

THE COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

PREPARING FOR DEGREES, CAREERS, AND LIVES

Pathways Through General Education



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THE IDEA BEHIND GENERAL EDUCATION

A university education is more than just training for a specific career. It challenges you to think through problems and questions from various points of view, using tools and ideas from different disciplines. Our goal is to provide our society with versatile citizens who can gather the relevant information, think carefully, and make judicious decisions in all walks of life.

General education is that part of your university experience where you gain a common core of skills and are introduced to very different ways of approaching the problems of human life. But in order to get the most from this experience, it helps to have some advice about which courses to take so that you can fit them together into a solid foundation and bring focus to the rest of your university experience.

The CHaSS pathways are designed to help you build that foundation. Each pathway provides a focused and efficient way through USU's general education requirements.

But that is not all. When you encounter these different disciplines through general education—from English to Physics, from Biology to Philosophy—your mind will become alive to new kinds of questions and new kinds of possibilities.

When students come to college, they face a dizzying array of choices. Which course should I take? What should I major in? How do the gen ed courses fit into what I'm supposed to do?



The College of Humanities and Social Sciences has put together some options to make these choices a bit easier—and more informed. We recommend that students get going on their gen ed courses right away by taking some “core” courses in humanities, social sciences, math, and English. Students can also select a pathway through the rest of gen ed that matches their own interests and fits in with their major.

CORE COURSES:

USU 1320
Humanities

USU 1340
Social Sciences

Math 1050 or STAT 1040

ENGL 1010 + ENGL 2010



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MAJORS IN:

American Studies, Liberal Arts, Philosophy, Languages, Religious Studies, History, Journalism, Communication Studies

English, Languages

Asian Studies, American Studies, Anthropology, Languages, History, Sociology, Global Communication, Communication Studies, Journalism, Religious Studies, Social Work, International Studies

Military Science, Political Science, Law and Constitutional Studies, Journalism, Communication Studies, International Studies, History



IDEAS PATHWAY

Students who are interested in big questions and deep ideas can satisfy their general education requirements, and feed their interests, by taking at least ONE course from each box:

AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS

HIST 2700: *development of American society, economy, culture, and politics up to 1877*

HIST 2710: *the same, but after 1877*

POLS 1100: *studying U.S. Constitution, political parties and elections, Congress, president, courts, and civil liberties*

HONR 1300: *for students in the Honors program*

CREATIVE ARTS

USU 1330: *exploring the nature of art, how it is judged, and how artistic expression varies across cultures*

HONR 1330: *for students in the Honors program*

LIFE SCIENCES

USU 1350: *focusing on basic concepts of life science, and the role of modeling, prediction, and observation in scientific discovery*

ANTH 1020: *the study of fossil and living primates, human evolution, and genetics*

BIOL 1010: *how biology impacts the daily life of the individual*

WILD 2200: *how organisms relate to physical environments, communities, and ecosystems*

HONR 1350: *for students in the Honors program*

PHYSICAL SCIENCES

USU 1360: *basic concepts of physical science, including structure of matter and the forces of nature*

GEOG 1000: *geographic analysis of physical processes, the atmosphere, and the biosphere*

PHYS 1010: *the basic principles of classical physics, such as the scientific method, conservation laws, properties of matter*

PHYS 1040: *the solar system and universe, laws of motion, matter, and conceptual models of celestial motions*

PHYS 1080: *the likelihood of extraterrestrial intelligence and its probable locations, along with the nature and evolution of life on Earth*

PHYS 1200: *matter, electricity and magnetism, light and sound, forces, energy, momentum, thermodynamics, and modern physics*

HONR 1360: *for students in the Honors program*

EXPLORATION

ENGL 2200: *introduction to fiction, drama, and poetry of different periods and cultures*

ENGL 2210: *genres of folklore, folk groups, and basic folklore research methods*

ENGL 2300: *Shakespeare's comedies, histories, tragedies, and poetry*

HIST 1100: *Western civilization from its origins to 1500*

HIST 1110: *The same, but after 1500*

PHIL 1000: *philosophical questions about truth, knowledge, mind, God, and morality*

PHIL 2400: *judgments about what is good or bad, right or wrong*

RELS 1010: *principal beliefs and practices of the world's religions*

SOC 1010: *social behavior of humans and institutions*

SPCH 2110: *interpersonal relationships in family, intercultural, professional, and other contexts*



ARTS & LITERATURE PATHWAY

Students who want to explore the creative powers of the arts, and the world they express, can satisfy their general education requirements, and feed their interests, by taking at least ONE course from each box:

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HONR 1360: *for students in the Honors program*

EXPLORATION

ARTH 2710: *history of art, from prehistoric art through the end of the Gothic era*

ARTH 2720: *the same, continuing from the Renaissance through modern times*

ENGL 2200: *introducing fiction, drama, and poetry of different periods and cultures*

ENGL 2300: *Shakespeare's comedies, histories, tragedies, and poetry*

ENGL 2630: *a broad selection of American literary, historical, artistic, and cultural works*



CULTURE & SOCIETY PATHWAY

Students who want to understand the dynamics of cultures, and the ways that individuals relate to society, can satisfy their general education requirements, and feed their interests, by taking at least ONE course from each box:

AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS

ECN 1500: understanding economic institutions, including property rights, markets, banking, trade, and taxes

HIST 2700: development of American society, economy, culture, and politics up to 1877

HIST 2710: the same, but after 1877

POLS 1100: studying U.S. Constitution, political parties and elections, Congress, president, courts, and civil liberties

HONR 1300: for students in the Honors program

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HONR 1330: for students in the Honors program

LIFE SCIENCES

USU 1350: focusing on basic concepts of life science, and the nature of scientific discovery

ANTH 1020: the study of fossil and living primates, human evolution, and genetics

BIOL 1010: how biology impacts the daily life of the individual

NDFS 1020: Role of dietary choices in providing physical well-being to people

WATS 1200: understanding the impact our species is having on natural ecosystems

WILD 2200: how organisms relate to physical environments, communities, and ecosystems

HONR 1350: for students in the Honors program

PHYSICAL SCIENCES

USU 1360: basic concepts of physical science, including structure of matter and the forces of nature

GEOG 1000: geographic analysis of physical processes, the atmosphere, and the biosphere

PSC 2000: the processes governing the behavior of the atmosphere and the phenomenon of weather

PSC 2010: topics include water quality, global climate change, deforestation, soil conservation, and agricultural sustainability

HONR 1360: for students in the Honors program

EXPLORATION

ANTH 1010: social life, ideology and symbolism, and cultural change and diversity

CJ 1010: history and functions of politics, courts, and corrections

JCOM 2010: the influence of mass media on society

PHIL 1120: moral arguments underlying debates in American law and politics

SOC 1010: social behavior of humans and institutions

SPCH 2110: interpersonal relationships in family, intercultural, and other contexts

WGS 1010: cultural beliefs and stereotypes concerning women's and men's roles in society

Other courses: **ANTH 1030, ASTE 2900, ENVS 2340, JCOM 1500, PHIL 1000, PSY 1010, SOC 1020**



POLITICS PATHWAY

Students who want to understand the nature of politics can satisfy their general education requirements, and feed their interests, by taking at least ONE course from each box:

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ECN 1500: understanding economic institutions, including property rights, markets, banking, trade, and taxes

HIST 2700: development of American society, economy, culture, and politics up to 1877

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CS 1060: cyber-security threats, identifying potential attacks, and implementing solutions

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JCOM 2010: the influence of mass media on society

PHIL 1120: moral arguments underlying debates in American law and politics

POLS 2200: political culture, institutions, and processes, political development, violence and corruption, and public policy

PSY 1010: human thought and behavior

SOC 1010: social behavior of humans and institutions

Other courses: **ENVS 2340, JCOM 1500, PHIL 2400, SPCH 1020, SOC 1020, WGS 1010**

CHASS PATHWAYS FAQs

Do I have to complete a pathway? Students must meet USU's gen ed requirements, but each pathway is just one way of doing so. Pathways are recommended, but not required.

What if I get started on a pathway, and then my interests change? Each pathway meets USU's gen ed requirements, and can be applied to any major. Be sure to check with an academic advisor to see if the major you're interested in has a pre-major or other recommendations for you.

How do pre-majors fit with pathways? There usually is some overlap. To work through the details, it is best to talk with an academic advisor.

What if I only partially complete a pathway? That's okay. Just be sure that your gen ed requirements are met in one way or other.

Why should I choose a pathway? The most important reason is that the classes in each pathway are more likely to meet your interests, and make your gen ed experience more useful to you.

What if I don't know what my major will be? You can choose any pathway that sounds good to you, and explore possible majors through the variety of courses you take.

What if I am double-majoring, and my other major is in another college? No matter what your major is, you will need to satisfy USU's gen ed requirements, and each pathway does that. But it is always good to check with an academic advisor to make sure you are on track with your major programs' expectations.

What if I can't get into the class I want? You can be placed on a waiting list, or ask an instructor for permission to add, or choose another available course.

FOR OTHER QUESTIONS...

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