## Foundation of Knowledge: NKU's General Education Program (37 Hours)

### Communication

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**SLOs B1-B2-E1 or E1-E2-E3**

### Category fulfilled

- **Communication**
- **Scientific & Quantitative Inquiry**
- **Self & Society**
- **Culture & Creativity**
- **Global Viewpoints**

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- **Removal Spring 2020:** BIS 111
- **Removal Spring 2021:** ENV 291W
- **Removal Fall 2021:** SOC 100 is no longer Global Viewpoints, SOC 101 is no longer Cultural Pluralism, ANT 100 is no longer Individual & Society, and GLY 120 is no longer a Natural Science. If taken before Fall 2021, the courses can be used in that category OR the current category. CHI 101 and RUS 101 are no longer offered, but may count for Culture and Creativity.
- **Removed Fall 2022:** HSC291W and ENG 214

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General Education Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What are the strange codes in the category boxes?**
   - SLOs is the abbreviation for Student Learning Outcomes, which are learning goals set by the university that each course in any category should meet. The letter and number codes refer to specific learning outcomes, with each letter representing different domains of learning that exist across different general education categories. A = Critical Thinking, B = Perspectives, C = Oral & Written Communication, D = Science & Technology, and E = Personal Responsibility & Community. The codes here are for informational purposes only. Every syllabus for a general education course will include the relevant student learning outcomes. See [https://inside.nku.edu/gened.html](https://inside.nku.edu/gened.html).

2. **Can one course be used for multiple categories?**
   - No double dipping: students cannot use the same course to satisfy two categories (i.e., ANT 100 cannot be used to complete “Individual & Society” and “Global Viewpoints”). The only exception to this is ENG 104 which fulfills both Written Communication I & II.
   - Often courses can be used to fulfill both general education and major or minor requirements. However, several majors and minors do not allow this form of double dipping or have requirements for courses that cannot be used for general education. Please check with an academic advisor.

3. **Can two courses from the same discipline be used to satisfy a category requiring multiple classes?**
   - No. Only one discipline (course prefix) can be taken per MAIN category (the top, dark grey box) other than in “Communication.” *(For example, Self & Society is a main category, with Individual & Society as a sub category.)*
   - Three courses from three different disciplines must be taken in “Scientific & Quantitative Inquiry” (one from “Mathematics & Statistics,” one “Natural Science with a Lab,” and one additional “Natural Science”).
   - Three courses from three different disciplines must be taken in “Self & Society” (one from “Cultural Pluralism” and two from “Individual & Society”).
   - Two courses from two different disciplines must be taken from “Culture & Creativity.” Note, for this rule, all foreign language courses count as a single discipline. Two foreign language classes cannot be used to fulfill this requirement.

   For example, a student may count ANT 202 for Natural Science and ANT 100 for Global Viewpoints. Two of the same prefix are permitted if they are in different categories. A student could not also take an additional ANT course in any Self and Society category because of the limit of two.

4. **How long does a student have to complete the “Mathematics & Statistics” and “Communication” requirements?**
   - ENG 101 should be completed by the time the student earns 30 credit hours. Other “Mathematics & Statistics” and “Communication” requirements should be completed by the time the student earns 45 credit hours.

5. **What if a student has academic deficiencies?**
   - Students admitted with NKU, CPE, and/or PCC deficiencies (admission requirements) must be enrolled in the appropriate course their first year and are highly encouraged to take any academic deficiencies during the first semester. Please check with an academic advisor.

6. **Do the new general education courses on this checklist count if a student took them last year?**
   - No, new courses approved as general education for Fall 2018 or Fall 2019 only fulfill Foundation of Knowledge requirements if taken Fall 2018 or later or Fall 2019 or later, depending on the approval date. See footnotes (i.e. (†) and (††) etc.) at the bottom of the check sheet for clarification.

7. **If a student is part of the Honors College, does this change any general education requirements?**
   - Honors College students beginning at NKU in Fall 18 or later will complete about half of their general education courses through an alternative honors curriculum and half using this traditional checklist. Please contact the Honors College for specifics.

See [https://inside.nku.edu/gened/faqs.html](https://inside.nku.edu/gened/faqs.html) for more FAQs about Gen Ed.