

GERTA: General Education Requirement Transfer Agreement

- The agreement ensures that an approved set of general education courses are transferable between North Dakota University System (NDUS) institutions. The new MSU Gen Ed structure is based upon this.

North Dakota GERTA categories used by MSU Gen Ed and grouped by content areas:

- ND:ENGL, ND:COMM, ND:DGTL, ND:MATH – **Core**
- ND:LABSC, ND:SCI, ND:COMPSC – **Natural Sciences and Technology**
- ND:SS – **Social Sciences**
- ND:FA, ND:HUM, ND:HIST – **Arts, Humanities, and History**

Importantly, a Gen Ed course:

- Is attached to only **ONE** North Dakota GERTA category.
- Can only be **applied ONCE** toward the 38 credits and toward **one MSU content area** (Core, Natural Sciences and Technology, Social Sciences, Arts, Humanities and History, or Choice) – no double-dipping.

Course Prefixes:

- Examples: CHEM, BIOL, CSCI, SOC, GEOG, ECON, MUSC, ART, THEA, SPAN, etc.
- **Choice** content area courses **can have the same course prefix**.
Example: SPAN 101 and SPAN 102, Spanish I and II.

General Education structure with GERTA categories (totaling 38 credits)

Core (12 cr.)

Required communication courses:

- ENGL 110/111H – ND:ENGL
- ENGL 120/121H – ND:ENGL/ND:DGTL
- COMM 110 – ND:COMM

Required quantitative course:

- **Quantitative Course (min 3 cr.)** ND:MATH

Social Sciences (6 cr.)

6 credits in 2 different course prefixes

Options: Social Sciences – ND:SS

Choice (6 cr.)

6 credits with the **same or different** course prefixes

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Natural Sciences and Technology (6 cr.)

6 credits in 2 different course prefixes

Required lab science course:

- **Lab Science (3-5 cr.)** – ND:LABSC

Remaining options:

- Lab Science – ND:LABSC
- Science – ND:SCI
- Technology – ND:COMPSC

Arts, Humanities, and History (6 cr.)

6 credits in 2 different course prefixes

Options:

- Fine Arts – ND:FA
- Humanities – ND:HUM
- History – ND:HIST

First-Year Seminar within FYE (2 cr.)

Required: UNIV 110*

*Not required for transfer students coming in with 24 or more credits (excluding credits earned through early/dual prior to high school graduation or through examination). This adjustment allows a student to fulfill MSU's General Education requirements with 36 credits.

» FOR STUDENTS

First-Year Experience (FYE) and UNIV 110 First-Year Seminar:

- **UNIV 110** is a Gen Ed course required* for first-year students, which is part of the required **First-Year Experience**. Go to the FYE website to register for a set of courses called an **FYE Learning Community**.
- Example of a FYE Learning Community and its set of courses:
"Debates in Criminal Justice": UNIV 110 First-Year Seminar and CJ 201 Intro to Criminal Justice

Gen Ed Content Areas:

- Core, Natural Sciences and Technology, Social Sciences, Arts, Humanities and History, and Choice.
- A course **can only be applied ONCE** toward the 38 credits and toward **ONE Gen Ed content area**.

Course Prefixes:

- Examples: CHEM, BIOL, CSCI, SOC, GEOG, ECON, MUSC, ART, THEA, SPAN, etc.
- Three of the Gen Ed content areas require **2 different course prefixes**:
 - **Natural Sciences and Technology**
Examples: BIOL 111 and CHEM 110 *or* GEOL 100 and AI 101
 - **Social Sciences**
 - **Arts, Humanities, and History**
- **Choice** content area courses **can have the same course prefix** if desired.
Example: SPAN 101 and SPAN 102, Spanish I and II.

What-If Report:

- This simulation tool lets you see how your course requirements would change if you were to move to a new course catalog, or add a minor, or change majors, etc. – all without making any actual changes.
 - Campus Connection → Academic Progress → View What-If Report

General Education Requirements (totaling 38 credits)

Core (12 cr.)

Required communication courses:

- ENGL 110/111H
- ENGL 120/121H
- COMM 110

Required quantitative course:

- **Quantitative Course (min 3 cr.)**

Social Sciences (6 cr.)

6 credits in 2 different course prefixes

Choice (6 cr.)

6 credits with the **same or different** course prefixes

Any Gen Ed courses in 2025-26 Catalog

Natural Sciences and Technology (6 cr.)

6 credits in 2 different course prefixes

Required lab science course:

- **Lab Science (3-5 cr.)**

Remaining options:

- **Another lab science course, or a science or technology course**

Arts, Humanities, and History (6 cr.)

6 credits in 2 different course prefixes

First-Year Seminar within FYE (2 cr.)

Required: **UNIV 110***

*UNIV 110 First-Year Seminar is not required for transfer students coming in with 24 or more credits (excluding credits earned through early/dual prior to high school graduation or through examination). This adjustment allows a student to fulfill MSU's General Education requirements with 36 credits.



General Education Requirements

Courses listed in the 2025-2026 undergraduate catalog

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Core	12 credits
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Communications

- COMM 110 Fundamentals of Public Speaking (3)
- ENGL 110 College Composition II (3)
- ENGL 111H Honors Composition I (3)
- ENGL 120 College Composition II (3)
- ENGL 121H Honors Composition II (3)

Quantitative (minimum 3 credits)

- DATA 211 Applied Statistics and Data Vis. (4)
- MATH 103 College Algebra (4)
- MATH 104 Finite Mathematics (4)
- MATH 105 College Trigonometry (2)
- MATH 107 Precalculus (4)
- MATH 110 Mathematics in Society (3)
- MATH 146 Applied Calculus (3)
- MATH 165 Calculus I (4)
- MATH 166 Calculus II (4)
- MATH 201H Environmental Mathematics (3)
- MATH 210 Elementary Statistics (4)
- MATH 378 Mathematics for Elem. Teachers III (3)
- PSY 241 Introduction to Statistics (4)

Social Sciences	6 credits
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- (6 credits in 2 different course prefixes)
- CJ 201 Introduction to Criminal Justice (3)
 - COMM 219 Mass Media and Society (3)
 - ECON 201 Principles of Microeconomics (3)
 - ECON 202 Principles of Macroeconomics (3)
 - GEOG 110 Introduction to Geography (3)
 - GEOG 161 World Regional Geography (3)
 - GEOG 289 Introduction to GIS (3)
 - POLS 115 American Government (3)
 - POLS 116 State and Local Government (3)
 - POLS 220 International Politics (3)
 - PSY 111 Introduction to Psychology (3)
 - SOC 110 Introduction to Sociology (3)
 - SOC 200H Idea of Society (3)
 - SWK 256 Develop of Social Welfare (3)

Natural Sciences & Technology	6 credits
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(6 credits in 2 different course prefixes with at least one course required to be a 3-5 credit Lab Science)

Lab Sciences

- BIOL 111 Concepts of Biology (4)
- BIOL 115 Concepts of Anatomy and Physiology (4)
- BIOL 127 Environmental Biology (4)
- BIOL 150 General Biology I (4)
- BIOL 151 General Biology II (4)
- BIOL 154 Introduction to Botany (4)
- BIOL 202 Introductory Microbiology (4)
- BIOL 220 Anatomy and Physiology I (4)
- BIOL 221 Anatomy and Physiology II (4)
- CHEM 110 Survey of Chemistry (4)
- CHEM 118 General, Organic, and Biological Chem (4)
- CHEM 121 General Chemistry I (5)
- CHEM 122 General Chemistry II (5)
- CHEM 127 Chemistry of the Environment (4)
- GEOL 100 Earth Science with Lab (4)
- GEOL 101 Environmental Geology with Lab (4)
- GEOL 105 Physical Geology with Lab (4)
- GEOL 123 Global Climate Change: Sci & Society (4)
- GEOL 190 Introductory Geology in the Field (3)
- PHYS 110 Astronomy (4)
- PHYS 211 College Physics I (4)
- PHYS 212 College Physics II (4)
- PHYS 251 University Physics I (5)
- PHYS 252 University Physics II (5)
- SCI 110 Introduction to Meteorology (4)

Science and Technology

- AI 101 AI Everywhere & For Everyone (3)
- CSCI 101 Introduction to Computer Science (3)
- CSCI 111 Introductory Programming and Big Data (4)
- CSCI 160 Computer Science I (4)
- CSCI 161 Computer Science II (4)

Arts, Humanities and History	6 credits
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- (6 credits in 2 different course prefixes)
- ART 110 Introduction to Visual Arts (3)
 - ART 130 Drawing 1 (3)
 - ART 210 Art Hist: Prehistoric through Middle Ages (3)
 - ART 211 Art Hist: Renaissance to Contemporary (3)
 - ENGL 220 Introduction to Literature (3)
 - ENGL 225 Introduction to Film (3)
 - ENGL 231 Bible as Literature (3)
 - ENGL 232 World Mythology (3)
 - ENGL 240 World Literature (3)
 - ENGL 251 Foundations in Brit Lit I (3)
 - ENGL 252 Foundations in Brit Lit II (3)
 - ENGL 261 Foundations in Am Lit I (3)
 - ENGL 262 Foundations in Am Lit II (3)
 - ENGL 355 Age of Shakespeare (3)

- FREN 101 Beginning French I (3)
- FREN 102 Beginning French II (3)
- FREN 201 Intermediate French I (3)
- FREN 202 Intermediate French II (3)
- GERM 101 Beginning German I (3)
- GERM 102 Beginning German II (3)
- GERM 201 Intermediate German I (3)
- GERM 202 Intermediate German II (3)
- HIST 103 US History to 1877 (3)
- HIST 104 US History from 1877 (3)
- HIST 105 World Civilizations I (3)
- HIST 106 World Civilizations II (3)
- HIST 215H Modern World Origins (3)
- HIST 220 North Dakota History (3)
- HIST 239 History of Vietnam (3)
- HIST 261 American Indian History (3)
- HIST 271 History of Latin America (3)
- HON 351H Integrity and the Examined Life (3)
- HUM 251 Humanities (3)
- HUM 252 Humanities (3)
- HUM 253 Humanities (3)
- HUM 254 Non-Western Humanities (3)
- LANG 105 Writing Systems (3)
- LAT 101 Beginning Latin I (3)
- LAT 102 Beginning Latin II (3)
- LAT 201 Intermediate Latin I (3)
- LAT 202 Intermediate Latin II (3)
- MUSC 100 Music Appreciation (3)
- MUSC 201 World Music (3)
- MUSC 207 History of Pop and Rock Music (3)
- MUSC 208 Sex, Crimes, & the Sublime on Musical Stage (3)
- MUSC 260 Introduction to Music History (3)
- MUSC 305 Musical Theatre History (3)
- PHIL 100 Critical Thinking (3)
- PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy (3)
- PHIL 102 Philosophy of Human Nature (3)
- PHIL 210 Ethics (3)
- SPAN 101 Beginning Spanish I (3)
- SPAN 102 Beginning Spanish II (3)
- SPAN 130 Spanish for Healthcare Professions (3)
- SPAN 201 Intermediate Spanish I (3)
- SPAN 202 Intermediate Spanish II (3)
- SPED 113 American Sign Language I (3)
- SPED 115 American Sign Language II (3)
- THEA 110 Introduction to Theatre Arts (3)
- THEA 161 Acting 1 (3)
- THEA 305 Musical Theatre History (3)

Choice	6 credits
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(6 credits with the same or different course prefixes)
Any Gen Ed course in 2025-2026 Catalog

First-Year Seminar within FYE	2 credits
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- UNIV 110 First-Year Seminar (2)