

# Understanding Gen Eds

A **gen ed** is a “general education” course. Students develop inquiry, analysis, and communication skills in gen eds. SLCC groups most **university transfer courses** into six broad disciplines, or categories.

## English Composition Requirement

*A minimum of 1 college-level writing class.*



- **ENGL 1010** Rhetoric and Composition  
(Prerequisite: see current Placement Guide for English and Math)
- **ENGL 1020** Composition and Critical Thought  
(Prerequisite: ENGL 1010—minimum grade of C)

**NOTE:** *Some degrees require 2 college-level writing classes. Review specific degree plans for requirements.*

## Humanities

*The study of how people process and document the human experience.*



- **Communications**
- **English literature**
- **History**

**NOTE:** *Some course exceptions may apply. See catalog for list.*

**NOTE:** *Students planning to transfer to 4-year institutions should complete 1 English literature course.*

## Social/Behavioral Sciences

*The study of human behavior and how we influence the world around us.*



- **Anthropology:** study of people across time and space with an emphasis on cultural diversity.
- **Criminal justice:** study of the people, procedures, and institutions that uphold law in society.
- **Economics:** study of the production, transfer, and consumption of good and services.
- **Geography:** study of environments, landscapes, people, and places.
- **Political science:** study of how people create and exercise power.
- **Psychology:** study of the mind and behavior.
- **Sociology:** study of society and behavior shaped by social categories and institutions.

## Mathematics Requirement

*1 college-level math class.*



- **MATH 1105** College Algebra  
(Prerequisite: see current Placement Guide for English and Math)
- **MATH 2020** Introductory Statistics  
(Prerequisite: see current Placement Guide for English and Math)

**NOTE:** *Some degrees require a specific math course. See catalog for requirements.*

**NOTE:** *Students planning to transfer to 4-year institutions should complete 1 math course in addition to MATH 1105.*

## Fine Arts

*The study of visual and performing arts created for aesthetic and intellectual purposes.*



- **Arts** (art history and visual arts)
- **Music**
- **Theater** (performing arts)

**NOTE:** *Some course exceptions may apply. See catalog for list.*

## Natural Sciences

*The study of the objects, phenomena, and laws of the physical world.*



- **Life Sciences**
  - ◇ Biology
  - ◇ Environmental science
- **Physical Sciences**
  - ◇ Chemistry
  - ◇ Geology
  - ◇ Physical science
  - ◇ Physics

**NOTE:** *Students are not required to complete science labs with science lecture courses.*

For example, students taking General Biology I (BIOL 1010) are not required to take General Biology I Lab (BIOL 1011).

**NOTE:** *Students planning to transfer to 4-year institutions should complete 2 courses in the **same science discipline**.*