



# General Education Navigator/Academic Year 2025-26

Utah State University's General Education (GE) program provides the subject-area knowledge and learning skills foundation for its 2- and 4-year degrees. **Core** courses make up the general education foundation. **Breadth** courses give an opportunity to explore various subjects. General education courses are highly advisable for concurrent enrollment students; they are required for college graduation and transferable from one Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) institution to another.

1. **Review the class list below with parents and counselors. Select one class from each category.**
2. **Speak with an expert about your choices (well, actually two experts).**
  1. Ask a high school counselor which GE classes are available at your school; ask about other ways to fulfill GE requirements (AP, for example).
  2. Ask a USU academic advisor how course choices fit different certificate or degree programs (call 435-797-8223 or visit <https://concurrent.usu.edu/info/advising> for advisor contact information).
3. **Are you ready to be an Aggie? Let's get started.**

	USU GE Credits Required	USU Concurrent Enrollment Courses		Credits	My Choices	
Core (12-13 credits)	<b>Written Communication (C)</b> (6 credits)	ENGL 1010	Writing as Inquiry	3		
		ENGL 2010	Research and Argument Across Perspectives	3		
	<b>Quantitative Literacy (QL)</b> (3 credits) Select <i>ONE</i> of these courses	STAT 1040	Intro to Statistics	3		
		MATH 1050	College Algebra	4		
	<b>American Institutions (AI)</b> (3 credits) Select <i>ONE</i> of these courses	ECN 1500	Intro to Economic Institutions, History, and Principles	3		
		HIST 1700	American History	3		
		POLS 1100	United States Government and Politics	3		
	Breadth (18-20 credits with a minimum of 3 in each category)	<b>Arts (AR)</b> (3 credits) Select <i>ONE</i> of these courses	ART 1010	Exploring Art	3	
			DANC 1010	Dance in Culture (available from USU Eastern only)	3	
LAEP 1030			Introduction to Landscape Architecture	3		
MUSC 1010			Intro to Music	3		
THEA 1013			Understanding Theater	3		
<b>Humanities (H)</b> (3 credits) Select <i>ONE</i> of these courses		CMST 1020	Public Speaking	3		
		CMST 2110	Interpersonal Communication	3		
		ENGL 2200	Understanding Literature	3		
		USU 1320	Civilization: Humanities	3		
<b>Social &amp; Behavioral Sciences (SS)</b> (3 credits) Select <i>ONE</i> of these courses		ANTH 1010	Cultural Anthropology	3		
		ASTE 2900	Humanity in the Food Web	3		
		BUSN 1010	Business Principles	3		
		CJ 1010	Intro to Criminal Justice	3		
		FCSE 1350	Financial Literacy	3		
		HDFS 1500	Human Development Across the Lifespan	3		
	HDFS 2400	Couple and Family Relations	3			
	JCOM 1500	Intro to Mass Communication	3			
	PSY 1010	General Psychology	3			
<b>Life Sciences (LS)</b> (3-4 credits) Select <i>ONE</i> of these courses	SOC 1010	Introductory Sociology	3			
	ADVS 1110	Introduction to Animal Science	3			
	BIOL 1010	Biology and the Citizen	3			
	ENVS 1350	Intro to Environmental Science	3			
	HEAL 1500	Anatomy and Physiology	3			
	NDFS 1020	Science and Application of Human Nutrition	3			
	PSC 1800	Intro to Horticulture	3			
WILD 2200	Ecology of Our Changing World	3				
<b>Physical Sciences (PS)</b> (3-4 credits) Select <i>ONE</i> of these courses	CHEM 1010	Intro to Chemistry	3			
	CS 1030	Foundations of Computer Science	3			
	GEO 1060	Intro to Environmental Geoscience	3			
	PHYS 1010	Elementary Physics	3			

- Number of semester credit hours to complete USU General Education = 27
- USU offers a General Education Certificate. Ask the USU CE advisors about this award.



# CE Options for High School Graduation Requirements

The following is a general list of USU Concurrent Enrollment (CE) courses that fulfill both high school graduation requirements and general education (GE) requirements in higher education. This is not a complete list of all CE or GE courses at USU. Refer to the [Concurrent Enrollment Master List](#) for full course options and details.

HS Graduation Requirement	USU CE Options			USU GE
<b>Language Arts</b> (4.0 HS units)	Language Arts 9 (1.0) Language Arts 10 (1.0) Language Arts 11 (1.0)	NA – Secondary only		
	Language Arts 12 or Applied & Advanced (1.0)	ENGL 1010	Writing as Inquiry	C
		CMST 1020	Public Speaking	H
		CMST 2110	Interpersonal Communication	H
		ENGL 2010	Research & Argument Across Perspectives	C
	ENGL 2200	Understanding Literature	H	
	JCOM 1500	Intro to Mass Communication	SS	
<b>Mathematics</b> (3.0 HS units)	Secondary Math 1 (1.0) Secondary Math 2 (1.0) Secondary Math 3 (1.0)	NA – Secondary only		
	Senior Math Options (Select one) <i>Which course to take depends on your college major. For help, see page 3.</i>	STAT 1040	Intro to Statistics	QL
		MATH 1050	College Algebra	QL
<b>Science</b> (3.0 HS units) from at least two quadrants	Foundation Science (2.0) (Select 2 from different disciplines) <i>Lecture and lab required</i>	--	--	--
	Applied & Advanced (1.0) <i>All courses in this pathway qualify as Applied &amp; Advanced</i>	BIOL 1010	Biology and the Citizen	LS
		CHEM 1010	Intro to Chemistry	PS
		GEO 1060	Intro to Environmental Geoscience	PS
	PHYS 1010	Elementary Physics	PS	
<b>Social Studies</b> (3.0 HS units)	World Geography (0.5)	--		
	World History (0.5)	--		
	US History (1.0)	--		
	US Government and Citizenship (1.0)	POLS 1100	United States Government and Politics	AI
	Social Studies Elective (0.5)	ANTH 1010	Cultural Anthropology	SS
		HIST 1700	American History	AI
		PSY 1010	General Psychology	SS
		SOC 1010	Introductory Sociology	SS
	USU 1320	Civilization: Humanities	H	
<b>Arts</b> (1.5 HS unit)	Visual Art	ART 1010	Exploring Art	AR
	Music	MUSC 1010	Intro to Music	AR
	Theatre	THEA 1013	Understanding Theater	AR
<b>Health Education</b> (0.5 HS unit)	Health Education (0.5)	NA – Secondary only		
<b>Physical Education</b> (1.5 HS unit)	Participation Skills (0.5) Fitness for Life (0.5) Individualized Lifetime Activities (0.5)	NA – Secondary only		
<b>Career &amp; Technical Education (CTE)</b> (1.0 HS unit)	<i>USU offers 70+ CTE courses from aviation to CAD and welding.</i>  <i>The following 12 courses are USBE CTE courses that meet GenEd requirements.</i>	ADVS 1110	Introduction to Animal Science	LS
		ASTE 2900	Humanity in the Food Web	SS
		BUSN 1010	Business Principles	SS
		CJ 1010	Intro to Criminal Justice	SS
		ECN 1500	Intro to Economic Institutions	AI
		ENVS 1350	Intro to Environmental Science	LS
		HDFS 1500	Human Development Across the Lifespan	SS
		HDFS 2400	Couple and Family Relations	SS
		HEAL 1500	Anatomy and Physiology	LS
		LAEP 1030	Introduction to Landscape Architecture	AR
		NDFS 1020	Science and Appl of Human Nutrition	LS
		PSC 1800	Intro to Horticulture	LS
		WILD 2200	Ecology of Our Changing World	LS
<b>Digit Studies &amp; Financial Literacy</b> (0.5 HS units each)	Digital Studies (0.5)	CS 1030	Foundations of Computer Science	PS
		CS 1400	Intro to Computer Programming	Not GE
	Financial Literacy (0.5)	DATA 2100	Data and Information in Business	Not GE
		BUSN 1021	Personal Finance	Not GE
	FCSE 1350	Financial Literacy	SS	
<b>Elective Credit</b> (5.5 HS unit)		NA – Secondary only		
<b>World Languages</b> (optional)	<i>This credit is optional for HS graduation and not included on the USHE GE pathway.</i> <i>USU offers world language courses in:</i> Chinese, French, German, Latin, Portuguese, and Spanish			

## Which QL Math class is right for you? Select a college math class that fits your college and career path.

Most certificate and all degree programs require students to complete a Quantitative Literacy (QL) class\*. You are encouraged to complete QL senior year of high school. Different QL classes provide the math foundation for different pathways.

### **MATH 1030 – Intro to Quantitative Reasoning**

An appropriate math class for the general studies or liberal arts student majoring in humanities or other programs not related to math and science. The class covers a broad scope of mathematical topics as they apply to real-world problems. Topics include reasoning and number sense, using percents and estimation, math for finance matters such as loans and investments, probability and statistics, and modeling. *MATH 1030 may be the last Math class you take in college.*

### **STAT 1040 – Intro to Statistics**

Recommended particularly for students in programs desiring statistical literacy, including but not limited to Social Science, Behavioral Sciences, and Nursing (college may require 1040 or 1050). This class includes descriptive and inferential statistical methods. Topics include sampling design, descriptive statistics, linear regression and correlation, probability, sampling distributions, and hypothesis testing and confidence intervals. *MATH 1040 may be the last Math class you take in college.*

### **MATH 1050 – College Algebra**

Designed for students interested in Mathematics, Science, Engineering, Technology and Business. An in-depth exploration of algebra topics designed to ultimately prepare students for Calculus or further education classes. Topics include functions, including polynomial, rational, exponential, and logarithmic; systems of equations; matrices and determinants; partial fraction decomposition; conics; and sequences and series. *MATH 1050 is the first Math class you will likely take in college.*

*\*MATH 1010 Intermediate Algebra does not fulfill the QL requirement. It is intended only for students who cannot place into a QL course after completion of Secondary MATH III.*