

General Education at Penn State
Notes for Transferring Students
Effective Summer 2023

Many classes you complete at your community college will transfer to Penn State as general education requirements. In addition to the information shared below, you can learn more about these requirements at [General Education | Penn State \(psu.edu\)](https://www.psu.edu/general-education).

The list of courses on the following page provides courses at your community college that meet Penn State general education requirements as of the publication date of this agreement. Please refer to Penn State’s transfer tool at [Transferring Credits Tool - Undergraduate Admissions \(psu.edu\)](https://www.psu.edu/transferring-credits) for the most up-to-date list of courses that are equivalent to PSU general education courses.

Some PSU majors require specific courses that meet both major and general education requirements. Please consult the program-to-program guide for your intended major.

Below you will find the standard 45 credit general education program. **Please consult the Penn State campus where you plan to enroll with specific questions.**

Foundation Courses - Build a basis of effective communication and quantitative literacy		
15 credits required		
	Credits	Additional Information
Writing and speaking (GWS)	9	
Quantification (GQ)	6	3 to 6 credits are selected from math, applied mathematics, and statistics; a maximum of 3 credits may be selected from computer science or symbolic logic.
Knowledge Domain Breadth – Practice applying a specific way of constructing knowledge to examine a topic.		
15 credits required		
	Credits	Additional Information
Health and Wellness (GHW)	3	Penn State requires at least 3 credits of Single Domain (not Inter-domain) coursework in each of the Knowledge Domains (GA, GH, GHW, GN, GS).
Natural Sciences (GN)	3	
Arts (GA)	3	
Humanities (GH)	3	
Social and Behavioral Studies (GS)	3	
Integrative Studies- Practice synthesizing knowledge from different perspectives to examine a topic.		
6 credits required		
	Credits	Additional Information
Inter-domain courses (Inter-D). These courses typically have a N or Q after the PSU course number.	6	If you are unable to schedule courses that transfer as Integrative Studies Courses , you are advised to delay scheduling six (6) credits until you transfer to PSU.
Exploration - Follow intellectual curiosity to deepen or widen learning		
9 credits required		
	Credits	Additional Information
Additional GA, GH, GN, GS, and Inter-domain courses.	9	Must include 3 credits of GN course which may be Inter-domain. May include 3 credits of World Language at the 12 th credit level (e.g., SPAN 3 equiv.)

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General Education Equivalencies

The following Westmoreland CCC courses will meet PSU General Education requirements. Students should consult the program-to-program guides above when selecting general education courses and are advised to consult with PSU Undergraduate Admissions staff with questions. Additional Westmoreland CC courses may satisfy PSU General Education courses upon submission of syllabi by the student and review and approval by PSU.

Westmoreland County Community College			Penn State University, University College		
REQUIREMENT	COURSE	CREDITS	REQUIREMENT	COURSE	CREDITS
<i>RECOMMENDED General Education Arts elective courses</i>			<i>Recommend taking two General Education Arts (GA) courses</i>		
ART 143	Printmaking	3	ART 40 (GA)	Introduction to Printmaking	3
ART 155	Introduction to Art History	3	ART H 100 (GA, IL)	Introduction to Art	3
ART 160	2-D Design	3	ART 10 (GA)	Introduction to Visual Studies	3
ART 162	Drawing I	3	ART 20 (GA)	Introduction to Drawing	3
ART 165	Painting I	3	ART 50 (GA)	Introduction to Painting	3
ART 172	Museum Careers	3	ART XFRGA1	Transfer Credit GA	3
ATH 175	Expressive Therapies	3	ART XFRGA1	Transfer Credit GA	3
ATH 176	Intro to Visual Art Therapy	3	ART XFRGA1	Transfer Credit GA	3
ENG 165	Creative Writing	3	ENGL 50 (GA)	Introduction to Creative Writing	3
GCT 200	Design Technology II	3	GD XFRGA2	Transfer Credit GA	3
MUS 131	Class Voice I	2	MUSIC XFRGA0	Transfer Credit GA	1
MUS 111	Fundamentals of Music Theory	3	MUSIC 8 (GA)	Rudiments of Music	3
MUS 155	Music Listening: A Survey	3	MUSIC 5 (GA)	An Introduction to Western Music	3
THR 159	Introduction to Theatre	3	THEA 105 (GA)	Intro to Theatre	3
VPP 160	Basic Photography	3	PHOTO GA1	Transfer Credit GA	3
<i>RECOMMENDED General Education Humanities elective courses</i>			<i>Recommend taking two General Education Humanities (GH) courses</i>		

ART 170	Introduction to Grant Writing	3	ENGL XFRGH	Transfer Credit GH	3
EDU 250	Teach Eng to Speakers of Oth L	3	CI 280 (GH)	Introduction to Teaching English Language Learners	3
ENG 164H	Adv Composition	3	ENGL XFRGH	Transfer Credit GH	3
ENG 225	Hip Hop Studies	3	ENGL XFRGH	Transfer Credit GH	3
ENG 240	Science Fiction	3	ENGL 191 (GH)	Science Fiction	3
ENG 250	Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages	3	CI 280 (GH)	Introduction to Teaching English Language Learners	3
ENG 255	Introduction to Literature	3	ENGL 101 (GH)	Introduction to Literature	3
ENG 270	Brit Lit to 1798	3	ENGL 221 (GH)	British Literature to 1798	3
ENG 271	Brit Lit from 1798	3	ENGL 222 (GH; IL)	British Literature from 1798	3
ENG 275	World Mythologies	3	CMLIT 108 (GH; IL)	Myths and Mythologies	3
ENG 277	Native American Literature	3	ENGL XFRGH1	Transfer Credit GH	3
ENG 280	Hist of Engl Lang	3	ENGL XFRGH1	Transfer Credit GH	3
ENG 290	Shakespeare	3	ENGL 129 (GH)	Shakespeare	3
HIS 155	West Heritage/Early West Civilizations	3	HIST 1 (GH; IL)	Western Civilization I	3
HIS 156	West Heritage II/Modern West Civ	3	HIST 2 (GH; IL)	Western Civilization II	3
HIS 249	The Civil War Era	3	HIST 130 (GH; US)	Introduction to the Civil War Era, 1848 through 1877	3
HIS 255	Early US and PA History	3	HIST 20 (GH; US)	American Civilization to 1877	3
HIS 256	Amer Civ Fr 1877/Mod US & PA His	3	HIST 21 (GH; US)	American Civilization Since 1877	3
HIS 257	World in 20 th Cent	3	HIST XFRHL2	Transfer Credit GH	3
HIS 262	Modern Latin American History	3	HIST 179 (GH; US)	Latin-American History Since 1820	3
HMS 170	Cultural, Racial, Ethnic Diver	3	SOC 119N	Race, Ethnicity and Culture	3

PHL 155	Crit Think/Intro to Logic	3	PHIL 10 (GH)	Critical Thinking	3
PHL 160	Introduction to Philosophy	3	PHIL 1 (GH)	The Big Questions	3
PHL 161	Intro to Ethics	3	PHIL 3 (GH)	Ethical Life	3
PHL 165	Intro Ethics	3	PHIL 103 (GH)	Ethics	3
REL 171	World Religions Survey	3	RL ST 3 (GH; IL)	Introduction to the Religions of the East	3
SOC 255	Cultural Anthropology	3	ANTH 45N	Cultural Diversity: A Global Perspective	3
SPC 255	Persuasion & Propaganda	3	CAS 175 (GH)	Persuasion and Propaganda	3
<i>RECOMMENDED General Education Mathematics elective courses</i>			<i>Recommend taking two General Education Quantification (GQ) courses</i>		
BUS 120	Mathematics of Business	3	MATH XFRGQ0	Transfer Credit GQ	3
BUS 250	Calculus for Business	3	MATH XFRGQ1	Transfer Credit GQ	3
MTH 100	Intermediate Algebra	4 3	MATH 21/ XFRGQ0	College Algebra I/Transfer Credit College Algebra	3+1 3
MTH 100A-3	Intermediate Algebra Emporium	3	MATH XFR000	Transfer Credit GQ	3
MTH 108	Mathematics for the Technologies I	4	MATH XFRGQ0	Transfer Credit GQ	4
MTH 109	Mathematics for the Technologies	4	MATH XFRGQ0	Transfer Credit GQ	4
MTH 157	College Algebra	3	MATH XFR22P	Transfer Credit GQ	3
MTH 167	College Trigonometry	3	MATH XFR26P	Trigonometry	
MTH 170	College Precalculus	4	MATH XFR41P	Plane Trigonometry	3
MTH 160	Introduction to Statistics	3	STAT XFRGQ2	Transfer Credit GQ	3
MTH 161	Modern College Mathematics	3	MATH XFRGQ0	Transfer Credit GQ	3
MTH 172	Analytical Geometry and Calculus I	4	MATH 140 (GQ)	Calculus with Analytic Geometry I	4
MTH 173	Analytical Geometry and Calculus II	4	MATH 141 (GQ)	Calculus with Analytic Geometry II	4

MTH 275	Linear Algebra	3	MATH 220 (GQ)	Matrices	3
<i>RECOMMENDED General Education Science elective courses</i>			<i>Recommend taking three General Education Natural science (GN) courses, one with Lab</i>		
BIO 107	Human Biology	3	BIOL 141 (GN)	Introduction to Human Physiology	3
BIO 110	Introduction to Forensic Biology	4	FRNSC XFRGN1	Transfer Credit GN	4
BIO 120	Environmental Issues	3	BISC 3 (GN)	Environmental Science	3
BIO 156	General Biology II	4	BIOL 230W (GN)	Biology: Molecules and Cells	4
BIO 171	Anatomy & Physiology I	4	BIOL 161 (GN) & BIOL 162	Human Anatomy and Physiology I & Lab	3+1
BIO 172	Anatomy & Physiology II	4	BIOL 163 & BIOL 164	Human Anatomy and Physiology II & Lab	3+1
BIO 265	Microbiology	4	MICRB 106 & MICRB 107 (GN)	Elementary Microbiology & Laboratory	3+1
CHM 107	Intro. Concepts in Chemistry	4	CHEM 101 & CHEM XFRGN (GN)	Introductory Chemistry/Transfer Credit GN	3+1
CHM 150/151	General Chemistry I Lecture/Lab	3+1	CHEM XFRGN1	CHEM General Transfer Credit	4
CHM 160/161	General Chemistry II Lecture/Lab	3+1	CHEM XFRGN1	CHEM General Transfer Credit	3+1
CHM 264	Chem for the Health Sciences	4	CHEM 101 (GN) & CHEM XFRGEN	Introductory Chemistry/General Transfer Credit	3+1
EPS 150	Astronomy	4	ASTRO 1 (GN) & ASTRO XFRGEN	Astronomical Universe/General Transfer Credit	3+1
EPS 163	Intro to Physical Geology	4	GEOSC 20 (3) & GEOSC XFRGN0 (1) (GN)	Planet Earth/General Transfer Credit	3+1
GEO 160	Physical Geog & Global Environ	4	GEOG 210 (GN) & GEOG XFR200(1)	Geographic Perspectives on Environmental Systems Science	3+1
PHY 107	Applied Physics	4	PHYS XFRGN2	Transfer Credit GN	4
PHY 110	Fundamentals of Physics	3	PHYS XFRGN1	Transfer Credit GN	3
PHY 125	Physics for Radiology	3	PHYS XFRGN1	Transfer Credit GN	3

PHY 130	Physics for Sonography	3	PHYS XFRGN1	Transfer Credit GN	3
PHY 153	Intro to Physics	3	PHYS XFRGN0	Transfer Credit GN	3
PHY 155	College Physics I	4	PHYS 250 (GN)	Introductory Physics I	4
PHY 156	College Physics II	4	PHYS 251 (GN)	Introductory Physics II	4
PHY 255	Engineering Physics I	5	PHYS 211 (GN) & XFRGEN	General Physics: Mechanics/General Transfer Credit	4+1
PHY 256	Engineering Physics II	5	PHYS 212 (GN) & PHYS XFRGNE (1)	General Physics: Electricity and Magnetism	4+1
PHY 259	Thermodynamics and Fluid Mechanics	3	PHYS 213 & PHYS XFRGN2 (GN)	General Physics: Fluids and Thermal Physics & Transfer Credit GN	2+1
STM 296	STEM Seminar	1	SC XFRGN1	Transfer Credit GN	1
<i>RECOMMENDED General Education Social Science elective courses</i>			<i>Recommend taking two General Education Social and Behavioral sciences (GS) courses</i>		
BUS 140	Introduction to Business	3	BA 100 (GS)	Introduction to Business	3
BUS 160	Introduction to Business	3	BA 100 (GS)	Introduction to Business	3
CIS 168	Principles of Information Security	3	SRA 111	Introduction to Security and Risk Analysis	3
CPT 145	Introduction to Computer Technology	3	IST 110 (GS)	Information, People and Technology	3
CRJ 155	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3	CRIMJ 100 (GS)	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CRJ 255	Juvenile Delinquency	3	CRIMJ 13/SOC 13 (GS)	Juvenile Delinquency	3

CRJ 290	Principles of Criminology	3	SOC 12/CRIM 12/CRIMJ 12 (GS)	Criminology	3
ECN 155	Macroeconomics Anly	3	ECON 104 (GS)	Introductory Macroeconomic Analysis and Policy	3
ECN 156	Microeconomics Anly	3	ECON 102 (GS)	Introductory Microeconomic Analysis and Policy	3
ECN 158	Elements of Economics	3	ECON XFRGS	Transfer Credit GS	3
ECN 255	Macroeconomics	3	ECON 104 (GS)	Introductory Macroeconomic Analysis and Policy	3
ECN 256	Microeconomics	3	ECON 102 (GS)	Introductory Microeconomic Analysis and Policy	3
GEO 155	Intro to Human Geography	3	GEOG 220 (IL; US; GS)	Perspectives on Human Geography	3
HMS 170	Cultural, Racial, Ethnic Diver	3	SOC 119N (IL: US; GS; GH)	Race, Ethnicity and Culture	3
HMS 171	Intro to Gerontology	3	HDFS 249N (GHW; GS)	Adult Development and Aging	3
LAS 200	Constitutional Power & Civil Liberty	3	PLSC XFRGS1	Transfer Credit GS	3
POL 155	American National Government	3	PLSC 1 (GS; US)	American Politics: Principles, Processes and Powers	3
POL 200	Amer Constitutional Exp	3	PLSC XFRGS1	Transfer Credit GS	3
POL 255	American State & Local Government	3	PLSC XFRGS1	Transfer Credit GS	3
POL 256	International Relations	3	PLSC 14 (GS; IL)	International Relations	3
PSY 160	General Psychology	3	PSYCH 100 (GS)	Introductory Psychology	3
PSY 161	Human Growth & Development	3	SOCW 290 (GS)	Human Behavior & the Social Environment	3
PSY 260	Intro Soc Psych	3	PSYCH 221 (GS)	Introduction to Social Psychology	3
PSY 265	Child Psychology	3	HDFS 229 (GS)	Infant and Child Development	3
PSY 267	Psychology of Women	3	PSYCH 231 (GS; US)	Introduction to the Psychology of Gender	3

PSY 268	Adolescent Psychology	3	HDFS 239 (GS)	Adolescent Development	3
PSY 275	Human Sexuality	3	PSYCH XFRGS1	Transfer Credit GS	3
SOC 155	Principles of Sociology	3	SOC 1 (GS)	Introductory Sociology	3
SOC 161	Sociology of Family	3	SOC 30 (GS)	Sociology of the Family	3
SOC 162	Contemporary Social Problems	3	SOC 5 (GS)	Social Problems	3
SOC 255	Cultural Anthropology	3	ANTH 45 (GS IL; US; GH)	Cultural Diversity: A Global Perspective	3
SPC 156	Interpersonal Communication	3	CAS 203 (GS)	Interpersonal Communication	3
SPC 157	Fund Small Group Communication	3	CAS 250 (GS)	Small Group Communication	3
SWK 170	Race & Diversity in US	3	SOCW 205 (US; GS)	Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Justice	3
SWK 171	Introduction to Gerontology	3	SOCW XFRGEN (GS)	Transfer credit GS	3
VPP 110	Multimedia	3	COMM XFRSU2	Transfer Credit GS:US	3
<i>RECOMMENDED General Education Health and Wellness elective courses</i>			<i>Recommend taking 3 credits of General Education Health and Wellness (GHW) courses</i>		
ECE 190	Child Health, Safety & Nutrition	3	HDFS XFRGHA (GHW)	Transfer Credit GHW	3
FSM 159	Nutrition	3	NUTR 100 (GHW)	Nutrition Applications for a Healthy Lifestyle	3
HMS 171	Introduction to Gerontology	3	HDFS 249 (GHW; GS)	Adult Development and Aging	3
HMS 172	Drug & Alcohol Dependency	3	BBH 143 (GHW)	Drugs, Behavior, and Health	3
HPE 156	Health & Physical Education	3	KINES XFRGHA (GHW)	Transfer Credit GHW	3

<i>RECOMMENDED General Education Foreign Language elective courses</i>			<i>Recommend taking two General Education Foreign Language courses</i>		
ASL 101	American Sign Language I	3	CSD 218	American Sign language I	3
ASL 102	American Sign Language II	3	CSD 318	American Sign Language II	3

FRN 155	Beginning French I	4	FR 1	Elementary French	4
FRN 156	Beginning French II	4	FR 2	Elementary French	4
SPA 155	Beginning Spanish, I	4	SPAN 1	Elementary Spanish	4
SPA 156	Beginning Spanish II	4	SPAN 2	Elementary Spanish	4
SPA 255	INTERMEDIATE SPANISH I	3	SPAN XFRGEN	SPAN XFRGEN	3
SPA 256	INTERMEDIATE SPANISH II	3	SPAN XFRGEN	SPAN XFRGEN	3
<i>RECOMMENDED General Education Writing and Speaking elective courses</i>			<i>Recommend taking three General Education Writing and Speaking (GWS) courses</i>		
ENG 161	College Writing	3	ENGL 15 (GWS)	Rhetoric and Composition	3
ENG 162	Technical Communications	3	ENGL 202C (GWS)	Effective Writing: Technical Writing	3
ENG 163	Business Communications	3	ENGL 202D (GWS)	Effective Writing: Business Writing	3
SPC 155	Effective Speech	3	CAS 100 (GWS)	Effective Speech	3
<i>RECOMMENDED General Education Inter-Domain elective courses</i>			<i>Recommend taking two General Education Inter-Domain courses</i>		
HMS 170	Cultural, Racial, Ethnic Diver	3	SOC 119N (IL; US; GS; GH)	Race, Ethnicity and Culture	3
HMS 171	Introduction to Gerontology	3	HDFS 249N (GHW; GS)	Adult Development and Aging	3
VPP 120	History of Cinema	3	COMM 100N (US; GH;GS)	The Mass Media and Society	3
VPP 155	Video Production & Photo	3	COMM 150N (GA; GH)	The Art of the Cinema	3
SOC 255	Cultural Anthropology	3	ANTH 45 (GS; IL; US; GH)	Cultural Diversity: A Global Perspective	3

