

Bachelor's Degree General Education Program

According to our mission statement, Northwest Nazarene University offers an undergraduate curriculum that is designed to instill a habit of mind that enables each student to become God's creative and redemptive agent in today's world. This curriculum provides both depth (the student's major field of study) and breadth (the general education program) to nurture our students' highest intellectual, physical, and spiritual development.

The general education program is the foundation of all undergraduate education at Northwest Nazarene University. It purposely expresses through the curriculum the mission of the university as a Christian liberal arts institution in the Wesleyan heritage. The objective of the general education program is to provide a common experience for the personal and intellectual growth of each student. Students are brought into contact with great persons, ideas, movements, human culture and the Christian faith. The curriculum is intellectually challenging and designed to set the tone for all courses at the university.

General Education Requirements at a Glance (50 credits)

When planning a schedule, students should carefully review the detailed requirements following this summary.

Course Code	Course Name	Credits
<i>Christian Formation</i>	<i>12 Credits</i>	
BIBL1105	Introduction to Biblical Studies	3
THEO2105	Introduction to Christian Theology	3
BIBL/THEO	Approved UD Bib Lit or Theology Elective	3
PHIL	Approved Philosophy Elective	3
<i>Humanities</i>	<i>14 Credits</i>	
HUMN1025	Cornerstone	1
ENGL	Approved Literature Elective	3
ARDE/MUSC	Approved Art History or Music History Elective	3
HIST	Approved U.S. History Elective	3
HIST	Approved non-U.S. History Elective	3
	*Capstone (see list below)	1
<i>Sciences</i>	<i>15 Credits</i>	
KINE1005	Fundamentals of Wellness	1
KINE	Approved Kinesiology Activity Elective	1
Natural Science	Approved Natural Science Lecture Elective	3
Natural Science	Approved Natural Science Lab Elective	1
Social Science	Approved Social Science Elective	3
<i>Additional Electives</i>	<i>Electives from two of the following areas to equal 6 credits</i>	6
	Approved Mathematics Elective	
	Approved Natural Science Elective	
	Approved Social Science Elective	
<i>Intellectual and Practical Skills</i>	<i>9 Credits</i>	
ENGL1040	Introduction to Academic Writing	3
ENGL3000W	Studies in Composition and Rhetoric (or an ENGL course with a W designation)	3

COMM1210	Intro to Public Speaking	3
Math Proficiency	Satisfactory score on the mathematics portion of the ACT, SAT, or ACCUPLACER or equivalent test. MATH0900 can be taken to prepare for ACCUPLACER.	0
Cultural Competency Requirement	Completion of the NNU Cultural Competency Requirement	

RN-BSN students' General Education requirements may be found at <https://gpscatalog.nnu.edu/m-to-bsn-program/rn-bsn-msnfnp>.

To complete the general education program at Northwest Nazarene University, the student must take 50 semester credits of courses distributed in five categories. The categories with the number of credits required in each are:

I. Christian Formation (12 credits)

- **[BIBL1105](#) * Introduction to Biblical Studies (3)**
 *To be completed during the first 3 semesters of residence, must be completed with a grade of C- or higher.
 *Waived for students who transferred in with 60 or more credits
- **[THEO2105](#) * Introduction to Christian Theology (3)**
 *To be completed by the end of the fifth semester of residence, must be completed with a grade of C- or higher.
- **Upper Division Bible Literature or Theology (3)**
 BIBL or THEO course numbered above 2999. (3)
 *Waived for students who transferred in with 90 or more credits
- **Philosophy Elective (3)**
 Select one course from:
[PHIL2020](#) Ethics (3)
[PHIL3080](#) Critical Reasoning (3)

II. Humanities (14 credits)

- **[HUMN1025](#) Cornerstone (1)**
 To be completed the first year of enrollment and preferably in the first semester, must be completed with a grade of C- or higher.
 *Waived for students who transferred in 28 or more credits
- **Literature Elective (3)**
 Select one course from:
[ENGL2310](#) British Literature: Beowulf through the Age of Reason (3)
[ENGL2410](#) Major Literature of the Western World (3)
[ENGL2430](#) World Literature: The Enlightenment to the Modern Era (3)
[ENGL3210](#) Major Authors in American Literature (3)
[ENGL3510](#) Twentieth-Century Poetry (3)
[ENGL3750](#) Children's and Young Adult Literature (3)
- **Art History/Music History Elective (3)**
 Select one course from:
[ARDE3750](#) Art History 2 (3)
[MUSC1010](#) A Survey of Art and Music (3)
[MUSC3270](#) Music History: Classic, Romantic, and Modern (3)
- **History Electives (one U. S. and one non-U. S.) (6)**
 Select one U.S. history course from:
[ECON2275](#) American Economic History (3)

[HIST2030](#) United States History to 1877 (3)
[HIST2040](#) United States History from 1877 (3)
[HIST3010](#) Recent America (3)
[NURS4121](#) History of Nursing (3)
Select one non-U.S. history course from:
[HIST1030](#) The World and the West I (3)
[HIST1040](#) The World and the West II (3)
[HIST3020](#) Modern Europe (1800-Present) (3)

- **Capstone: Completion of one of the following capstone courses approved by the General Education Council (1):**

[BSNS4985](#) Senior Seminar in Business Capstone (3)
[EDUC4955](#) Seminar/Capstone (1)
[HUMN4015](#) Capstone (1)
[NURS4130](#) Transition to Professional Nursing (3)
[THEO4905](#) Senior Capstone in Ministry (1)

III. Sciences (15 credits)

- **Activities (2)**

Select Fundamentals of Wellness and one Activity Course

[KINE1005](#) Fundamentals of Wellness (1)
[KINE1020](#) Heart Healthy Activity (1), or
[KINE1030](#) Lifetime Sport Activity (1)

*Kinesiology activity waived for students who transferred in 60 or more credits

- **Select one natural science lecture and corresponding laboratory course. (BIOL, CHEM, NSCI, PHYS):**

[BIOL1015](#) Introduction to Biology (3); and,
[BIOL1015L](#) Introduction to Biology Lab (1)
[BIOL1060](#) Human Biology (3); and,
[BIOL1060L](#) Human Biology Laboratory (1)
[PHYS1010](#) Introduction to Physical Science (3); and,
[PHYS1010L](#) Introduction to Physical Science Lab (1)
[PHYS1060](#) Descriptive Astronomy (3); and,
[PHYS1060L](#) Descriptive Astronomy Laboratory (1)

- **Social Science Elective (3)**

Select one social science course:

[CLTA1550](#) Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (3)
[COMM2030](#) Interpersonal Communication (3)
[ECON1010](#) Personal Finance (3)
[ECON2275](#) American Economic History (3)
[ECON2415](#) Principles of Microeconomics (3)
[ECON2425](#) Principles of Macroeconomics (3)
[EDUC3165](#) Learning and the Brain (3)
[GEOG1050](#) Intro to Geography (3)
[POLS1010](#) American National Politics (3)
[PSYC1550](#) Intro to Psychology (3)
[PSYC2100](#) Lifespan Development (3)
[PSYC2110](#) Educational Psychology (3)
[PSYC3165](#) Learning and the Brain (3)

- **Additional Science Electives (6)**

Select two additional courses from two of the following three areas:

Mathematics (3):

[BSNS2335](#) Business Statistics (3)

[MATH1100](#) Liberal Arts Mathematics (3)

[MATH1300](#) College Algebra (3)

[MATH1400](#) Trigonometry (3)

[MATH2010](#) Fundamentals of Mathematical Structures I (3)

[MATH2240](#) Elementary Statistics (3)

Or any MATH prefixed course numbered 1000 or higher

Natural Science (3):

Natural science (BIOL, CHEM, NSCI, PHYS prefixed courses)

Social Science (3):

Social science (CLTA, ECON, EDUC3165, GEOG, POLS, PSYC, or COMM2030)

IV. Intellectual and Practical Skills (9 credits)

- [ENGL1040](#) Introduction to Academic Writing (3)
To be completed by the end of the first year of residence. Must be completed with a grade of C- or higher.
- [ENGL3000W](#) Studies in Composition and Rhetoric (3) or an ENGL course with a W designation
Must be completed with a grade of C- or higher.
- [COMM1210](#) Introduction to Public Speaking (3)
Must be completed with a grade of C- or higher.
- **Mathematics Proficiency (0)**
One of the following minimum test scores. Test scores must have been obtained within the previous five years.
 - ACT Math Score of 21 or higher
 - SAT Math Score of 570 or higher
 - ACCUPLACER QRAS Score of 250 or higher or equivalent test
 - Completion of an approved college-level math course with a grade of C- or higher
 - [MATH0900](#). Essential Mathematics (3) can be taken to assist students with preparing to pass the ACCUPLACER QRAS.

V. Cultural Competency Requirement

Online and adult program students are required to complete one course with the Cultural Competency (CC) designation.

The following courses have been approved for the CC designation:

- [BSNS4605](#) Global Business Strategies (3)
- [CLTA1550](#) Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (3)
- [EDUC2250](#) Cultural Diversity in Education (2)
- [EDUC3175](#) Teaching Diverse Learners (3)
- [PRTH2405](#) Christian Missions (3)
- [PRTH3755](#) Compassionate Ministries (3)
- [NURS4114](#) Nursing of Diverse Communities and Populations (4)
- [SPAN1010](#) Elementary Spanish I (4)
- [SPAN1020](#) Elementary Spanish II (4)

Additional Cultural Competency Information:

- If a student grew up in a Bi-Cultural/Bi-Lingual home or spent time overseas after the age of 7, life experience may be considered as part of the Cultural Competency requirement. For consideration, students may fill out a request for approval with the General Education Council at library.nnu.edu/cultural-competency/approval-forms.
- Concurrent credit or transfer courses will not be considered for CC credit.