

GENERAL EDUCATION COMPONENT

Statement of Purpose

The University of North Alabama educates students in an environment of discovery and creative accomplishment. Integral to this endeavor is the UNA General Education Program, which consists of carefully selected courses in written composition; humanities and fine arts; natural sciences and mathematics; and history, social, and behavioral sciences. All courses in the General Education Program are broad in scope, present major intellectual or aesthetic ideas, and are not specialized or vocational in purpose. In addition, they encourage students to consider the subject matter in its relation to their disciplines and its application to human concerns in a dynamic world. More particularly, the General Education Program is essential to students' attainment of the following seven Core Competencies at UNA:

1. **Information Literacy:** the ability to identify, access, evaluate, and integrate information from diverse sources for purposeful application.
2. **Critical Thinking:** the ability to analyze, synthesize, interpret, evaluate, and reflect, both qualitatively and quantitatively to reach informed conclusions.
3. **Effective Communication:** the ability to write and speak professionally and to comprehend complex material.
4. **Scientific Literacy:** the ability to understand mathematical and scientific concepts as they relate to the natural world and technology.
5. **Aesthetic Awareness and Creativity:** the ability to understand the role of the arts throughout history and to engage in activities that engender creative solutions.
6. **Cross-cultural and Global Perspective:** the ability to understand characteristics and interactions of cultures throughout the world and within the United States.
7. **Informed Citizenship:** the ability to understand how historical, economic, political, social, geographic, and scientific constructs develop, persist, and change.

To achieve these goals, General Education Program courses present the essential characteristics and basic processes of inquiry and analysis in the discipline, encourage the development of critical thinking and communication skills, and require students to analyze, synthesize, and evaluate knowledge. This broad intellectual experience, common to all students earning baccalaureate degrees from the University, provides a foundation for success in the major programs and assures that graduates possess a breadth of knowledge and competencies necessary for success in their careers; for participation in the civic life of their community, state, and nation; and for an ability to continue the process of learning throughout their lifetimes.

The General Education Program is fully compatible with the Alabama Articulation and General Studies Committee (AGSC) agreement, and UNA welcomes transfer students who have completed all or part of the General Education Program in other institutions whose courses are compatible with those at UNA. The University credits general education courses approved by the AGSC to the areas of the General Education Program for which they have received AGSC approval.

Individual academic programs at UNA may require specific courses in the General Education Program, and students should refer to each major for specified course requirements for Areas I-IV.

For the Bachelor of Science Degree

Code	Title	Hours
Area I. Written Composition		6
Select one six hour sequence from the following:		
EN 111 & EN 112	First-Year Composition I and First Year Composition II	
EN 111H & EN 112H	First-Year Composition Honors I and First-Year Composition Honors II	
Area II. Humanities and Fine Arts		12
Select three hours from an oral communication course:		
COM 201	Fundamentals of Speech	
Select three hours from one of the following fine arts courses:		
AR 170	Art Appreciation	
AR 281	Art History Survey I ¹	
AR 282	Art History Survey II ¹	
CAT 133	Cinema Appreciation	
EN 255	Creative Writing Appreciation	
MU 222	Music Appreciation	
MU 244	Survey of Music Literature ¹	
CAT 210	Theatre Appreciation	
Select one six semester hour sequence from the following OR three semester hours of a literature course and three semester hours of a humanities course.		
EN 211 & EN 212	Survey of British Literature and Survey of British Literature	
EN 221 & EN 222	American Literature through Whitman and American Literature from Whitman to the Present	
EN 231 & EN 232	Literature of the World I and Literature of the World II	
Select three semester hours from the following humanities courses IF a literature sequence is not taken:		
FL 100	Introduction to Language ¹	
FR 101	Introductory French	
FR 102	Introductory French	
FR 201	Intermediate French	
FR 202	Intermediate French	
GR 101	Introductory German	
GR 102	Introductory German	
GR 201	Intermediate German	
GR 202	Intermediate German	
PHL 201	Introduction to Philosophy	
PHL 205	Ethics	
PHL 250	Business Ethics	
RE 111	World Religions	
RE 221	Old Testament Introduction	
RE 231	New Testament Introductions	
SP 101	Introductory Spanish	
SP 102	Introductory Spanish	
SP 201	Intermediate Spanish	

SP 202	Intermediate Spanish	
Area III. Natural Sciences and Mathematics		11
Select three hours from the following:		
MA 110	Finite Mathematics	
MA 111	Mathematical Reasoning for the Arts ¹	
MA 112	College Algebra	
MA 113	College Trigonometry	
MA 115	Pre-Calculus Algebra and Trigonometry	
MA 125	Calculus I	
MA 126	Calculus II	
MA 147	Elementary Statistics ¹	
MA 227	Calculus III	
MA 237	Linear Algebra	
MA 238	Applied Differential Equations I	
Select eight semester hours from the following:		
BI 101	Introductory Biology	
BI 102	Human Biology	
BI 111	Principles of Biology	
BI 112	Principles of Biology	
CH 101	Introductory Chemistry	
CH 101L	Introductory Chemistry Laboratory	
CH 102	Introduction to Organic and Biochemistry	
CH 102L	Introduction to Organic and Biochemistry Laboratory	
CH 111	General Chemistry	
CH 111L	General Chemistry Laboratory	
CH 112	General Chemistry	
CH 112L	General Chemistry Laboratory	
ES 131	Earth Science/Physical Geology	
ES 131H	Honors Earth Science/Physical Geology	
ES 132	Historical Geology	
ES 133	Earth Science/Earth Systems	
ES 146	Sustainable Earth	
ES 200	Climate Change ¹	
ES 251	Environmental Systems	
GE 111	Physical Geography: Weather and Climate	
GE 112	Physical Geography-Landforms	
PH 101	Interactive Physics	
PH 121	Introductory Physics	
PH 125	Descriptive Astronomy	
PH 241	General Physics I	
PH 242	General Physics II	
PH 251	Technical Physics I	
PH 252	Technical Physics II	
Area IV. History, Social and Behavioral Sciences ²		12
Select one six semester hour sequence from the following:		
HI 101 & HI 102	Survey of World Civilization to 1500 and Survey of World Civilization since 1500	
HI 201 & HI 202	United States History to 1877 and United States History since 1877	
Select six semester hours from the following:		
COM 205	Communication in a Global Age	
EC 251	Principles of Macroeconomics	

EC 252	Principles of Microeconomics	
ED 299	Human Growth and Development	
FL 101	Introduction to Global Studies	
FL 101H	Introduction to Global Studies - Honors	
FL 201	Global Perspectives through Study Abroad	
FL 204	Introduction to Latin American Studies	
GE 102	Global Environments and Societies	
GE 260	People, Place, and Culture	
ECE 262	Child Development	
HPE 175	Essentials of Healthy Living ¹	
HPE 213	Foundations of Health ¹	
MU 233	Music in World Cultures	
PS 241	United States Government and Politics	
PS 251	Global Politics and Society	
PY 201	General Psychology	
PY 250	Socio-Cultural Perspectives on Diversity	
SO 221	Introductory Sociology	
SO 222	Current Social Problems	
SO 250	Socio-Cultural Perspectives on Diversity	
SRM 200	Leisure in Contemporary Life ¹	
Area V ³		
The Area V courses are listed on the UNA website ²		
Total Hours		41

¹ Course may not transfer for general education program credit.

² Transfer students from an Alabama institution who have completed a literature sequence are not required to take a history sequence. They must take at least 3 hours of history and the remaining 9 hours for the Area IV requirement from either history or social science courses, with no more than 6 hours coming from history courses.

³ At <http://www.una.edu/areav/>. Click on the link to your chosen major, print the Area V Page, and then attach it to your STARS Transfer Guide. Together, these two documents comprise your STARS Articulation Agreement. When you meet with an admissions counselor or advisor at UNA, be sure to bring both your Transfer Guide and the corresponding UNA Area V Page.

For the Bachelor of Arts Degree

Code	Title	Hours
Areas I-IV		
Same as for the Bachelor of Science degree		41
Area V (https://www.una.edu/areav/)		
Required foreign language at the introductory level (101, 102) ¹		6
Total Hours		47

¹ Additional general requirements for UNA students are the same as required for the Bachelor of Science degree.

² For degree requirements where an Honors course is offered that uses the same course number or title as the regular course, (e.g., EN111 or EN111H) the Honors course automatically fulfills the general education component degree requirement.