

Richard Bland College General Education Guide

The purpose of General Education at Shenandoah University is to provide students with the knowledge, skills and opportunities to be active, ethical, and productive citizens in a changing and diverse world.

Shenandoah University's General Education program targets three primary areas that the faculty and students have identified as essential to productive citizenry: 1) critical thinking; 2) effective communication; 3) creative performance. The General Education requirements are designed to enhance the skills of our students within all of these areas.

The General Education program is required of all students entering Shenandoah University as a first-year/freshman. This requirement is in addition to the college/school requirements and the major/program of study requirements.

Seven domains of learning form the foundation of the General Education program at Shenandoah University. Each domain fosters at least one element of the program's primary goals. The General Education program at Shenandoah University exposes students to multiple methods of thinking, questioning and knowing. Through an exploration of the domains of communication in multiple contexts, the arts and society, quantitative literacy, the scientific world, moral reasoning, foundations of human behavior, and historical and cultural perspectives, students develop an awareness of the world around them and the ability to perform effectively in the communities in which they engage.

The following is an overview of the seven domains. A maximum of six credits per domain may count toward a student's General Education requirements with the exception of the scientific world domain, in which students may take a maximum of eight credits.

Domain	Credits
1) Communication in Multiple Contexts (CMC)(Every student must complete ENG 101 or its equivalent)	3-6
2) The Arts and Society (AS)	3-6
3) Quantitative Literacy (QL)	3-6
4) The Scientific World (SW)	3-8
5) Moral Reasoning (MR)	3-6
6) Foundations of Human Behavior (HB)	3-6
7) Historical and Cultural Perspectives (HCP)	3-6
Total General Education Domain Credits	30 credit minimum

Quick Reference Guide for General Education

- Students must complete a minimum of 30 general education credits.
 - Students must complete at least three credits minimum in each of the seven domains.
 - A maximum of six credits per domain may count toward a student's General Education requirements with the exception of the Scientific World domain, in which students may take a maximum of eight credits.
 - Students must complete three choice domain courses in addition to the seven domain requirements.
 - Students must complete ENG 101 or its equivalent in Domain I: Communication in Multiple Contexts.
 - In addition, all students must complete 4 intensity courses (see academic advisor for details).
1. **Communication in Multiple Contexts** (3 min. – 6 max)
ENGL 101, SPCH 101, TH 115
 2. **The Arts and Society** (3 min. – 6 max)
ART 231, ENGL 102, MUS 103
 3. **Quantitative Literacy** (3 min. – 6 max)
MATH 101, MATH 105, MATH 110, MATH 117, MATH 201, MATH 202, MATH 217
 4. **The Scientific World** (3 min. – 8 max)
BIO 101, BIO 102, BIO 110, BIO 205, BIO 206, CHEM 101, CHEM 102, CHEM 110, PHYS 101, PHYS 102, PHYS 201, PHYS 202
 5. **Moral Reasoning** (3 min. – 6 max)
PHIL 101, PHIL 203, REL 201
 6. **Foundations of Human Behavior** (3 min. – 6 max)
ECON 201, ECON 202, PSY 201, PSY 202, SOC 201, SOC 204, SOC 253
 7. **Historical and Cultural Perspectives** (3 min. – 6 max)
FREN 101, FREN 102, FREN 201, FREN 202, GOVT 201, GOVT 253, HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 201, HIST 202, SPAN 101, SPAN 102, SPAN 201, SPAN 202

*This is **NOT** a comprehensive list. Other courses may satisfy General Education requirements upon approval by the academic office.