

# The General Education Program

According to its mission statement, Northwest Nazarene University offers an undergraduate curriculum that "is designed to instill a habit of mind that enables each student to become God's creative and redemptive agent in today's world." This curriculum provides both depth (the student's major field of study) and breadth (the General Education Program) to nurture NNU's students' highest intellectual, physical, and spiritual development.

The General Education Program is the foundation of all undergraduate education at Northwest Nazarene University. It purposely expresses, through curriculum, the mission of the University as a Christian liberal arts institution in the Wesleyan heritage. The objective of the General Education Program is to provide a common experience for the personal and intellectual growth of each student. Students are brought into contact with the great persons, ideas, and movement of human culture and the Christian faith. The curriculum is intellectually challenging and designed to set the tone for all courses at the University.

## Standard General Education Requirements at a Glance (50 credits)

*When planning a schedule, students should carefully review the detailed requirements following this summary.*

### Christian Formation - 12 credits

Course Code	Course Name	Credits
BIBL1100	Intro to Biblical Studies	3
THEO2100	Intro to Christian Theology	3
BIBL/THEO	Approved Upper Division Bib Lit or Theology Elective	3
PHIL	Approved Philosophy Elective	3

### Humanities - 13 Credits

Course Code	Course Name	Credits
HUMN1020	Cornerstone	1
ENGL	Approved Literature Elective	3
ARDE/MUSC	Approved Art History or Music History Elective	3
HIST	Approved U.S. History Elective	3
HIST	Approved non-U.S. History Elective	3
	Capstone (see list below)	1

### Intellectual/Practical - 9 Credits

Course Code	Course Name	Credits
ENGL1040	Introduction to Academic Writing	3
ENGL3000W	Studies in Composition and Rhetoric (or an ENGL course with a W designation)	3
COMM	Approved Speech Course	3
Math Proficiency	Satisfactory score on the mathematics portion of the ACT, SAT, or Accuplacer tests or approved college level mathematics course	0
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## Sciences - 15 Credits

Course Code	Course Name	Credits
KINE1000	Fundamentals of Wellness	1
KINE	Approved Kinesiology Activity Elective	1
Natural Science	Approved Natural Science Lecture Elective	3
Natural Science	Approved Natural Science Lab Elective	1
Social Science	Approved Social Science Elective	3
Electives from two of the following areas to equal 6 credits:		

- Additional Electives
- Mathematics
  - Natural Sciences
  - Social Sciences

### Cultural Competency - 0 credits

Students are required to complete the NNU Cultural Competency Requirement. Requirements are explained in the detailed requirements following this summary.

To complete the General Education Program at Northwest Nazarene University, the student must take 50 semester credits of courses distributed in five categories. The categories with the number of credits required in each are:

## I. Christian Formation (12 credits)

Item #	Title	Credits
BIBL1100	Introduction to Biblical Studies	3
THEO2100	Introduction to Christian Theology	3

BIBL1100 - To be completed during the first three semesters of residence, must be completed with a grade of C- or higher.

THEO2100 - To be completed during the first five semesters of residence, must be completed with a grade of C- or higher.

**Upper-division Bible literature or Theology (3)**

Select one course from:

Item #	Title	Credits
BIBL3150	Biblical Interpretation	3
BIBL3220	Psalms	3
BIBL3230	Wisdom Literature	3
BIBL3260	Life and Teachings of Jesus	3
BIBL3270	Johannine Writings	3
BIBL3810	The Bible and the Holy Lands	3
THEO3410	Philosophy and Literature of Existentialism	3
THEO3540	Christian Holiness	3
THEO3560	Theological Explorations of Evangelism	3
THEO3580	Love	3
THEO3590	Theology of the Church	3
THEO3620	Science and Christian Faith	3
THEO3630	Exploring Western World Religious Traditions	3
THEO3640	Exploring Eastern World Religious Traditions	3
THEO3700	Social Justice in the Christian Tradition	3
THEO3710	Church, Culture, and Christian Living	3
THEO3730	Theology and Practice of Compassion	3
THEO3740	Theology and Practice of Spiritual Formation	3
THEO3810	Christianity in Europe	3

**Philosophy Elective (3)**

Select one course from:

Item #	Title	Credits
PHIL2010	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL2020	Ethics	3
PHIL2030	Quest for the Good Life	3
PHIL3010	Deconstructing the Western Mind	3
PHIL3080	Critical Reasoning	3
PHIL3410	Philosophy and Literature of Existentialism	3
PHIL3520	Philosophy of Science	3
PHIL3600	Clinical Ethics	3
PHIL3620	Science and Christian Faith	3
PHIL3700	Political Philosophy	3

**II. Humanities (14 credits)**

**Literature elective (3)**

Select one course from:

Item #	Title	Credits
ENGL2210	American Literature: Colonial Period to the Civil War	3
ENGL2220	American Literature: Civil War to the Present	3
ENGL2310	British Literature: Beowulf through the Age of Reason	3
ENGL2320	British Literature: The Romantic Age to the Present	3
ENGL2410	Major Literature of the Western World	3
ENGL2420	World Literature: The Ancient World to the Renaissance	3
ENGL2430	World Literature: The Enlightenment to the Modern Era	3
ENGL3210	Major Authors in American Literature	3
ENGL3250	The American Novel	3
ENGL3310	Major Authors in British Literature	3
ENGL3350	The British Novel	3
ENGL3410	Greek and Roman Classics	3
ENGL3420	Literature in Translation	3
ENGL3510	Contemporary Poetry	3
ENGL3520	Contemporary Drama	3
ENGL3750	Children's and Young Adult Literature	3
ENGL4340	Major Romantics and Victorians	3
ENGL4350	Major British Authors to the Restoration	3

**Art History/Music History Elective (3)**

Select one course from:

Item #	Title	Credits
ARDE2020	Survey of Visual Art	3
ARDE3250	Art History 1	3
ARDE3340	Design History: Industrial Revolution to Contemporary Design	3
ARDE3750	Art History 2	3
ARDE3950	Modern and Contemporary Art History	3
ARDE3960	Art and Architecture of Europe	3
MUSC1010	A Survey of Art and Music	3
MUSC2020	Survey of Performing Arts	3
MUSC3260	Music History: Medieval, Renaissance and Baroque	3
MUSC3270	Music History: Classic, Romantic and Modern	3

**History Electives (one U.S. and one non-U.S.) (6)**

Select one U.S. history course from:

Item #	Title	Credits
HIST1070	United States History Survey	3
HIST2030	United States History to 1877	3
HIST2040	United States History since 1877	3
HIST3010	Recent America	3
	Select one non-U.S. history course from:	
HIST1030	The World and The West I	3
HIST1040	The World and The West II	3
HIST3020	Modern Europe (1800-Present)	3

**Capstone: Completion of one of the following capstone courses approved by the General Education Council (1-6)**

Item #	Title	Credits
ARDE4950	Art Capstone: Engaging Art and Faith	3
BIOL4970	Pre-Physical Therapy Capstone	1
BIOL4980	Senior Seminar/Capstone	1
BSNS4980	Senior Seminar in Business Capstone	3
CHEM4980	Senior Seminar/Capstone	1
COMM4980	Senior Capstone Seminar in Communication	1
COMP4980	Senior Seminar/Capstone	1
CRIM4010	Capstone	1
EDUC4950	Seminar/Capstone	1
ENGL4980	Senior Seminar	1
ENGR4972	Senior Design Project II/Capstone	2
HIST4970	Senior Thesis and Capstone	4
HUMN4010	Capstone	1
KINE4970	Kinesiology Senior Capstone	1
MATH4100	History of Mathematics/Capstone	1
MUSC4000	Music Capstone Seminar	1
NURS4040	Transition to Professional Nursing Practice/Capstone	6
PHIL4900	Philosophy Capstone	1
PHYS4980	Senior Seminar/Capstone	1
POLS4970	Senior Thesis and Capstone	4
PSYC4010	Capstone	1
SOWK4981	Seminar in Social Work II/Capstone	1
SPAN4010	Capstone	1
THEO4900	Religion Capstone	1

### III. Sciences (15 credits)

**Activities (2)**

Item #	Title	Credits
KINE1000	Fundamentals of Wellness	1
KINE1000L	Fundamentals of Wellness Laboratory	0
	Select one Activity course from:	
KINE1010	Adapted Physical Education	1
KINE1020/KINE1021	Heart Healthy Activities	1
KINE1030/KINE1031	Lifetime Sport Activities	1
KINE2640	Kinesiology Majors Activity Laboratory	1
MILS2500	Military Style Fitness	1

KINE2640 is only open to kinesiology majors.

### Natural Science Elective to include a laboratory (4)

Item #	Title	Credits
BIOL1010	Introduction to Biology	3
BIOL1010L	Introduction to Biology Laboratory	1
BIOL1030	Earth Science	3
BIOL1030L	Earth Science Laboratory	1
BIOL1040	Environmental Science	3
BIOL1040L	Environmental Science Laboratory	1
BIOL1060	Human Biology	3
BIOL1060L	Human Biology Laboratory	1
BIOL2010	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	3
BIOL2010L	Human Anatomy and Physiology I Laboratory	1
BIOL2030	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	3
BIOL2030L	Human Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory	1
BIOL2220	General Biology I	3
BIOL2220L	General Biology I Laboratory	1
BIOL2230	General Biology II	3
BIOL2230L	General Biology II Laboratory	1
BIOL2300	Idaho Amphibians	4
BIOL2320	Idaho Birds of Prey	4
BIOL3250	Tropical Ecology	3
BIOL3250L	Tropical Ecology Laboratory	1
CHEM1040	Forensic Science	3
CHEM1040L	Forensics Science Laboratory	1
CHEM1200	Principles of General Chemistry	3
CHEM1200L	Principles of General Chemistry Laboratory	1
CHEM1210	Principles of Organic and Biochemistry	3
CHEM1210L	Principles of Organic and Biochemistry Laboratory	1
CHEM2210	General Chemistry I	3
CHEM2210L	General Chemistry I Laboratory	1
CHEM2220	General Chemistry II	3
CHEM2220L	General Chemistry II Laboratory	1
COMP3230	Introduction to Spatial Analysis	3
INTD3550	Science and Science Fiction	3
PHYS1010	Introduction to Physical Science	3
PHYS1010L	Introduction to Physical Science Laboratory	1
PHYS1060	Descriptive Astronomy	3
PHYS1060L	Descriptive Astronomy Laboratory	1
PHYS1110	College Physics I	3
PHYS1110L	College Physics I Laboratory	1
PHYS1120	College Physics II	3
PHYS1120L	College Physics II Laboratory	1
PHYS2110	Physics for Science and Engineering I	3
PHYS2110L	Physics for Science and Engineering I Laboratory	1
PHYS2120	Physics for Science and Engineering II	3
PHYS2120L	Physics for Science and Engineering II Laboratory	1
PSYC3850	Biological Foundations of Behavior	3

PSYC3850L	Biological Foundations of Behavior Laboratory	1
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### **Social Science Elective (3)**

Select one course from:

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
CLTA1550	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3
CLTA3180	Race, Class and Gender	3
COMM2030	Interpersonal Communication	3
COMM3200	Intercultural Communication	3
ECON1010	Personal Finance	3
ECON1050	Analysis of Economic Issues	3
ECON2010	Principles of Economics	3
ECON2410	Principles of Microeconomics	3
ECON2420	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
ECON3010	Personal Finance and Stewardship	3
EDUC2110	Educational Psychology	3
ENGR3410	Engineering Economics and Ethics	3
GEOG1050	Introduction to Geography	3
POLS1010	American National Politics	3
POLS1030	The Foundations of Politics: The Quest for Peace and Justice	3
POLS1050	Introduction to International Relations	3
PSYC1550	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSYC2100	Lifespan Development	3
PSYC2110	Educational Psychology	3

### Additional Science Electives (6)

Select two additional courses from two of the following three areas:

#### 1. Mathematics

- One of the following approved mathematics courses:

Item #	Title	Credits
BSNS2330	Business Statistics	3
COMP1220	Introduction to Computer Science	3
KINE4520	Tests and Measurements in Physical Education	3
MATH1100	Liberal Arts Mathematics	3
MATH1300	College Algebra	3
MATH1400	Trigonometry	3
MATH2010	Fundamental Mathematical Structures I	3
MATH2240	Elementary Statistics	3
MATH2310	Discrete Mathematics	3
MATH2510	Calculus I	4
PSYC3640	Experimental Design and Statistical Analysis	3

#### 2. Natural Science

- Approved natural science course from the list above

#### 3. Social Science

- Approved social science course from the list above

## IV. Intellectual and Practical Skills (9 credits)

Item #	Title	Credits
ENGL1040	Introduction to Academic Writing	3
	ENGL3000W or any ENGL course with a W designation	3

Must be completed with a grade of C- or higher.

[ENGL1040](#) - to be completed by the end of the first year of residence.

**Approved public speaking course:**

Item #	Title	Credits
COMM1210	Introduction to Public Speaking	3
COMM3211	Technical Communication for Scientists & Engineers	3

Must be completed with a grade of C- or higher.

**Mathematics Proficiency (0)\***

One of the following minimum test scores. Test scores must have been obtained within the previous five years.

- ACT Math score of 21 or higher
- SAT Math score of 570 or higher
- Accuplacer QRAS Score of 250 or higher
- Completion of an approved college level math course with a grade of C- or higher

*\* Must be completed by the end of the fourth semester in residence.*

## V. Cultural Competency Requirement

Students are required to complete the Cultural Competency Requirement. This may be accomplished through **one of the three following pathways:**

1. **Participating in an international study program outlined at [nnu.edu/studyabroad](http://nnu.edu/studyabroad).**
2. **Completing one course with a Cultural Competency Experience (CE) designation.**

Item #	Title	Credits
ARDE3960	Art and Architecture of Europe	3
BIBL3810	The Bible and the Holy Lands	3
BIOL3250L	Tropical Ecology Laboratory	1
COMM3200	Intercultural Communication	3
HUMN1060	University-Sponsored Travel	0-1
THEO3810	Christianity in Europe	3

### 3. Completing two courses with Cultural Competency (CC) designation.

The following courses have been approved for the CC designation:

Item #	Title	Credits
BIOL1030	Earth Science	3
BSNS4590	Global Marketing	3
BSNS4600	Global Business Strategies	3
CLTA1550	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3
CLTA3180	Race, Class and Gender	3
COMM1050	Nonverbal Communication in Culture	1
EDUC2250	Cultural Diversity in Education	2
EDUC3310	Teaching English Language Learners	1
EDUC3410	English Language Learners and Content Literacy in Secondary Classrooms	3
ENGL4270W	Minority Voices in American Literature	3
ENGR4971	Senior Design Project I/Capstone	2
HIST3840	The Holocaust	3
KINE2800	Sport History	2
MILS3900	Military Science Practicum	6-6
NURS4010	Nursing of Diverse Populations in the Community	4
PRTH2420	Missional Church I: Intercultural and Global Perspectives	3
PSYC4112	Human Diversity	3
SOWK2851	Human Behavior in the Social Environment II: Issues of Diversity	3
SOWK2970	Urban Field Experience	1
SPAN1010	Elementary Spanish I	4
SPAN1020	Elementary Spanish II	4
SPAN2010	Intermediate Spanish I	4
SPAN2020	Intermediate Spanish II	4
SPAN3010	Advanced Conversation and Composition	3
SPAN3310	Hispanic Civilization	3
THEO3630	Exploring Western World Religious Traditions	3
THEO3640	Exploring Eastern World Religious Traditions	3
THEO3730	Theology and Practice of Compassion	3

*Courses will be added as they are approved.*

#### Additional Cultural Competency information:

- Students that transfer to NNU with a minimum of 60 credits will be required to complete only **one** course (CC or CE).
- If a student grew up in a Bi-Cultural/Bi-Lingual home or spent time overseas after the age of seven, life experience may be considered as part of the Cultural Competency requirement. For consideration, students may fill out a request with the General Education Council.
- Concurrent credit or transfer courses will not be considered for CC or CE credit.
- A faculty-directed research or internship course may receive the CC or CE designation. For consideration, students should work with their major advisor.

**Additional General Education Note:**

Interdisciplinary courses may be offered periodically which will satisfy two general education requirements with one course. Completion of interdisciplinary courses will reduce the number of credits required to satisfy the general education requirements. However, the student must still complete 124 overall credits and 32 upper division credits to satisfy graduation requirements.

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**Total Credits****50**

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