

# THE HONORS GENERAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM

(For students matriculating in Fall 2025 and later)

The Honors General Education Curriculum is designed to ensure that every undergraduate student graduates as an informed citizen through participation in rigorous general education courses that equip students with the academic tools they will need to succeed, not only as undergraduates in their degree programs, but also as responsible citizens in a complex world.

Students must complete a minimum of 36 credit hours of general education coursework. This requirement includes a minimum of 15 credit hours mandated by the State of Florida General Education Core and up to 21 credit hours of General Education Institutional Requirements, distributed as indicated in five subject areas.



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Subject Area	[Group A] State of Florida General Education Core	[Group B] General Education Institutional Requirements	Total
Communications	3	0	3
Humanities	3	6	9
Social Science	3	9	12
Natural Science	3	3	6
Mathematics	3	3	6
Total	15	21	36

Some concentrations require or recommend specific General Education courses. Make sure to check with your academic advisor.

Students who enter FAU without an Associate in Arts (A.A.) from a Florida State school must fulfill the University's General Education requirements. A Course may be used to simultaneously satisfy a General Education curriculum requirement and a requirement of the student's concentration(s).

General Education Core Courses implement the required principles, standards, and content in accordance with section 1007.55, Florida Statutes. Each general education core course option contains high-level academic and critical thinking skills and common competencies that students must demonstrate to successfully complete the course. Prior to the award of an associate in arts or baccalaureate degree, a student entering a state university as a first-time-in-college (FTIC) student in the fall term 2015 and thereafter must complete at least one course from each of the general education subject areas listed in this section.

I. Communication (3 credits required-ENC1101; a grade of “C” or higher required)

Communication courses afford students the ability to communicate effectively, including the ability to write clearly and engage in public speaking.

As part of the Wilkes Honors College’s writing-intensive curriculum, students must take four Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) courses. WAC courses are discipline-based courses students may use to satisfy other core or concentration requirements. They are designated as WAC because they provide special attention to the writing and revision process. In most cases, the Honors Thesis will count as two WAC courses. WAC courses satisfy the State’s Gordon Rule writing requirement. ENC 1101 is taken as one of the four WAC courses.

Students also submit a writing portfolio, which is a mid-career assessment of their writing at the end of their sophomore year, conducted by a committee of faculty. The writing portfolio consists of the student’s Forum paper (which the Dean’s office keeps on file) and at least one essay submitted to the Dean’s office. This essay must meet the following four requirements:

1. It was written in the first or second year at the Wilkes Honors College;
2. It should be a scholarly essay that demonstrates the student’s ability to incorporate evidence from secondary sources and/or analyze a primary text;
3. It should include the professor’s comments, if possible; and
4. It should be at least five pages in length.

II. Humanities (9 credits required)

Humanities courses afford students the ability to think critically through the mastering of subjects concerned with human culture, especially literature, history, art, music, and philosophy, including selections from the Western canon.

III. Social Science (12 credits required)

Social science courses afford students an understanding of the basic social and behavioral science concepts and principles used in the analysis of behavior and past and present social, political, and economic issues.

IV. Natural Science (6 credits required)

Natural science courses afford students the ability to critically examine and evaluate the principles of the scientific method, model construction, and use the scientific method to explain natural experiences and phenomena.

V. Mathematics (6 credits required; a grade of “C” or higher required in each course)

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Mathematics courses afford students a mastery of foundational mathematical and computation models and methods by applying such models and methods in problem solving. The Mathematics requirement is intended to give students an appreciation of mathematics and prepare them to think precisely and critically about quantitative problems.

Students assume all responsibility for all graduation requirements.

### Communications (3 credit required)

ENC 1101 - Honors College Writing I (WAC)

Students must take four (4) Writing Across the Curriculum courses.

### Humanities (9 credits required)

Students must take three of the following courses, one of which must be from Group A. The other courses may be from Group A or Group B.

#### Group A

ARH 2000 - Honors Art Appreciation

HUM 2020 - Honors Introduction to Humanities

LIT 2000 - Honors Introduction to Literature (WAC)

MUL 2010 - Honors Music Appreciation

PHI 2010 - Honors Introduction to Philosophy

#### Group B

AML 2010 - Honors American Literature to 1865 (WAC)

AML 2022 - Honors American Literature to 1865-1945 (WAC)

AML 2053 - Honors American Literature 1945 to Present

ENL 2012 - Honors British Literature to 1798 (WAC)

ENL 2022 - Honors British Literature since 1798 (WAC)

FRT 2510 - Honors Francophone Cultures and Civilizations

LIT 2010 - Honors Interpretation of Fiction (WAC)

LIT 2030 - Honors Interpretation of Poetry (WAC)

LIT 2040 - Honors Interpretation of Drama (WAC)

PHI 2361 - Honors Ways of Knowing

SPT 2530 - Honors Hispanic Culture and Civilization

ARH 2050 - Honors History of World Art I

ARH 2051 - Honors History of World Art II

ARH 2701 - Honors Still Image/Moving Image

ART 1014 - Honors Elements of Visual Thinking

ART 1202C - Honors Design and Color Phenomena

ART 1300C - Honors Drawing I

ART 1602C - Honors Photoshop

ART 1661C - Honors Digital Art Photography

ART 2500C - Honors Painting I

ART 2540C - Honors Watercolor

WOH 2012 - Honors History of Civilization I (WAC)

WOH 2022 - Honors History of Civilization II (WAC)

### Social Science (12 credits required)

Students must take four of the following courses, one of which must be from Group A. The other courses may be from Group A or Group B.

#### Group A

AMH 2010\* - Honors United States History to 1877

AMH 2020\* - Honors United States History since 1877

ANT 2000 - Honors Introduction to Anthropology

ECO 2013 - Honors Macroeconomic Principles

POS 2041\* - Honors Government of the United States

PSY 1012 - Honors General Psychology

#### Group B

ANT 2410 - Honors Culture and Society

ECO 2023 - Honors Microeconomic Principles

EUH 2341 - Honors Europe in the Twentieth Century

EVR 2017 - Honors Environment and Society

GEA 2000 - Honors World Geography

INR 2002 - Honors Introduction to World Politics

SYG 1000 - Honors Introduction to Sociology

\*Partially fulfills the Civic Literacy requirements

### Natural Science (6 credits required)

Students must take two of the following courses, one of which must be from Group A. The second course may be from Group A or Group B. One of the courses must have a lab. The courses must be from two distinct disciplines.

#### Group A

AST 2002 - Honors Introduction to Astronomy

BSC 1005\*\* - Honors Life Sciences

BSC 1010\*\* - Honors Biological Principles

CHM 1020C\*\* - Honors Contemporary Chemical Issues

CHM 2045\*\* - Honors General Chemistry I

EVR 1001 - Honors Introduction to Environmental Science and Sustainability

PHY 2048\*\* - Honors General Physics I

#### Group B

ANT 2511\*\* - Honors Introduction to Biological Anthropology

BSC 1011\*\* - Honors Biodiversity

\*\*A lab is a co-requisite.

Mathematics (6 credits required; a grade of "C" or higher required in each course)

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Students must take two of the following courses, one of which must be from Group A. The second course may be from Group A or Group B.

Group A

MAC 3211 - Honors Calculus with Analytic Geometry I

MGF 1130 - Honors Mathematical Thinking in Context I

STA 2023 - Honors Introductory Statistics

(Or any mathematics course for which one of the above general education core course options in Mathematics is the direct prerequisite)

Group B

MAC 1147 - Honors Precalculus Algebra and Trigonometry

MAC 2312 - Honors Calculus with Analytic Geometry 2

MAC 2313 - Honors Calculus with Analytic Geometry 3

MAD 2104 - Honor Discrete Mathematics

MAS 2103 - Honors Matrix Theory

PHI 2102 - Honors Introduction to Logic

# Wilkes Honors College Additional Graduation Requirements

- Foreign Language: 4-8 credits, one or two courses. Two courses: XXX 1120 and XXX 1121; OR one course XXX 1121 or above. For other ways to fulfill the language requirement contact Dr. Miguel Vázquez, Chair of Humanities and Social Sciences ([mvazquez@fau.edu](mailto:mvazquez@fau.edu))
- Honors College Forum: 1 credit, one course. IDH 1022 - Honors College Forum
- Critical Inquiry Seminars: 5-9 credits, three courses. Courses must be team-taught by faculty from two distinct disciplines. At least one must be 3 credits.
- Internship or Study Abroad (3 credits)
- Civic Literacy requirements (<https://www.fau.edu/ugstudies/civic-literacy-requirement/index.php>)
- Humanities and Social Science Distribution Electives: 6 credits, two courses. Must be taken at the Wilkes Honors College.

be used for a minor. Course prefixes for Humanities and Social Science courses are listed below.

Distinct Humanities Disciplines	Course Prefixes
Area Studies	ASN
Art History	ARH
Classics	CLA, CLT
Languages	FRE, FRW, ARA, LNW, LAT, SPN, SPT
Literature	AML, ENG, ENL, LIT, SPW
Music	MUS, MUL
Philosophy	HUM, PHI, PHH, PHM, PHP
Studio Art	ART
Writing	CRW, ENC
Distinct Social Science/SBA Disciplines	Course Prefixes
Anthropology	ANT, ASN
Economics	ECO, ECP, ECS, FIN
Geography	GEA, GEO
History	AMH, AMS, EUH, HIS, WOH
Political Science	POS, POT, CPO, INR
Psychology	PSY, SOP, DEP, CLP, EXP, PPE, PSB
Sociology/Women's St	SYG, SYD, SYO, WST



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Note - One course must be in the Humanities, one must be in the Social Sciences: may not be a course counted toward any other WHC General Education requirement or concentration. Distribution electives can