

GENERAL EDUCATION PHILOSOPHY

Through established core skills and abilities, General Education provides the foundation for personal, professional and social growth and life long learning. General Education encompasses the following areas of higher learning: communications and humanities, mathematics, life and physical sciences, and social and behavioral sciences. Collectively, General Education course work enhances learners' abilities to:

- Understand human behavior and work effectively with others;
- Communicate effectively in a variety of media;
- Listen attentively, think critically, and use problem solving techniques appropriately;
- Access and synthesize information;
- Understand the ethical dimensions of life;
- Apply quantitative reasoning in various contexts;
- Acknowledge diversity;
- Recognize the necessity for life-long learning;
- Recognize the connection between higher learning and their personal and professional lives;
- Appreciate the complexity of the world around us.

Every course in the general education curriculum contributes to the acquisition of one or more of these competencies. Thus, General Education is integral to changing lives, building futures, and improving communities.

GENERAL EDUCATION DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS

Certain core subjects and competencies are integral to student success both within the chosen field of study and in fulfilling a responsible role as an educated member of society, regardless of the program or major the student is pursuing. Rhodes State College balances its technical curricula with General Education and Basic Related courses. To that end, each program has established its own particular set of General Education and Basic Related course work designed to enhance student performance and to ensure a breadth of knowledge. All students earning an associate degree from Rhodes State College must also fulfill a common core of General Education distribution requirements. For the 2009-2010 academic year, these distribution requirements mandate that all graduates will complete English Composition and program designated course work in Mathematics and Social and Behavioral Sciences. Depending upon the student's major, an additional distribution as identified in either Humanities or Life and Physical Sciences will be required. (See specific program curriculum and/or admission requirements for details.)

The following list enumerates college-designated General Education courses and their discipline groupings as of April 2009. Please consult your advisor for possible additions to this list.



COURSES

Writing/Communication/Public Speaking

COM-111	English Composition	5
COM-114	Technical Writing	4
COM-116	Business Communications	5
COM-120	Writing in Sciences	5
COM-240	Composition & Literature	5
COM-197	Research Paper	1
COM-211	Public Speaking	5
COM-311	Advanced Composition	5

Humanities (Humanities, Literature and Ethics)

GAH-220	Human Values in Health Care	3
LIT-145	Introduction to Film	5
LIT-221	Introduction to Literature	5
LIT-225	The American Short Story	3
LIT-226	Fantasy Literature	3
LIT-231	Literature and the Holocaust	5
LIT-245	Themes in Literature and Film	5
HST-161	American History to 1877	5
HST-162	American History Since 1877	5
HST-230	Connections: Technology and Civilization	5
HST-240	Topics in Non-Western History & Culture	5

Mathematics (Mathematics)

MTH-110	Math of Business	5
MTH-119	Finite Mathematics for Business	5
MTH-121	Mathematics I	5
MTH-122	Mathematics II	5
MTH-123	Mathematics III	5
MTH-126	Statistics	5
MTH-137	College Algebra	5
MTH-143	Trigonometry	5
MTH-161	Calculus I	5
MTH-163	Calculus & Analytic Geometry I	5
MTH-164	Calculus & Analytic Geometry II	5
MTH-165	Calculus & Analytic Geometry III	5
MTH-262	Calculus II	5

Social & Behavioral Sciences (Psychology, Sociology, Economics, Geography & Political Science)

PSY-101	General Psychology	5
PSY-122	Psychology of Human Relations	5
PSY-173	Abnormal Psychology	5
PSY-215	Lifespan Psychology	5
ECN-141	Macro Economics	5
ECN-143	Micro Economics	5
SOC-101	Sociology	5
SOC-120	Death and Dying	3
SOC-121	Family Sociology	5
SOC-132	American Cultural Diversity	5
SOC-230	Social Problems	5
POL-101	Introduction to Political Science	5

Life & Physical Sciences (Anatomy, Physiology, Chemistry, Physics and Microbiology)

BET-112	Physics of Mechanics	5
BET-113	Physics of Heat, Light and Sound	5
BET-114	Electrical and Nuclear Physics	4
BIO-109	Concepts in Biology	5
BIO-111	Anatomy and Physiology I	5
BIO-112	Anatomy and Physiology II	5
BIO-140	Microbiology	5
CHM-111	Introductory to General Chemistry	5
CHM-112	Introductory Organic and Biochemistry	5

Basic/Related Courses

Basic related course are non-technical, however, they are foundational for a specific major and basic to the technical field, and closely related to the technical specialty, for example COM-117 Police Communications.

Technical Courses

Technical courses are identified as those that teach technical skills, technical proficiency, and the knowledge required for career competency. Generally, technical courses at Rhodes State are taught by technical faculty members and carry a technical prefix for example, an IT/ET faculty member teaching CPT-112, Introduction to Visual Basic programming.