

General Education Core (online)

Overview. All Point University associate's and bachelor's degree programs are based on a General Education Core, which includes foundational coursework in five areas of the Liberal Arts: (1) Essential Skills related to written communication, oral communication, and critical thinking; (2) Humanities & Fine Arts; (3) Natural Sciences; (4) Mathematics; and (5) Social & Behavioral Sciences.

Modality. Point University offers the General Education Core in both on-ground format and *Point Online* format. Both versions develop General Education competencies in the five areas listed above. However, the on-ground version of the Core taught on the West Point campus (shown above) offers students more course choices within each area. *Point Online* students engage in asynchronous learning through a course website that facilitates interaction with their instructor and classmates.

Program Purpose and Student Learning Objectives

Purpose. The online General Education Core equips students with a grounding in the Liberal Arts as a foundation for life and learning.

The General Education Core builds on the mission and goals of Point University in order to attain Point's general education competencies and accomplish the following student learning objectives:

Lifelong Learning

Objective 1: Students develop a plan that analyzes and capitalizes on their strengths to achieve relational, academic, and professional success.

Objective 2: Graduates employ effective study habits and time management skills.

Objective 3: Graduates locate and use information resources

Objective 4: Graduates demonstrate basic computer literacy.

Objective 5: Graduates read with understanding, think critically, and develop reasoned arguments.

Objective 6: Graduates communicate effectively orally and in writing.

Objective 7: Graduates form, maintain, and enjoy healthy relationships with others, including persons from different backgrounds and cultures.

Objective 8: Graduates work effectively to accomplish tasks both independently and within teams.

Content, principles, and methodologies of primary areas of knowledge

Objective 9: Graduates apply philosophical, literary, and artistic concepts to illuminate cultural artifacts and worldview issues.

Objective 10: Graduates apply religious, philosophical, psychological, social, political, economic, and cultural concepts to illuminate human behavior and social trends.

Objective 11: Graduates articulate and apply scientific concepts, principles, and methods.

Objective 12: Graduates apply mathematical concepts and methods to investigate and solve real-world problems and questions.

Required Courses. The online General Education Core consists of the following courses:

Essential Skills

ESCA 101 Essential Skills for College Achievement	3
ENGL 101 Critical Reading & Writing I	3
ENGL 102 Critical Reading & Writing II	3
COMM 205 Public Speaking	3

Humanities & Fine Arts

Select one of the following HFA core course: 3

HUMA 101 Introduction to Humanities (3)

ENGL 250 Modern Short Stories (3)

MUSI 102 Music Appreciation (3)

MUSI 105 Survey of Popular Music (3)

Natural Sciences

NSCI ____ Natural Science course with Lab 4

Typically NSCI 105 Introduction to Biology with Lab (4)

Mathematics

Select one Math core course: 3

Students should select the course that fulfills the mathematics requirement for their chosen associate's or bachelor's degree. If students are not ready for these courses, lower-level courses are available to prepare them for the higher-level courses (see below under "Undergraduate Mathematics Policy and Placement Test").

MATH 115 Quantitative Reasoning (3)

MATH 117 Introductory Statistics (3)

MATH 120 College Algebra (3)

Social & Behavioral Sciences

HIST 250 United States History 3

PSYC 103 Introduction to Psychology 3

SOCI 103 Introduction to Sociology 3

TOTAL GENERAL EDUCATION CORE CREDITS: 31