

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

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.)** – 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.