

UNCG General Education Core (GEC)

At UNCG, all students participate in the University's General Education Program, more commonly referred to as GEC. By the time you graduate, you will have a broad knowledge of a variety of different academic fields beyond your chosen major that enables you to think critically and creatively about yourself, your peers, and the world in which you live.

GEC includes 8 different liberal arts categories, outlined below. Within each category are numerous courses to choose from based on your personal and academic interests.

GEC Abbreviation	GEC Category	Examples of Courses	Total Courses
GFA	Fine Arts	Art appreciation, Music appreciation	1 (3 sh)
GHP	Historical Perspectives	US history, World history	1 (3 sh)
GLT	Literature	Narrative, Poetry	1 (3 sh)
GMT	Mathematics	Algebra, Statistics	1 (3 sh)
GNS	Natural Sciences	Biology, Nutrition, Chemistry, Astronomy	2 (6-7 sh); 1 class must include a lab
GPR	Philosophical, Religious, and Ethical Perspectives	Philosophy, Political Science, Religion	1 (3 sh)
GRD	Reasoning and Discourse	Communication Studies, College Writing II	2 (6 sh); 1 class must be a college writing course
GSB	Social and Behavioral Sciences	Psychology, Sociology, Economics	2 (6 sh)

In addition to the categories listed above, students are also required to take classes with the following *markers* that focus on specific competencies. Students may “double dip” and satisfy a GEC category and a marker simultaneously.

1. GL- Global Perspectives
2. GN- Global Non-Western Perspectives
3. SI- Speaking Intensive
4. WI- Writing Intensive



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