

# General Education Foundation Courses

## A. Oral Communication:

**Student Learning Outcome:** Students should be able to deliver messages appropriate to their audience, purpose, and context.

**Performance Indicators** - Students should be able to:

1. Perform verbal and nonverbal communication behaviors that illustrate the competency of an effective communicator.
2. Support and organize their ideas in a coherent manner.

*Required: 1 Course*

**G-CM 130** Interpersonal Communication

**G-CM 140** Public Speaking

**G-CM 218** Business and Professional Communication

## B. Written Communication & Information Literacy

**Student Learning Outcome for Written Communication:** Students should be able to write with skill and clarity.

**Performance Indicators** - Students should be able to:

1. Produce writing that shows an awareness of audience.
2. Support their ideas with appropriate details and examples.
3. Coherently organize their writing.
4. Produce writing that shows careful attention to craft.

**Student Learning Outcome for Information Literacy:** Students should be able to demonstrate ethical and efficient use of information.

**Performance Indicators** - Students should be able to:

1. Show that they can find appropriate sources.
2. Show that they can evaluate the reliability of sources.
3. Use information from sources appropriately in their work.

*Required: 4 Courses*

**G-EN 110** College Composition I

**G-EN 111** College Composition II

and:

Students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts are required to take Spanish and one Language Intensive (LI) course in their major department. Students pursuing a Bachelor of Science are required to take two Language Intensive courses with at least one LI course in the student's major department.

### Language Intensive - Oral and Written Communication

**Student Learning Outcome for Oral Communication:** Students should be able to clearly voice a coherent message.

**Performance Indicators** - Students should be able to:

1. Show that they can speak clearly and audibly.
2. Support their ideas with appropriate research.

### Speaking Component

(1) Informal oral communication exercises should be used frequently in the LI classroom. Most often, these will consist of required participation in small-group and class discussions. LI instructors can make even routine student participation in class discussions and activities into helpful oral communication exercises simply by (a) raising students' consciousness about the variety of signals they send when they speak informally in class, and (b) helping students eliminate their careless habits in speech and delivery.

(2) At least one formal oral presentation should be included in the LI course. The presentation, probably brief, may be delivered to part or all of the class, or some other audience. It may derive from a formal writing assignment, recast for oral delivery.

**Student Learning Outcome for Written Communication:** Students should be able to write with skill and clarity.

**Performance Indicators** - Students should be able to:

1. Produce writing that shows an awareness of audience.
2. Demonstrate effective participation in the writing process.

3. Coherently organize their writing.
4. Produce writing that shows careful attention to craft.

## Writing Component

(1) Informal writing assignments should be frequent, perhaps one per class session, but certainly one per week. Most informal writing activities are in the “writing to learn” mode; that is, they are intended to push students to read, think about, and interpret course material more carefully and deeply than they otherwise might do. From a handful of basic, informal writing models, such as journals and microthemes, LI instructors can improvise an almost endless array of specific informal writing activities.

(2) Formal writing assignments should be substantial (but the meaning of “substantial” depends upon the course and the exact nature of the assignment). There should be at least one formal, polished piece of writing. Whenever possible, LI instructors should give formal assignments in stages, confer with students over drafts, and allow ample time for revision(s).

### Courses designated as Language Intensive:

**G-AR 310** Art History I  
**G-AR 311** Art History II  
**BA 475** Business Strategy & Policy  
**BI 391** Evolution  
**CI 455** Teaching-Learning Process  
**G-CM 130** Interpersonal Communication  
**G-CM 218** Business & Professional Communication  
**G-CM 221** Intercultural Communication  
**CM 220** Special Topics in Popular Culture  
**CM 475A** Senior Seminar in Communication Research  
**CM 475B** Senior Project in Communication  
**G-EE 210** Children’s Literature  
**EE 303** Reading/Language Arts I  
**G-EN 210L** Masterpieces of World Literature (4 hours)  
**G-EN 220L** Contemporary World Literature (4 hours)  
**G-EN 255L** American Literature II (4 hours)  
**G-EN 270L** Fiction (4 hours)  
**EN 313** Expository Writing  
**G-EN 370L** Poetry (4 hours)  
**EN 475B** Senior Project in English  
**G-HI 333** Technology & Society  
**HI 475** Senior Thesis  
**G-MA 290** History of Mathematics  
**MA 475** Senior Project in Mathematics  
**ML 385** Advanced Level Composition and Conversation  
**NS 300** Research Methods  
**NS 475** Senior Research  
**G-TH 265** Topics in Dramatic Literature  
**G-TH 385** Theatre History & Dramatic Literature I  
**TH 475** Senior Theatre Capstone  
**PE 380** History & Philosophy of Health, PE, Sport  
**PE 445** Readings and Research for Health Science  
**G-PR 104L** Ethics (4 hours)  
**G-PR 106L** Spiritual Pathways  
**G-PS 215** Global Peace Studies  
**PS 475** Senior Thesis  
**PY 450** History and Systems of Psychology  
**PY 475** Senior Thesis  
**SO 475** Senior Thesis  
**G-TE 333** Technology & Society  
**TE 475** Senior Project

## C. Mathematics

**Student Learning Outcome:** Students should be able to use mathematical concepts.

**Performance Indicators** – Students should be able to:

1. Demonstrate understanding by performing accurate computations.

2. Apply algorithms to solve problems.

*Required: 3-4 hours chosen from the following:*

- G-MA 105** College Algebra
- G-MA 106** Pre-Calculus
- G-MA 111** Calculus I
- G-MA 123** Discrete Mathematics
- G-MA 153** Principles of Geometry
- G-MA 201** Survey of Mathematics
- G-BA 220** Business Applied Statistics
- G-MA 221** Elementary Applied Statistics

## D. Religion/Beliefs/Values

**Student Learning Outcome:** Students should be able to answer fundamental religious or philosophical questions.

**Performance Indicators** - Students should be able to:

1. Develop answers relative to alternative religious/philosophical perspectives.
2. Explain their position on religious or philosophical issues.

*Required: 3-4 hours chosen from the following:*

- G-PR 101** Old Testament-Hebrew Bible: God and People in Ancient Israel
- G-PR 102** Jesus: New Testament Foundations
- G-PR 104** Ethics
- \*G-PR 104L** Ethics (LI if taken as G-PR104L for 4 hours)
- \*G-PR 106L** Spiritual Pathways: Transformation, Compassion, and Vocation
- G-PR 107** Critical Thinking
- G-PR 201** Introduction to Philosophy
- G-PR 202** Christian Traditions
- G-PR 203** Science and Religion
- G-PR 204** Peacemaking: Religious Perspectives
- G-PR 206** Religion and Environmental Stewardship
- G-PR 302** Religion and Politics
- G-PR 304** The Church of the Brethren and Beyond: The Christian Church Serves Our World
- G-PR 306** World Religions

## E. Wholeness/Health/Fitness

**Student Learning Outcome:** Students should be able to identify optimal behaviors that promote lifelong personal health.

**Performance Indicators** - Students should be able to:

1. Develop a personal strategy for health and fitness emphasizing the physical domain.
2. Illustrate the relationship between personal behaviors and lifelong health and wellness.

*Required: 1 course*

- G-PE 150** Concepts in Holistic Health
- G-PE 170** Personal & Community Health
- G-HS/PE 190** Social & Behavioral Determinants of Health

## F. Global/Intercultural Experience

**Student Learning Outcome:** Students should be able to understand they live in a world of diverse cultures.

**Performance Indicators** - Students should be able to:

1. Identify social, cultural, religious, or linguistic differences.
2. Explain how values and contributions of diverse societies affect individual experiences.

*Required: 3 hours+ chosen from the following:*

- G-BA 342IT** International Business (Travel required)
- G-CI 251** Introduction to Education Practicum
- G-CI 333** Intercultural Education
- \*G-CM 221** Intercultural Communication
- G-EN 210** Masterpieces of World Literature
- \*G-EN 210L** Masterpieces of World Literature (LI if taken as G-EN 210L for four hours)

**G-EN 220** Contemporary World Literature  
**\*G-EN 220L** Contemporary World Literature (LI if taken as G-EN 220L for four hours)  
**\*G-HI 333** Technology and Society  
**\*G-MA 290** History of Mathematics  
**G-ML 108** Spanish Level I  
**G-ML 109** Spanish Level II  
**G-ML 208** Spanish Level III  
**G-ML 209** Spanish Level IV  
**G-ML 350** Junior Year Abroad  
**G-MU 210** Introduction to World Music  
**G-PR 306** World Religions  
**G-PS 130** Principles of Geography  
**\*G-PS 215** Global Peace Studies  
**G-SO 202** Minorities in the U.S.  
**\*G-TE 333** Technology and Society

+Students completing a Bachelor of Arts degree must take G-ML 108 Level I Spanish for three hours as well as three additional hours in the Global/Intercultural Experience Foundation. These students will be required to take only one Language Intensive (LI) course.

## College Seminars

In the seminar series, students will demonstrate (1) that they have explored traditional Church of the Brethren values; (2) that they understand service-learning and can complete a service project; (3) that they can make informed ethical decisions in personal and professional situations; and (4) that they have investigated career options in the fields of study. In addition, the various seminars address the following goals.

- A. **G-ID 101** *Academic Community Essentials (ACE) Seminar*: Students will show that they have learned about college life, create a degree plan, and practice good study skills, critical thinking, and conflict resolution.
- B. **G-ID 201** *Sophomore Seminar*: Students will complete a service project, develop a career plan, and show that they have explored internship options.
- C. *Senior Capstone Experience*: Students will complete a senior project, as designed by department faculty.