

General Education Curriculum (GEC)

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North Carolina Central University's **General Education Curriculum (GEC)** prepares students academically and professionally for leadership in a culturally diverse world.

ENGLISH (6 credit hrs)	ENG 1110: English Composition I (3) *English placement is determined by SAT/ACT scores or High School English course grades		ENG 1210: English Composition II (3)
FOREIGN LANGUAGE (3 credit hrs)	SPAN 1192: Elementary Spanish II (3) FREN 1192: Elementary French II (3) **First-year students are required to take a placement exam in the desired foreign language. Placing into Level I = complete Level I and II courses. Placing into Level II and beyond =have met the language requirement, no further course work is required.		GERM 1192: Elementary German II (3) MFL 1192: Critical Language II
MATHEMATICS (3-5 credit hrs)	MATH 1080: Math for Liberal Arts & Social Sciences (3) MATH 1051: Mathematics for Education Majors (3) MATH 1100: College Algebra & Trigonometry I (3) MATH 1110: Elementary Statistics (3) *One of these courses is required *Math placement is determined by SAT/ACT scores, High School Math Course Grades, or ALKEs Placement Exam		MATH 1200: College Algebra & Trigonometry II (3) MATH 1210: Finite Math (3) MATH 1410: Pre-Calculus Math (5) Or a higher level course
SCIENCES (6-8 credit hrs)	BIOL 1000: Heredity and Society (3) BIOL 1100: General Biology (3) BIOL 1300: Molecules & Cell Function (4) BIOL 2105: Intro to Computational Science & Informatics (3) CHEM 1000: Physical Science Related to Chem (3) CHEM 1100: General Chemistry I (4) CHEM 1200: General Chemistry II (4) CHEM 1500: Chemistry & Human Life (3) CHEM 2105: Computational Science & Informatics (3) GEOG 2010: Online Weather (3) *Two of these courses are required		GEOG 2100: Physical Geography (3) GEOG 2120: Geology (3) GEOG 2350: Earth Science (3) PHYS 1000: Physics w/ Application to Enviro Topics (3) PHYS 1210: The Language of Science (3) PHYS 1050: Astronomy (3) SCI 1220: Science Odyssey (4) STEM 1200: Scientific Decisions in Everyday Life (3) ENSC 1000: Intro to Sustainable Planet (3)
SOCIAL SCIENCES (6 Credit hrs)	HIST 1320: World Societies (3) *This course is required	HIST 1530: The Black Experience to 1865 (3) HIST 1540: The Black Experience Since 1865 (3) ECON 2200: Principles of Macroeconomics (3) ECON 2100: Principles of Microeconomics (3) FIN 2000: Personal Finance (3) GEOG 1000: Intro to Geography (3) GEOG 1100: World Regional Geography (3)	GLST 1000: The Global Experience (3) POLS 2100: American Government (3) PSY 2100: General Psychology (3) SOCI 2000: Global Societies & Human Behav. (3) SOCI 2100: Principles of Sociology (3) SOCI 2300: Social Problems (3)
FOUNDATIONS OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY	Effective for students admitted on/after July 1, 2025, students may satisfy the Foundations of American Democracy requirement by - Completing HIST 1320: World Societies (3 credits) at NCCU, - Earning approved transfer, AP/IB, CLEP, or other equivalent credit that fulfills the requirement, or - Successfully completing the NCCU Foundations of American Democracy Canvas Learning Modules during their first semester		
ARTS & HUMANITIES (5-6 Credit hrs)	HUM 2410 - Arts & Humanities I (3) HUM 2420 - Arts & Humanities II (3) *One of these courses is required.	ART 1000: Intro to the Study of Art (2) ART 1500: Survey of the History of Art (3) ART 1510: African American Art History (3) ART 3200: African-American Art History (4) DRAM 1000: Appreciation of Drama (2) DRAM 2110: History of the Theatre I (3) DRAM 2120: History of the Theatre II (3) ENG 1300: World Literature I (3) ENG 1400: World Literature II (3) ENG 1500: Writing about Literature (3) ENG 1700: Religion and Literature (3) ENG 2340: Contemporary African Am. Lit (3) FREN 2300: Intro to Francophone Lit (3) *One of these courses is required.	GERM 2104: Intro to German Civilization (3) GERM 2105: Intro to German Literature (3) HUM 2410: Arts & Humanities I (3) HUM 2420: Arts & Humanities II (3) MUSL 1000:- Survey of Music (3) MUSL 1300: Twentieth-Century Music (2) NURS 4205: Global Health Perspectives PHIL 1000: Intro to Philosophy (3) PHIL 2210: Ethics (3) SPAN 2300: Intro to Hispanic Literature (3) SPAN 3300: Intro to African-Hispanic Lit (3)
HEALTH & WELLNESS (4 Credit hrs)	HEDU 1531 - Health (2) *This course is required	KIN 1541 - Fitness (2) *This course is required	
SOC. & CAREER ENHANCEMENT (2 Credit hrs)	UNIV 1100 - First Year Seminar (2)		
WRITING-INTENSIVE COURSE	Writing-intensive courses develop students' skills in critical inquiry and scholarly research and are typically completed through major coursework or select General Education courses as a requirement for graduation.		
SPEAKING-INTENSIVE COURSE	Students complete MSCM 1250 - Elements of Speech Communication (3) or MSCM 2200 - Introduction to Public Speaking (3) to satisfy the speaking requirement. MGT 3400 Business Communications (3) will satisfy the requirement for business majors		