

» 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.