# General Education

Distribution Courses

Distribution courses emphasize ways of thinking and methods of inquiry within various disciplines. Students are required to take one course in each of the following seven areas:

• Arts—Visual and Performing

• History

• Literature

• Mathematics

• Natural Science (lab required)

• Social and Behavioral Sciences

• Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning

Courses

Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB)

ONE COURSE from

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| AFRI 200 | Introduction to Africana Studies | 4 | F, Sp, Su (as needed) |
| ANTH 101 | Introduction to Cultural Anthropology | 4 | F, Sp |
| ANTH 102 | Introduction to Archaeology | 4 | F, Sp |
| ANTH 104 | Introduction to Anthropological Linguistics | 4 | F |
| COMM 240 | Mass Media and Society | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| ECON 200 | Introduction to Economics | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| GEND 200 | Gender and Society | 4 | F, Sp |
| GEOG 100 | Introduction to Environmental Geography | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| GEOG 101 | Introduction to Geography | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| GEOG 200 | World Regional Geography | 4 | F, Sp |
| GEOG 206 | Disaster Management | 4 | F, Sp |
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| POL 202 | American Government | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| POL 203 | Global Politics | 4 | F, Sp |
| POL 204 | Introduction to Political Thought | 4 | F, Sp |
| PSYC 110 | Introduction to Psychology | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| PSYC 215 | Social Psychology | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| SOC 200 | Society and Social Behavior | 4 | F, Sp |
| SOC 202 | The Family | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| SOC 204 | Urban Sociology | 4 | As needed |
| SOC 207 | Crime and Criminal Justice | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| SOC 208 | The Sociology of Race and Ethnicity | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| SOC 217 | Aging and Society | 4 | F, Sp, Su |

FSEHD section:

Content Majors (Admission currently suspended)

A. Content Major in English (Admission currently suspended)

In addition to completing required courses in elementary education, students electing a content major in English must complete the following courses, with a minimum grade point average of 2.75 in the major. Students may not proceed to student teaching without the required GPA.

Cognates

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ART 210 | Nurturing Artistic and Musical Development | 4 | F, Sp |
| BIOL 100 | Fundamental Concepts of Biology | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| MATH 143 | Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers I | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| MATH 144 | Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers II | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| POL 201 | Development of American Democracy | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| PSCI 103 | Physical Science | 4 | F, Sp, Su |

Subtotal: 24

Note: ART 210, BIOL 100, MATH 144, POL 201, PSCI 103: These courses may also apply to General Education requirement.

Content major courses in English

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ENGL 200 | Reading Literature and Culture | 4 | F, Sp |
| ENGL 208 | British Literature | 4 | Annually |
| ENGL 209 | American Literature | 4 | Annually |
| ENGL 210 | Children’s Literature: Interpretation and Evaluation | 4 | Annually |
| ENGL 212 | Adolescent Literature: Images of Youth | 4 | Annually |
| ENGL 300 | Introduction to Theory and Criticism | 4 | F, Sp |
|  | ONE other ENGL 200-level course | 4 |  |

Subtotal: 28

Students pursuing middle grades certification must also take:

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| SED 445 | The Teaching of Writing in Secondary Schools | 4 | F, Sp |

B. Content Major in Multidisciplinary Studies (Admission currently suspended)

In addition to completing required courses in elementary education, students electing a content major in multi-disciplinary studies must complete the following courses, with a minimum grade point average of 2.50 in the major. Students may not proceed to student teaching without the required GPA.

*Note: This content major does not fulfill requirements for middle grades certification.*

Cognates

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| ART 210 | Nurturing Artistic and Musical Development | 4 | F, Sp |
| BIOL 100 | Fundamental Concepts of Biology | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| MATH 143 | Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers I | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| MATH 144 | Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers II | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| POL 201 | Development of American Democracy | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| PSCI 103 | Physical Science | 4 | F, Sp, Su |

Note: ART 210, BIOL 100, MATH 144, POL 201, PSCI 103: These courses may also apply to General Education requirement.

ONE COURSE from

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| ENGL 120 | Studies in Literature and Identity | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| ENGL 121 | Studies in Literature and Nation | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| ENGL 122 | Studies in Literature and the Canon | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| ENGL 123 | Studies in Literature and Genre | 4 | F, Sp, Su |

Note: ENGL 120, ENGL 121, ENGL 122, ENGL 123: These courses may also apply to General Education requirement.

ONE COURSE from

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| HIST 103 | Multiple Voices: Europe in the World to 1600 | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| HIST 104 | Multiple Voices: Europe in the World Since 1600 | 4 | F, Sp, Su |

Note: HIST 103, HIST 104: These courses may also apply to General Education requirement.

ONE COURSE from

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| HSCI 232 | Human Genetics | 4 | F |
| PSCI 208 | Forensic Science | 4 | F, Sp |

Subtotal: 36

Note: HSCI 232, PSCI 208: These courses may also apply to General Education requirement.

Content major courses in Multidisciplinary Studies

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| ENGL 210 | Children’s Literature: Interpretation and Evaluation | 4 | Annually |
| ENGL 212 | Adolescent Literature: Images of Youth | 4 | Annually |

ONE GEOGRAPHY COURSE from

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| GEOG 101 | Introduction to Geography | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| GEOG 200 | World Regional Geography | 4 | F, Sp |

ONE SOCIAL STUDIES COURSE from

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ANTH 101 | Introduction to Cultural Anthropology | 4 | F, Sp |
| ANTH 102 | Introduction to Archaeology | 4 | F, Sp |
| ECON 200 | Introduction to Economics | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| ECON 214 | Principles of Microeconomics | 3 | F, Sp, Su |
| SOC 200 | Introduction to Sociology | 4 | F, Sp |
| SOC 202 | The Family | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| SOC 204 | Urban Sociology | 4 | As needed |
| SOC 208 | The Sociology of Race and Ethnicity | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| POL 203 | Global Politics | 4 | F, Sp |
| POL 204 | Introduction to Political Thought | 4 | F, Sp |

ONE SCIENCE COURSE from

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| HSCI 232 | Human Genetics | 4 | F |
| PSCI 208 | Forensic Science | 4 | F, Sp |
| PSCI 211 | Introduction to Astronomy | 4 | F, Sp |
| PSCI 212 | Introduction to Geology | 4 | F, Su |
| PSCI 217 | Introduction to Oceanography | 4 | Sp |

Note: HSCI 232, PSCI 208: These courses may also apply to General Education requirement.

TWO MATH COURSES from

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| MATH 209 | Precalculus Mathematics | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| MATH 210 | College Trigonometry | 3 | Sp |
| MATH 212 | Calculus I | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| MATH 220 | Formalizing Mathematical Thought | 4 | F |
| MATH 240 | Statistical Methods I | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| MATH 324 | College Geometry | 4 | F, Sp |
| MATH 409 | Mathematical Problem Analysis | 4 | F |
| MATH 431 | Number Theory | 3 | F, Sp |

Subtotal: 25-28

Note: MATH 324: This course may also apply to General Education requirement.

C. Content Major in Social Studies (Admission currently suspended)

In addition to completing the required courses in elementary education, students electing a content major in social studies must complete the following courses with a minimum grade point average of 2.75 in the major.

Cognates

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ART 210 | Nurturing Artistic and Musical Development | 4 | F, Sp |
| BIOL 100 | Fundamental Concepts of Biology | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| MATH 143 | Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers I | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| MATH 144 | Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers II | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| POL 201 | Development of American Democracy | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| PSCI 103 | Physical Science | 4 | F, Sp, Su |

Note: ART 210, BIOL 100, MATH 144, POL 201, PSCI 103: These courses may also apply to General Education requirement.

ONE COURSE from

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| HIST 103 | Multiple Voices: Europe in the World to 1600 | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| HIST 104 | Multiple Voices: Europe in the World Since 1600 | 4 | F, Sp, Su |

Subtotal: 28

Note: HIST 103, HIST 104: These courses may also apply to General Education requirement.

Content major courses in Social Studies

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| HIST 331 | Rhode Island History | 3 | Sp |
| HIST 381 | Workshop: History and the Elementary Education Teacher | 1 | F |

ONE COURSE from

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| HIST 236 | Post-Independence Africa | 3 | Annually |
| HIST 238 | Early Imperial China | 3 | As needed |
| HIST 239 | Japanese History through Art and Literature | 3 | Alternate years |
| HIST 340 | The Muslim World from the Age of Muhammad to 1800 | 3 | As needed |
| HIST 341 | The Muslim World in Modern Times, 1800 to the Present | 3 | As needed |
| HIST 342 | Islam and Politics in Modern History | 3 | As needed |
| HIST 345 | History of China in Modern Times | 3 | As needed |
| HIST 348 | Africa under Colonial Rule | 3 | Annually |

ONE COURSE from

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| ANTH 101 | Introduction to Cultural Anthropology | 4 | F, Sp |
| ANTH 102 | Introduction to Archaeology | 4 | F, Sp |

ONE COURSE from

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| ECON 200 | Introduction to Economics | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| ECON 214 | Principles of Microeconomics | 3 | F, Sp, Su |

ONE COURSE from

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| GEOG 101 | Introduction to Geography | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| GEOG 200 | World Regional Geography | 4 | F, Sp |

ONE COURSE from

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| POL 203 | Global Politics | 4 | F, Sp |
| POL 204 | Introduction to Political Thought | 4 | F, Sp |

ONE COURSE from

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| SOC 200 | Introduction to Sociology | 4 | F, Sp |
| SOC 202 | The Family | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| SOC 204 | Urban Sociology | 4 | As needed |
| SOC 208 | The Sociology of Race and Ethnicity | 4 | F, Sp, Su |

Subtotal: 26-27

# Course Descriptions - General Information

## POL - Political Science

POL 202 - American Government (4)

The institutions and principles of American national government are examined. Topics include the constitutional foundation, federalism, political parties, Congress, the presidency, the Supreme Court, and civil rights.

General Education Category: Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

POL 203 - Global Politics (4)

This is an introduction to the governance of other contemporary national political systems and to the forces, principles, and transnational arrangements of international politics.

General Education Category: Social and Behavioral Sciences.