

New General Education Program -- Implementation Date: Fall 2019

Overview

The new General Education curriculum includes critical components recommended by the General Education Advisory Board informed by feedback received from the University Community over the past few years, including:

- A first-year course, with a significant content shared across all programs
- A universal use of Electronic Portfolios to facilitate students' thinking across their Gen Ed & Major courses
- A universal implementation of capstone courses in the majors, with a requirement that students synthesize their entire undergraduate career (Gen Ed, major, minor, and co-curricular work)
- Development and implementation of pathways utilizing existing Gen Ed requirements which can lead to transcriptable certificates

Mission Statement

A liberal arts education prepares students to think and communicate as professionals to understand the social and global contexts of their lives to transfer knowledge and skills from one setting to another, to recognize difference and make informed decisions using reasoning skills, and to balance the various dimensions of their personal and professional lives. With these important goals in mind, West Chester University's General Education Program strives to provide students with the experiences necessary to achieve the following goals:

1. communicate effectively
2. think critically and analytically
3. employ quantitative concepts and mathematical methods
4. demonstrate the ability to think across and about disciplinary boundaries
5. respond thoughtfully to diversity
6. understand varied historical, cultural, and philosophical traditions
7. make informed decisions and ethical choices

First Year Experience	4
Academic Foundations	
English Composition (WRT 120 and 200-level writing course)	6
Mathematics	3
Interdisciplinary	3
Diverse Communities	3
Distributive Requirements	
Science	6
Behavioral and Social Science	6
Humanities	6
Arts	3
Capstone	<i>major requirement</i>
Total Credits	40

Additional Baccalaureate Requirements

Writing Emphasis Requirements for all Baccalaureate Degrees	9
Speaking Emphasis Requirement for all Baccalaureate Degrees	9
Ethics Requirement for all Baccalaureate Degrees	3
Language and Culture Requirements for B.A., B.M and some B.S. Degrees	0-15
<i>Minimum number of total earned credits for all Baccalaureate Degrees</i>	<i>120</i>