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General Education Course and Credit Requirements
2026-2027 Reference Sheet

In order to meet General Education requirements, courses must be on the General Education course list when taken by the student. This is a reference list only; please visit the College catalog for the official course list.

Component	AA/AAT	AAS	AFA	AS
Foundation Courses:				
• English (ENGF)	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits
• Math (MATF)	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits
Distribution Area Courses:				
• Arts (ARTD)	3 credits	3 credits or	3 credits	3 credits
• Humanities (HUMD)	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits
• Behavioral and Social Sciences (BSSD)	6 credits	3 credits	3 credits	6 credits
• Natural Sciences (NSLD/NSND)	7 credits	4 credits	4 credits	8 credits
Institutional Requirement Courses (GEIR)	6 credits	0 credits	0 credits	0 credits
General Education Elective (GEEL)	0 credits	4-6 credits	3 credits	3 credits
TOTAL Courses and Credits	**10 courses 31 credits**	**6-7 courses** 20-22	**7 courses** 22	**9 courses**

AA and AS curricula require at least one course with global and cultural perspectives designation (GCP).

Foundation Courses:

- **English Foundation (ENGF, GEEL) (3 credits):** Choose one course from:
  ENGL 102 Critical Reading, Writing, and Research or ENGL 103 Critical Reading, Writing and Research in the Workplace. All students must complete ENGL 101/011 Introduction to College Writing as a College prerequisite for ENGL 102 or 103 unless eligible for placement into ENGL 102 or 103 through transfer credit, AP scores, SAT/ACT scores, or Accuplacer scores and College English department permission. To comply with Maryland state requirements for English Foundation (ENGF), ENGL 102 and ENGL 103 must be completed with a final grade of C or better for a student to graduate with an associate's degree.

- **Mathematics Foundation (MATF, GEEL) (3-4 credits):** Choose one according to desired major(s): ***MATH 117 Statistics, MATH 120 Survey of College Mathematics,*** MATH 130† *Mathematical Reasoning*, ***MATH 150 Applied Calculus, MATH 165 Precalculus I, or MATH 181 Calculus I.***

  † *MATH 130, Elements of Math I* is required for the associate of arts in teaching. Many transfer institutions will not accept MATH 130 as a General Education math course if an AAT is not completed.

General Education Institutional Requirements (GEIR, GEEL):

AA programs require two courses or six credits of General Education Institutional Requirements. Some AA programs may specify which courses are appropriate for the GEIR; for example, the business AA requires COMM 108 or 112 as one GEIR. Choose courses from two of three categories: COMM, HLTH, or ARTD/HUMD. Students may not select two COMM, two HLTH, or two ARTD/HUMD courses to meet their GEIR. Check the catalog to find your degree plan.

- One COMM course from the General Education list: COMM 108 or COMM 112
- One HLTH course from the General Education list: HLTH 105, 121, 125, 131, 150, 160, 170 (GCP), 200 (GCP), 212, 215 (GCP), 225
- One ARTD (Arts) or HUMD (Humanities) course from the General Education list (see selections on following page).

General Education Electives (GEEL):

Three credits (AS and AFA programs), 4-6 credits (AAS programs). All AS, AFA, and AAS programs include an open elective option designated as GEEL. Any General Education course not used for a different requirement will fulfill this

requirement. Students should check their degree programs for any specific requirements for GEEL course selection; students should also seek guidance from counselors about how individual courses may transfer before selecting courses for this requirement.

Students should contact a counselor, their program advisor, and the transfer institution to determine required General Education courses for their degree and transferability to USM, out-of-state, or private institutions. Students with questions about the General Education appeal process should email GenEd@montgomerycollege.edu.

These General Education (Gen Ed) courses will transfer toward degree completion within the University System of Maryland (USM). Completing a degree at MC ensures Gen Ed transfers as a package to all institutions within USM. Courses in ***bold/italics*** are recommended for anyone undecided about a transfer destination if it is out-of-state or a private institution. Visit montgomerycollege.edu/transfer to view transfer agreements with specific Gen Ed requirements for select institutions/programs. Courses with (GCP) meet the Global and Cultural Perspectives requirement.

Arts Distribution (ARTD, GEIR, GEEL)

ARTT 100 Intro to Drawing
ARTT 102 Intro to 2D Design
ARTT 103 Intro to 3D Design
ARTT 112 Digital Photography for Fine Arts I
ARTT 120 Ceramics I (GCP)
ARTT 123 Crafts
ARTT 127 Art Appreciation (Art in Culture) (GCP)
ARTT 152 Photographic Expression I
ARTT 200, 201 Art History I, II (GCP)
ARTT 225 Woodcut: Global Printmaking (GCP)
ARTT 270 African Art (GCP)
ARTT 272 Asian Art (GCP)
ARTT 274 Indigenous Art (GCP)
ARTT 275 Art of Renaissance World (GCP)
ARTT 278 Art of the United States (GCP)
ARTT 280 Global Modernism: 20th Century (GCP)
DANC 100 Intro to Dance (GCP)
ENGL 235 Film & Literature (GCP)
ENGL 264 Intro to Creative Writing of Fiction
ENGL 272 Intro to Creative Writing of Poetry
GDES 116 Digital Tools for Visual Arts
ISTD 173 Integrated Arts (GCP)
MUSC 110 Listening to Music
MUSC 117 World Music (GCP)
MUSC 125 History of Jazz (GCP)
MUSC 131 American Popular Music
MUSC 184 Intro to Music Theory
PHOT 161 Intro Digital Photography
THET 100 Intro to the Theatre (GCP)
THET 110 Fundamentals of Acting
TVRA 134 Media Appreciation

Humanities Distribution (HUMD, GEIR, GEEL)

ARAB 101, 102 Elementary Arabic I, II (GCP)
ARTT 202 Intro to Museums (GCP)
ASLP 100, 110 American Sign Language I, II (GCP)
CHIN 101, 102, 201 Elem/Inter Chinese I, II (GCP)
COMM 108 Human Communication
Or COMM 112 Prof Speech Communication
ENGL 122 Intro to World Mythology (GCP)
ENGL 190 Intro to Literature (GCP)
ENGL 201, 202 Intro to World Literature I, II (GCP)
ENGL 205 Masterpieces of Asian Literature (GCP)
ENGL 208 Women in Literature (GCP)
ENGL 211, 212 American Literature I, II (GCP)
ENGL 213, 214 British Literature I, II
ENGL 226, 227 African American Literature I, II (GCP)
ENGL 228 Survey of Latina/o/x Lit in the US (GCP)
ENGL 230 Intro to Modern Drama (GCP)
ENGL 233 The Short Story (GCP)
FREN 101, 102, 201, 202 Elem/Inter French I, II (GCP)
FREN 207 Reads in French Literature I (GCP)
GERM 101, 102 Elem German I, II (GCP)
GHUM 101 Intro to Global Humanities (GCP)
HIST 112 Women in World History (GCP)
HIST 114 The World in the 20th Century (GCP)
HIST 116, 117 World History I, II (GCP)
HIST 146 History of the Ancient World
HIST 147, 148 History of Europe I, II
HIST 200, 201 History of the United States I, II
HIST 205 History of Technology
HIST 211 History of Latinos in the U.S. (GCP)
HIST 228 Women in the Western World (GCP)
HIST 235, 236 History of African Americans I, II (GCP)
HIST 240 Civil Rights in America (GCP)
HIST 245 Latin American History (GCP)
HIST 247 East Asian Civilization (GCP)
HIST 250 Modern Asia (GCP)
HIST 252 US & 20th Century World Affairs (GCP)
HIST 255 Modern Middle East (GCP)
HIST 262, 263 (GCP) History of England I, II
HIST 265, 266 African History I, II (GCP)
ITAL 101, 102 Elementary Italian I, II (GCP)
JAPN 101, 102 Elementary Japanese I, II (GCP)
KORA 101, 102, 201 Elem/Inter Korean I, II (GCP)
LATN 101, 102 Elementary Latin I, II (GCP)
LING 200 Intro to Linguistics (GCP)
PHIL 101 Intro to Philosophy
PHIL 140 Intro to the Study of Ethics
PHIL 143 Intro to the Study of Religion (GCP)
PHIL 190 Elementary Logic & Semantics
PHIL 201 Morality & Contemporary Law
PHIL 205 Philosophy in Literature (GCP)
PHIL 212 Women in Philosophy I (GCP)
RUSS 101, 102 Elem Russian I, II (GCP)
SPAN 101,102,201,202 Elem/Int Span I/II (GCP)
SPAN 103 Intensive Elementary Spanish (GCP)
SPAN 106 Spanish/Heritage Speakers (GCP)
SPAN 215 Adv Span Conversation & Comp (GCP)
SPAN 216 Adv Readings in Latin Amer Lit (GCP)

Behavioral & Social Sciences Distribution (BSSD, GEEL)

If two courses are required, they must be from two different disciplines

ANTH 201 Intro to Sociocultural Anthropology (GCP)
ANTH 240 Intro to Archaeology (GCP)
ANTH 256 World Cultures (GCP)
ASLP 121 Intro to the Deaf Community Culture (GCP)
CCJS 110 Administration of Justice (GCP)
ECON 105 Basic Economics (GCP)
ECON 201 (GCP), 202 Principles of Economics I, II
GEOG 101 Intro to Geography
GEOG 105 Cultural Geography (GCP)
GEOG 113 Economic Geography
GEOG 130 Global Geography (GCP)
GNDS 101 Intro to Gender Studies (GCP)
GNDS 102 Understand LGBT Identities (GCP)
HLTH 131 Drugs & Lifestyle Wellness (GEIR)
HLTH 160 Science & Theory of Health (GEIR)
HLTH 170 Intro to Aging (GEIR) (GCP)
HLTH 212 Controlling Stress & Tension (GEIR)
HLTH 225 Intro to Health Behaviors (GEIR)
POLI 101 American Government
POLI 105 Intro to Political Science (GCP)
POLI 203 International Relations (GCP)
POLI 206 Political Ideologies (GCP)
POLI 211 Comparative Politics & Govt (GCP)
POLI 256 Politics of the Develop World (GCP)
PSYC 100 General Psychology
SOCY 100 Intro to Sociology (GCP)
SOCY 105 Social Problems & Issues (GCP)
SOCY 208 Sociology of Gender (GCP)
SOCY 240 Sociology of Age & Aging (GCP)
SOCY 243 The Sociology of Sport (GCP)
WMST 101 Intro to Women's Studies (GCP)

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For AA, AAT, and AS degrees, choose two NSLD courses or one NSLD and one NSND course.

For AAS or AFA degrees, choose one NSLD course.

Natural Sciences Distribution with Lab (NSLD, GEEL)

ANTH 215 & 216 Human Evolution with Lab (GCP)
AOSC 105 Meteorology: Intro to Weather
ASTR 101 Intro to Astronomy
BIOL 101 General Biology
BIOL 105 & 106 Environmental Bio with Lab (GCP)
BIOL 130 & 131 The Human Body with Lab
BIOL 150 Principles of Biology I (Science Majors)
BIOL 212, 213 Human Anatomy & Physiology I, II
CHEM 105* (GCP) *& 106 Chem Society with Lab
CHEM 131, 132 Principles of Chemistry I, II
CHEM 150 Essentials of Organic & Biochemistry
GEOG 124 Physical Geography
GEOL 101 Physical Geology
GEOL 102 Historical Geology
HORT 100 Intro to Plant Sciences
PHYS 110 Sound & Lights in the Arts
PHYS 203, 204 General Physics I, II
PHYS 262 General Physics II: Electricity
PHYS 263 General Physics III: Waves
PSCI 101, 102 Physical Science I, II

Natural Sciences Distribution without Lab (NSND, GEEL)

ANTH 215 Human Evolution & Archaeology (GCP)
AOSC 100 Weather & Climate
BIOL 105 Environmental Biology (GCP)
BIOL 130 The Human Body
CHEM 105 Chemistry & Society (GCP)
ENES 100 Intro to Engineering Design
NUTR 101 Intro to Nutrition
PHYS 105 Conceptual Physics
PHYS 161 General Physics I: Mechanics