

# General Education Program

Preparing you for the opportunities and challenges of the 21st century

The Ohio State University General Education (GE) Program is designed to spark a long-lasting desire to learn and work with others to create a brighter future. It is a multiyear pathway in which courses build upon each other, rather than a menu of unconnected classes. The GE begins and ends with Bookend courses — a “Launch” seminar and a “Reflection” seminar — providing program cohesiveness. These bookends flank an interdisciplinary education that integrates with all majors throughout the university.

All Buckeyes, regardless of major, share this vital part of their college education while also being afforded the opportunity to freely explore electives of interest and add a minor or second major.

While some colleges have additional requirements, all adhere to the same GE program. Students who change majors or add a second major do not need to meet two different GE requirements.

There are three components to the GE: Bookend courses, Foundations courses and Themes courses.

## The GE Pathway

### 1 Launch Seminar

Introduces you to the broad goals of the GE and the skills you will need to succeed.



### 2 Foundations Courses

Foundations courses introduce you to a variety of academic disciplines to better comprehend different ways of analyzing and understanding the world.



Students will take one course in each of seven distinct categories.

### 4 Reflection Seminar

Helps you document and reflect on your academic and personal growth. It also prepares you to explain to potential employers what skills and knowledge you gained from your undergraduate education.



### 3 Themes Courses

Develop a deeper understanding of complex topics that are vital to addressing major 21st-century questions.



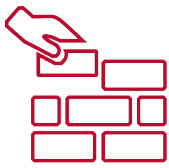
All students are required to take *Citizenship for a Diverse and Just World* plus one or two additional courses in a theme of their choosing.

**\*\*More details on the following page**



## LAUNCH

One-credit opening seminar introduces you to the broad goals of the GE and the key skills you will need to succeed. It also includes development of habits to best navigate the academic environment.



## Foundations

**Foundations courses** introduce students to a variety of academic disciplines to better understand different ways of analyzing and comprehending the world. You will complete **at least one course in each** of the following categories:

- (1) Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Diversity
- (2) Social and Behavioral Sciences
- (3) Historical or Cultural Studies
- (4) Writing and Information Literacy
- (5) Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts
- (6) Natural Sciences
- (7) Mathematical and Quantitative Reasoning

Students in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete additional coursework in World Languages.



## Themes

**Themes courses** develop deeper understanding of complex topics that are paramount to addressing major 21st-century questions. In line with the university's motto, Education for Citizenship, all students complete coursework in the **"Citizenship for a Diverse and Just World"** theme. You will also choose **one additional theme**:

- (1) Health and Well-Being
- (2) Sustainability
- (3) Lived Environments
- (4) Traditions, Cultures, and Transformations
- (5) Numbers, Nature, Mind
- (6) Origins and Evolution
- (7) Migration, Mobility, and Immobility

## REFLECTION

One-credit capstone helps you document and reflect on your academic and personal growth. It also prepares you to explain to potential employers what skills and knowledge you gained at Ohio State.



# ePortfolio provided by PebblePad

Your General Education program comes together in your own personalized ePortfolio

- You create a collection of work to showcase the knowledge and skills you are honing. You can highlight aspects of this work in applications for jobs, internships, and graduate school to make you stand out from the crowd.
- Your ePortfolio identifies and strengthens connections between your work in different classes. That, in turn, further develops your knowledge and skills. It also connects your educational progress with your personal and professional goals for the future.
- The ePortfolio enhances your ability to engage in critical reflection: How does what I learned in this course relate to my interests and goals? What skills did I develop in doing this project? What have I learned about myself, my abilities and my interests? Where do I still need to grow and develop? Increasing your skill of answering these types of questions leads to the highest level of learning and will help you explain and showcase your skills and abilities to future employers.

For more GE information:



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