

General Education at Messiah College

The College general education program is required of all students. The program's outline is presented below. The actual general education requirements vary from major to major. See elsewhere in the Advising Handbook for the requirements for each specific major. Following the descriptions of the various Interdisciplinary Studies courses is a listing of all the approved general education courses.

Area One—Abilities of the Liberally Educated

1. First Year Seminar (3 credits)
2. Created and Called for Community (3 credits)
3. Oral Communication (3 credits)
4. Writing Enriched course* (3 credits)

Area Two—Liberal Education

1. Mathematical and Natural Sciences (9 credits)
 - Mathematical Science (3)
 - Laboratory Science (3)
 - Science, Technology, and the World (3)
2. Social Sciences and History (6 credits)
Two of the following: or one course from the following two categories
 - Social Science (3)
 - European History (3)
 - United States History (3)
3. Humanities and Arts (9 credits)
 - Literature (3)
 - One of the following:*
 - Religion (3)
 - Philosophy (3)
 - Arts (3)
4. Languages and Culture (9 credits)
 - One of the following:*
 - Language (6) two semesters of the same language (6) plus off-campus, cross-cultural studies course (3)
 - Language (9) three semesters of the same language (9)
5. Non-Western Studies (2–3 credits)

Area Three—Christian Faith (6 credits)

1. Knowledge of the Bible (3)
2. Christian Beliefs (3)

Area Four—Social Responsibility

1. Health and Physical Education (2 courses)
2. Engaging a Pluralistic World: Interdisciplinary Perspectives (3 credits)
 - One of the following:*
 - Ethics in the Modern World (3)
 - World Views (3)
 - Pluralism in Contemporary America (3)

*Each student is required to complete a writing-enriched course. Approved courses are listed online with a “Writing Enriched” attribute. The selected course may, but need not, simultaneously meet the W requirement and another curricular requirement.