

## The GenEd Requirements

**The University** requires the following 10 General Education requirements. No single course can fulfill more than one category, but Economics requirements may overlap with these University requirements. For each requirement, a list of approved courses can be found on the web at <http://www.gmu.edu/departments/provost/gened/index.html>.

1. Written communication (6 credits)
2. Oral communication (3 credits)
3. Quantitative reasoning (3 credits) (e.g. MATH 108 or MATH 113)
4. Information Technology (3 credits) (e.g. IT 103)
5. Literature (3 credits)
6. Fine Arts (3 credits)
7. Natural Science (7-8 credits)
8. Social Science: Hist 100 or 125 and 3 additional non-history credits (e.g. ECON 103)
9. Global Understanding (3 credits) (e.g. ECON 360, 361, 362, 380, or 390)
10. Synthesis (e.g. ECON 309)

**The College of Humanities and Social Sciences** has General Education requirements that complement the University requirements. The CHSS requirements do NOT have to be met with a separate course. A single course can usually fulfill both a CHSS requirement and a University requirement or a major requirement.

### **Science with Lab for all CHSS students (BA and BS):**

In addition to the above University requirements, CHSS requires that Natural Science be fulfilled with 8 credits of lab science for the BA students. BS students need an 8 credit lab sequence.

### **Additional GenEd Requirements for CHSS students seeking a BA degree:**

1. Proficiency in a foreign language thru the intermediate level
2. Philosophy or religious studies (3 credits of any PHIL or RELS course)
3. Non-western culture (*3 credits in addition to the 3 credits of global understanding required by the University*)
4. Social sciences – additional credits vary depending on the major

**For Economics Majors** the BA in Economics requires more GenEd courses than the BS in Economics, but the BS has more major requirements (especially Math and Statistics). Econ BA students face these additional GenEd requirements:

1. Proficiency in a foreign language through the intermediate level
2. Philosophy or religious studies (3 credits of any PHIL or RELS course)
3. Non-western culture (3 credits in addition to the 3 credits of global understanding required by the University) (e.g. ANTH 114 or GEOG 101)
4. Social sciences – 3 additional credits *outside of Economics*, chosen from ADJ, ANTH, GEOG, GOVT, HIST 120, PSYC, SOCI

\*\*Note: The Nonwestern and Social Science requirements can be fulfilled simultaneously by either ANTH 114 or GEOG 101.

\*\*\***Students who entered under a catalog prior to Fall 2007 may want to choose to graduate under a subsequent catalog. Several requirements were dropped in Fall 07 including Hist 120 (dropped as of Fall 2006). For BA students 1 literature course and 1 social science course were dropped in Fall 07. The foreign language requirement was also adjusted and BA students no longer need a science sequence.**