

THE HONORS GENERAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM

Note: Students who entered FAU prior to Fall 2024 are subject to a different set of core requirements, which are listed online.

(for students matriculating in Fall 2024 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.

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

*Restricted to Humanities or Social Science (see lists)

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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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

(6 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 (6 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) (For students entering in the 2024-25 academic year and thereafter)

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.

VI. Additional Enrichment (9 credits)

Students must take **6 credits** from the Group C General Education **Social Science** Additional Enrichment Institutional Course Options list. Students must take **3 credits** from the Group C General Education **Humanities** Additional Enrichment Institutional Course Options list.

Humanities (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.

Group A

- (3) Honors Art Appreciation - ARH 2000
- (3) Honors Introduction to Humanities - HUM 2020
- (3) Honors Introduction to Literature (WAC) - LIT 2000
- (3) Honors Music Appreciation - MUL 2010
- (3) Honors Introduction to Philosophy - PHI 2010

Group B

- (3) Honors American Literature to 1865 - AML 2010*
- (3) Honors American Literature to 1865-1945 - AML 2022 *
- (3) Honors American Literature 1945 to Present - AML 2053
- (3) Honors British Literature to 1798 - ENL 2012*
- (3) Honors British Literature since 1798 - ENL 2022*
- (3) Honors Comedy and the Devil - LIT 1051*
- (3) Honors Freshman Seminar in Literature (Variable Titles) - LIT 1933*
- (3) Honors Interpretation of Fiction - LIT 2010*
- (3) Honors Interpretation of Poetry - LIT 2030*
- (3) Honors Interpretation of Drama - LIT 2040*
- (3) Honors Ways of Knowing - PHI 2361
- (3) Honors History of World Art I - ARH 2050
- (3) Honors History of World Art II - ARH 2051
- (3) Honors Still Image/Moving Image - ARH 2701
- (3) Honors Elements of Visual Thinking - ART 1014
- (3) Honors Design - ART 1202C
- (3) Honors Drawing - ART 1300C
- (3) Honors Photoshop - ART 1602C
- (3) Honors Digital Art Photography - ART 1661C
- (4) Honors Painting I - ART 2500C
- (4) Honors Watercolor - ART 2540C
- (3) Honors Installation Art - ART 2804C
- (3) Honors History of Civilizations I - WOH 2012*
- (3) Honors History of Civilizations II - WOH 2022*

Social 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.

Group A

- (3) Honors United States History to 1877 - AMH 2010
- (3) Honors United States History since 1877 - AMH 2020*
- (3) Honors Introduction to Anthropology - ANT 2000
- (3) Honors Macroeconomic Principles - ECO 2013
- (3) Honors Government of the United States - POS 2041*
- (3) Honors General Psychology - PSY 1012

Group B

- (3) Honors Freshman Seminar in Anthropology (Variable Titles) - ANT 1933*
- (3) Honors Magic, Witchcraft and Religion - ANT 2240
- (3) Honors Culture and Society - ANT 2410
- (3) Honors Psychology of Human Development - DEP 3053
- (3) Honors Microeconomic Principles - ECO 2023
- (3) Honors Introduction to World Politics - INR 2002
- (3) Honors Principles of Social Psychology - SOP 3004
- (3) Honors Introduction Sociology - SYG 1000
- (3) Honors Freshman Seminar in Sociology (Variable Titles) - SYG 1933*

NOTE: DEP 3053 and SOP 3004 have PSY 1012 as a direct prerequisite

*Partially fulfills the civics literacy requirements

Natural Science (6 credits required)

Group A

- (3) Honors Introduction to Astronomy - AST 2002
 - (2) Honors Life Sciences - BSC 1005**
 - (3) Honors Biological Principles - BSC 1010**
 - (3) Honors Contemporary Chemical Issues - CHM 1020C**
 - (3) Honors General Chemistry I - CHM 2045**
 - (3) Honors Introduction to Environmental Science and Sustainability
 - (4) Honors General Physics I - PHY 2048**
 - (4) Honors General Physics I - PHY 2053**
 - (3) Honors Introduction to Oceanography - OCE 2001
- (Or any course in the Natural science for which one of the above general education core course options in Natural Science is the direct prerequisite)

**lab available

Natural Science Cont.

Group B

(3) Honors Introduction to Biological Anthropology - ANT 2511**

(3) Honors Biodiversity - BSC 1011**

(3) Honors Freshman Seminar in Biology (Variable Titles) - BSC 1933

**lab available

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

(For students entering in the 2024-25 academic year and thereafter)

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

(4) Honors Calculus with Analytic Geometry I - MAC 3211

(3) Honors Mathematical Thinking in Context I - MGF 1130

(3) Honors Introductory Statistics - STA 2023

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

Group B

(5) Honors Precalculus Algebra and Trigonometry - MAC 1147

(4) Honors Calculus with Analytic Geometry 2 - MAC 2312

(4) Honors Calculus with Analytic Geometry 3 - MAC 2313

(3) Honor Discrete Mathematics - MAD 2104

(3) Honors Matrix Theory - MAS 2103

(3) Honors Topics in Mathematics (Variable Titles) - MAT 1932

(3) Honors Introduction to Logic - PHI 2102

Additional Enrichment (9 credits required)

Students must take 6 credits from the Group C General Education Social Science Additional Enrichment Institutional Course Options list

Group C Social Science Courses

(3) Honors Freshman Seminar in Environmental Studies (Variable Titles) - EVR 1933*

(3) Honors Environment and Society - EVR 2017

(3) Honors Freshman Seminar in Economics (Specific Titles Only) - ECO 1933*

(3) Honors World Geography - GEA 2000

(3) Honors Punishment - POS 2692*

(3) Honors Europe in the Twentieth Century - EUH 2341

Students must take 3 credits from the Group C General Education Humanities Additional Enrichment Institutional Course Options list.

Group C Humanities Courses

(3) Honors Francophone Cultures and Civilizations - FRT 2510

(3) Honors Ethics of Social Diversity - PHI 2642

(3) Honors Hispanic Culture and Civilization - SPT 2530

(3) Honors History of Food and Eating - WOH 2420

Students assume all responsibility for all graduation requirements. Approved by FAU BOT June 28, 2024.