GENERAL EDUCATION

An undergraduate student whose enrollment in a curriculum occurs after May 15, 2005, must fulfill the general education requirements in effect at that time. If a student withdraws from the University and subsequently returns or does not remain continuously enrolled (summers included), the requirements in effect at the time of return will normally prevail. Any variation in curricular or general education requirements shall be considered under the curriculum year change or the substitution procedure.

MISSION STATEMENT

Academic institutions exist for the transmission of knowledge, the pursuit of truth, the intellectual and ethical development of students, and the general well-being of society. Undergraduate students must be broadly educated and technically skilled to be informed and productive citizens. As citizens, they need to be able to think critically about significant issues. Students also need to be prepared to complete undergraduate work and a major course of study. The mission requires a high level of knowledge about and competence in the following areas: communication, computer use, mathematics, problem solving, natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, and arts. Thus, the mission of general education is to provide Clemson undergraduate students with a structured base through which these needs can be met.

REQUIREMENTS

General education requirements are met through a combination of: I. general education coursework; II. coursework specific to the discipline; and III. examples of student work that document the student's achievement of general education competencies in an ePortfolio.

General education requirements in some curricula are more restrictive than those shown below. Science and Technology in Society and Cross-Cultural Awareness Requirements may be satisfied by other General Education courses, as indicated in the footnotes below.

I. General Education Coursework

A. Communication

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B. Mathematical, Scientific, and Technological Literacy

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C. Arts and Humanities

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D. Social Sciences

E. Cross-Cultural Awareness

F. Science and Technology in Society

II. Discipline-Specific Coursework

A. Academic and Professional Development

B. Distributed Competencies

Note: AP EC and ECON are considered the same field.
III. Documentation of General Education Competencies

Students must provide appropriate documentation of achievement of their General Education competencies through an ePortfolio. Effective oral and written communication is the means by which all competencies will be demonstrated. Students should include an example of their best work in each of the following eight areas:

A. Arts and Humanities
Demonstrate an understanding of the arts and humanities in historical and cultural contexts.

B. Mathematics
Demonstrate mathematical literacy through solving problems, communicating concepts, reasoning mathematically, and applying mathematical or statistical methods, using multiple representations where applicable.

C. Natural Sciences
Demonstrate scientific literacy by explaining the process of scientific reasoning and applying scientific principles inside and outside of the laboratory or field setting.

D. Social Sciences
Demonstrate an understanding of social science methodologies in order to explain the consequences of human actions.

E. Critical Thinking
Demonstrate the ability to critically analyze the quality and utility of knowledge gained throughout the undergraduate experience and apply this knowledge to a wide range of problems.

F. Cross-Cultural Awareness
Demonstrate the ability to critically compare and contrast world cultures in historical and/or contemporary contexts.

G. Ethical Judgment
Demonstrate an ability to identify, comprehend, and deal with ethical problems and their ramifications in a systematic, thorough, and responsible way.

H. Science and Technology in Society
Demonstrate an understanding of issues created by the complex interactions among science, technology, and society.

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