3
PSYN201	Human Growth and Development	3
PSYN202	Personality Psychology	3
PSYN205	Child Psychology	3
PSYN206	Learning and Behavior	3
PSYN207	Social Psychology	3
PSYN210	Abnormal Psychology	3
PSYN212	Individual Counseling: Theory and Practice	3
PSYN220	Research Methods	3
PSYN222	Group Dynamics and Counseling	3
PSYN240	Alcohol and Drugs	3
PSYN280	Community Psychology: A Capstone Experience	3
PSYN290	Psychology Internship: A Capstone Experience	3
SOCN101	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOCN108	Introduction to Archaeology	3
SOCN110	Cultural Anthropology	3
SOCN111	Intro to Social Work	3
SOCN115	Sociology of Technology	3
SOCN201	Contemporary Social Problems	3
SOCN205	The Changing Family	3
SOCN206	Sociology of Deaf Culture	3
SOCN228	Class, Status and Power	3

Group D: Social Sciences (Non-Behavioral) – 3 credits minimum

Study in this group will help students understand and appreciate divergent views with respect to local, national and international issues. In addition, students will appreciate the nature of cultural and national identity within a growing multicultural setting.

	Credits	
ECON201	Microeconomics	3
ECON202	Macroeconomics	3
GEON110	World Regional Geography	3
GEON130	Human Geography	3
HISN101	Western Civilization from Ancient Times to 1700	3
HISN102	Western Civilization from 1600 to the Present	3
HISN110	Ancient Civilizations of the World	3
HISN140	U.S. History from the Colonial Era to Reconstruction	3
HISN141	U.S. History Since Reconstruction	3
HISN210	The Making of England: 1215-1707	3
HISN215	New Hampshire History	3
HISN232	History of Modern Asia	3
HISN241	American Constitutional History	3
HISN246	Modern America	3
HISN260	History of Multiculturalism	3
HISN265	Latin American History: From Independence to the Present	3
HISN285	Introduction to Historical Research Methods	3
HONN260A	Honors Movies and Social History of the USA	3
HONN260B	Honors Introduction to Chinese Culture and Society	3
POLN101	Introduction to Political Science	3
POLN102	American Government and Politics	3
POLN205	Civic Engagement Project	2

POLN210	State and Local Government	3
POLN220	American Politics and Mass Media	3

Group E: Mathematics – 3 credits minimum

Through study in this group, students will learn to appreciate logical reasoning, abstraction of ideas, and the analytical approach to problem solving.

		Credits
HONN210	Honors Calculus I	4
MTHN106	Statistics I	4
MTHN108	Contemporary Mathematics	3
MTHN110	Algebra and Trigonometry	4
MTHN115	Finite Mathematics	4
MTHN120	Precalculus	4
MTHN170	Discrete Mathematics	4
MTHN206	Statistics II	4
MTHN210	Calculus I	4
MTHN211	Calculus II	4
MTHN212	Calculus III	4
MTHN215	Linear Algebra	4
MTHN220	Elementary Differential Equations	4
MTHN285	Individual Project in Mathematics: A Capstone Experience	4

Group F: The Humanities – 3 credits minimum

Students will explore art, music, and philosophy. Students will be exposed to creative expressions of the imagination and the human intellect.

		Credits
FARN101	Introduction to Drawing	3
FARN111	Photography and Digital Imaging I	3
FARN112	Photography and Digital Imaging II	3
FARN120	Graphic Design Theory	3
FARN200	Drawing II: Developing a Personal Approach to Drawing	3
HONN130	Honors Ancient Greek Philosophy	3
HUMN101	Introduction to the Humanities	3
HUMN102	Art Appreciation	3
HUMN103	Music Appreciation	3
HUMN104	Jazz and Its Roots	3
HUMN107	World Religion	3
HUMN109	Introduction to Philosophy	3
HUMN110	Critical Thinking Skills	3
HUMN120	Introduction to Theatre	3
HUMN130	Music Composition	3
HUMN140	American Cinema	3
HUMN145	American Popular Culture	3
HUMN220	Classical Myths in Western Civilization	3
HUMN230	Ethics in the Workplace	3

Group G: World Languages – 3 credits minimum

Students will explore world languages. Students will be exposed to creative expressions of the imagination and the human intellect.

		Credits
LNGN101	French I	3
LNGN102	French II	3
LNGN105	Spanish I	3
LNGN106	Spanish II	3
LNGN205	Spanish III	3
LNGN206	Spanish IV	3
LNGN109	Italian I	3
LNGN110	Italian II	3
LNGN113	Basic German	6
LNGN114	German I	3
LNGN115	German II	3
LNGN214	German III	3
LNGN120	Sign Language I	3
LNGN121	Sign Language II	3
LNGN220	Sign Language III	3
LNGN221	Sign Language IV	3

SPECIAL NOTES:

While a minimum of 24 credits must be earned to meet the General Education Core Requirements, it is important to note that courses must be completed in Groups A – G as noted above.

With approval of the Vice President of Academic Affairs, other courses may be used to satisfy General Education Core Requirements. The most obvious example in this regard is the transfer of General Education courses from other institutions of higher education.

