

General Education Program

Students in all academic programs at AUM must complete the general education program, which complements and contributes to the fulfillment of the mission of the university. Students are required to take a set of courses outside their major to develop their understanding of broad disciplinary areas and the connections between and among them. Courses approved for general education stress experimental and activity-based learning and the application of knowledge to concrete situations. The General Education requirements are a total of 41-42 US / 82- 84 ETCS credits.

Program Objectives

The General Education Program aims to develop self-directed individuals who:

- Are engaged and committed citizens aware of the global effect of social, political, and economic change.
- Understand the nature of tradition and world cultures, understand the impact of the past on the present, and respond sensitively in culturally diverse environments.
- Are aware of ethical issues and think critically to make informed and responsible decisions.
- Use empirical and logical reasoning to assess evidence, evaluate data, make decisions, and solve problems.
- Understand scientific principles and contemporary developments in science and technology and their impact on human life and the environment.
- Communicate clearly and effectively in writing and speech and understand the theoretical and stylistic strategies that impact diverse audiences for various purposes.
- Can locate, access, critically evaluate, and use information ethically and efficiently for a variety of purposes, and engage in independent investigations and research.
- Can interpret the meaning of different forms of artistic expression within historical and theoretical contexts and respond to works of art.

General Education Program Learning Outcomes

Upon graduation the student will be able to:

- Demonstrate effective written and oral communication skills and use current technology to create a final written or oral product.
- Recognize, analyze, and evaluate ethical issues and defend their positions through reasoned argument.
- Use logical and mathematical reasoning to analyze quantitative data and solve problems for personal and professional purposes.
- Use appropriate tools to access information, evaluate sources, and conduct independent research.

- To respect the contributions of multicultural contexts that enhance human experience, and to appreciate the interdependence of the global community to facilitate coexistence in multicultural environments.
- To understand the historical contexts and variety of artistic forms, the nature and norms of creative processes that shape creative works, and the ability to engage in creative production of original artifacts.
- Employ the basic concepts of ethics or one of the social sciences to analyze a contemporary issue.
- To recognize, analyze and resolve scientific problems through the application of scientific methods.
- Use computers for academic purposes, to incorporate technology into academic content, and to access information efficiently.

General Education Degree Requirements

To achieve these outcomes, the General Education Program requires students to take approximately one third of their total credits in the following five thematic areas:

- Communication in a global society (3 courses)
- Data and quantitative literacy (1 course)
- Scientific Inquiry (3 courses for BS, 2 courses for BA)
- Tradition and innovation in arts and humanities (4 courses BS, 3 courses BA)
- Understanding our past and present through social sciences (3 courses)

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Thematic Areas	# of Courses (US/ECTS Credit hours)
I. Communication in a Global Society	3 (9/18)
ENG 101 English Composition I	
ENG 102 English Composition II	
COM 101 Communication in a Multicultural Setting	
II. Data and Quantitative Literacy	1 (3/6)
MAT 101 Introduction to Data Analysis, Probability, and Statistics	
III. Scientific Inquiry	3 (12/24) for BS Degree 2 (8/16) for BA Degree
BIO 101 Unity of Life	
CHE 101 Introduction to General Chemistry	
PHY 101 Introduction to the Physical Universe	
IV. Tradition and Innovation in Arts and Humanities	3 (9/18) BS Degree 4 (12/24) for BA Degree
ATH 101 Arts of the Mediterranean	
PHI 101 History of Philosophy	
PHI 102 Applied Ethics (<i>required for all degrees</i>)	
REL 101 Religious Worlds in Comparative Perspective	
V. Understanding Our Past and Present through Social Sciences	3 (9/18)
HIS 101 History of the Mediterranean	
PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology	
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology	
TOTAL GENERAL EDUCATION HOURS BS Degree – 42 US / 84 ECTS BA Degree – 41 US / 82 ECTS	