

General Education Core **(on-ground)**

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 here) offers students more course choices within each area.

Program Purpose and Student Learning Objectives

Purpose. The on-ground 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:

Objective 1: Communicate effectively orally and in writing.

Objective 2: Demonstrate an integrated Christian worldview.

Objective 3: Operate in the areas of humanities, social and behavioral sciences, and natural sciences.

Objective 4: Demonstrate skills in critical thinking, mathematics, and computer literacy.

Objective 5: Demonstrate a basic understanding of the content of the Old and New Testaments (all degrees) and of biblical theology and the basic principles of biblical interpretation (baccalaureate degrees).

Required Courses. The on-ground General Education Core consists of the following courses (see next page). Students have a choice of courses within some categories. However, many of the principles, theories, issues, and skills addressed in each degree program's professional component are based on what students learn in Core courses. Accordingly, *some programs mandate that students complete specific courses among the Core offerings.* See the program descriptions in this catalog for General Education Core requirements for a particular degree program. The Registrar also publishes a *General Studies Course Selection Guide* to guide students in course selection.

Essential Skills

EFT 101 Effective Thinking	1
ENG 101 Critical Reading & Writing I	3
ENG 102 Critical Reading & Writing II	3
COM 205 Public Speaking	3

Humanities & Fine Arts

<i>Select 6 credits from the following HFA core courses from at least two different areas/prefixes:</i>	6
ENG 202 American Literature to 1860 (3)	
ENG 203 American Literature since 1860 (3)	
ENG 204 British Literature to 1800 (3)	
ENG 205 British Literature since 1800 (3)	
ENG 207 World Literature (3)	
HUM 101 Introduction to Humanities (3)	
MUS 102 Music Appreciation (3)	
MUS 105 Survey of Popular Music (3)	
PHL 201 Introduction to Philosophy (3)	
PHL 225 History of Philosophy (3)	
 <i>Natural Sciences</i>	
<i>Select one Science core course with associated lab:</i>	4
NSC 101 & 101L Survey of Biology with Lab (4)	
NSC 103 & 103L Biology I with Lab (4)	
NSC 106 & 106L Environmental Science with Lab (4)	
NSC 110 & 110L Physical Science with Lab (4)	
NSC 215 & 215L Human Anatomy & Physiology with Lab (4)	
NSC 228 & 228L General Chemistry I with Lab (4)	
 <i>Mathematics</i>	
<i>Select one Math core course:</i>	3
<i>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").</i>	
MTH 115 Quantitative Reasoning (3)	
MTH 117 Introductory Statistics (3)	
MTH 120 College Algebra (3)	
MTH 191 Pre-Calculus (3)	
MTH 202 Basic Statistics (3)	
MTH 210 Calculus I (4)	
MTH 212 Calculus II (4)	
 <i>Social & Behavioral Sciences</i>	
PSY 103 Introduction to Psychology	3
<i>Select one of the following History core courses:</i>	3
HIS 104 World History I (3)	
HIS 105 World History II (3)	
HIS 250 United States History I (3)	
HIS 251 United States History II (3)	
 <i>Select one of the following Sociology core courses:</i>	—3
SOC 103 Introduction to Sociology (3)	
SOC/HIS 210 Cultural Anthropology (3)	

SOC/HIS 214 Geography (3)

TOTAL GENERAL EDUCATION CORE CREDITS:

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