

General Education

Norwich University General Education Goals are designed to provide students with the intellectual tools to experience, explore and master new topics throughout a period of life-long learning. To this end, at least forty credit hours in every major must be dedicated to basic literacy in English, mathematics, humanities, social sciences, and science outside the area of major concentration. Required 100 level courses in English, language, and mathematics must be completed by the end of the sophomore year. If a student fails to meet this requirement, he/she must enroll for these courses first semester junior year. Students majoring in both liberal arts and professional programs must complete the following competencies to meet graduation requirements:

1. Students must be able to write with clarity and precision, and read and listen with comprehension. They must be able to exercise the skills of independent inquiry, that is, to find, analyze, synthesize, and critically evaluate information. This objective will be met beginning with EN 101- EN 102, be reinforced by reading and writing throughout the curriculum, and culminate in a capstone course in each major. Wherever graded written work is required, part of the grade must be used to evaluate clarity and precision, and to reinforce the writing mechanics learned in EN 101- EN 102.
2. Students will achieve an understanding of mathematical and quantitative reasoning and its place in today's world. They should understand how to construct mathematical models as a means of formulating problems and be able to apply appropriate logical, quantitative, and technological methods to solve problems. All students must complete two mathematics courses, exclusive of MA 005 Preparatory Mathematics and MA 103 College Algebra I and MA 160 Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers I.
3. Students will possess a knowledge of and appreciation for the variety of human expression found in cultures and civilizations of the United States and the world. This will be achieved by requiring all students to take one course in history, one course in literature, and one course in arts and humanities.
4. Students will gain a basic level of literacy in current scientific knowledge and theories and develop an appreciation for the natural world, in part through classroom and hands-on laboratory experiences by completing two courses in laboratory science. This will expose students to the scientific method and provide the critical thinking skills, necessary to make intelligent, well informed decisions.
5. Students will possess an understanding of the institutions and processes that are characteristic of human societies. This will be accomplished beginning with a course in psychology, sociology, economics or political science.
6. Students must be able to think critically and make ethical decisions. Critical thinking begins with integration of course work from all general education areas and culminates in the capstone course in each major. Ethical decision-making begins with adherence to the honor code. Students must be able to recognize ethical issues and articulate ethical decisions. This will be achieved in a course that includes the requirement that students deal with ethical ambiguities and articulate ethical decisions.
7. Students are encouraged to develop leadership skills through participation in leadership classes and activities.

Specific Courses that Fulfill the General Education Requirements

English Requirement

EN 102, EN 108, or equivalent must be completed by the end of the second year.

Mathematics Requirement

Complete two 100 level or above MA courses (MA 005, 103 and 160 do NOT count)

MA 005 Preparatory Mathematics (Must be finished by the end of the first year if it is required.)

One hundred level Math courses must be finished by the end of the second year.

History Requirement

Complete One History Course (HI). Any History course except HI 209

Literature Requirement

(Bachelor of Arts candidates have more restrictive literature requirements.)

Complete One Literature Course From:

English (EN):		
EN 201	World Literature I	3
EN 202	World Literature II	3
EN 210	Modern Short Story	3
EN 220	Children's Literature	3
EN 225	Survey of British Literature I	3
EN 226	Survey of British Literature II	3
EN 227	Survey of American Literature I	3
EN 228	Survey of American Literature II	3
EN 240	Technical Aspects of Theatrical Design	3
EN 244	The Literature of Leadership	3
EN 245	Science Fiction Literature	3
EN 250	Crime in Literature	3
EN 251	Literature of the Sea	3
EN 270	Military Literature	3
EN 320-EN 399		
EN 420	Thematic Seminar-Literature	3
EN 450	Senior Seminar	3
French (FR):		
FR 321	A Survey of French Literature I	3
FR 322	A Survey of French Literature II	3
FR 327	French Literature of the Twentieth Century I	3
FR 328	French Literature of the Twentieth Century II	3
FR 350	Topics Course (if literature topic)	3
FR 415	Seminar: Topics in French Literature	3
FR 421	Reading and Research on a Topic in French Literature and Civilization	3
German (GR):		
GR 322	Survey of German Lit I: From the Beginnings to 1848	3
GR 324	Survey of German Literature II: 1848 to 1945	3
GR 326	Survey of German Literature III: 1945 to the Present	3
GR 350	Topics Course (if literature topic)	3

GR 415	Seminar on a Topic in German Literature and Culture	3
GR 421	Reading and Research in German Literature or Civilization	3
Spanish (SP):		
SP 321	Introduction to the Literature of Spain I	3
SP 322	Introduction to the Literature of Spain II	3
SP 327	Hispano-American Literature I	3
SP 328	Hispano-American Literature II	3
SP 350	Topics Course (if literature topic)	3
SP 415	Seminar: Topics in Spanish or Latin-American Literature and Culture	3
SP 421	Reading and Research in Spanish or Latin-American Literature and Culture	3

Arts and Humanities Requirement

Complete One of the following:

English courses above EN 206 (except EN 240, EN 241, EN 242)

MU 101	Music Appreciation	3
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MU 271	History of Jazz	3
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All Philosophy (PH) courses

All modern language courses (Chinese, French, German, and Spanish) numbered 112 and above

All Fine Arts (FA) courses

All Studio Arts (SA) courses

Communication:

CM 109	Introduction to Mass Media	3
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CM 261	Interpersonal Communications	3
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CM 335	Television Criticism	3
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CM 436	Communications Law and Ethics	3
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Social Science Requirement

Complete One of the Following:

Psychology	PY
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Sociology	SO
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Economics	EC
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Political	PO
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Science	
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Ethics Requirement

Complete Complete One Course From Below

AP 436	Project Delivery and Documentation	4
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CM 436	Communications Law and Ethics	3
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EG 450	Professional Issues	3
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EG 043	Conference	0
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EN 450	Senior Seminar	3
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NS 422	Leadership and Ethics	3
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PH 303	Survey of Ethics	3
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PH 322	Business Ethics	3
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PH 323	Environmental Ethics	3
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PH 324	Criminal Justice Ethics	3
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PH 350	Medical Ethics	3
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PY 360	History and Systems of Psychology	3
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SM 439	Leadership & Management in Sports Medicine	3
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SSDA 400	The Capstone Project	6
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Science (with laboratory) Requirement

Complete Two Lab Science Courses from BI, CH, GL or PS

Capstone Requirement

complete one Capstone course (as indicated in Major requirements)