

General Education Program

General Education Requirements for Graduation

All students must complete a minimum of 46 units of General Education courses to qualify for a degree. These courses develop skills such as writing and mathematics, and include courses in humanities, natural science, creative arts, and the social sciences. Courses taken pass/fail may not be used to fulfill the General Education requirements for graduation or the units required for a major or minor (with the exception of the senior seminar, internship, fieldwork, and in certain other special cases approved by the Office of Academic Affairs through petition).

The Experiential Learning Portfolio is a process that evaluates college-level learning through proficiency assessment. Selected Experiential Learning units may meet General Education requirements. Consult the Experiential Learning Handbook of Course Competence Descriptions for a list of experiential learning competencies that fulfill General Education requirements. Selected CLEP or Excelsior College examinations and course challenge may also apply to General Education Requirements (see sections on *Transfer Credit Policies* and *Credit for Un-sponsored Learning*).

Day Program

Statement of Purpose

The General Education curriculum at Dominican fosters the development of the skills, knowledge, and moral character essential to lifelong learning and a rich and satisfying life. It does this by 1) opening students to the main areas of knowledge, 2) engaging them in the persistent practice of logical and critical thinking, expository writing and effective speaking, and 3) encouraging them to deepen their awareness of the aesthetic, moral, and spiritual dimensions of existence.

Day Program General Education Overview

Component Name	Type	Units
Computer Applications Competency	Matriculation Requirement	0
First Year Foundations (FYF)	Interdisciplinary	6
Expository Writing and Advanced Writing and Research	Skill	3 3
Information and Research	Skill	1
Speech and Rhetoric	Skill	3
Mathematical Thinking and Quantitative Reasoning	Skill	3-4
Social Science	Knowledge Area	3
Natural Science	Knowledge Area	3-4
Creative and Performing Arts	Knowledge Area/Skill	3
Moral Philosophy/ Ethics	Knowledge Area	3
Religion	Knowledge Area	6
Cultural Heritage Colloquium	Interdisciplinary	9
Total Units		46-48

For General Education requirements for Pathways students, see *Pathways General Education* section.

The General Education requirements are organized around eleven categories that develop specific academic skills and/or examine content knowledge. The number of units required for students in each category is indicated above. There may be variations in requirements for transfer students as explained in the text below.

Courses within one discipline, which satisfy both General Education requirements and requirements in a student's major, may be counted for both up to a maximum of six units, exclusive of courses in the Colloquium which may also count in the major.

Alemany Library Information Literacy Course

Student Learning Outcomes:

The main goals of the Information and Research course are for students to determine their information needs, to select and evaluate critically information resources, and to consider how a society organizes and distributes information. To achieve these goals by course end students will:

Recognize and describe his/her information needs.

Identify and locate print and electronic resources to fulfill information needs and explain the format, type and scope of resources identified.

Demonstrate an effective use of print and electronic resources to locate and retrieve information.

Appraise and evaluate the relevance and quality of information retrieved and discuss socio-political and ethical issues associated with evaluating information.

Information Literacy Course Description:

RES 2000 Information and Research (1 unit)

A theoretical and practical study of the core information literacy competencies necessary for academic research. The course will explore the organization, retrieval, and critical evaluation of information resources. Students will learn to use a variety of print and electronic resources and will develop an awareness of the ethical, legal, and socio-political issues surrounding information and information technology. Co-requisite: ENGL 3200: Advanced Writing & Research.

Transfer Students

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1. Transfer students who have not previously passed a 3-unit university level writing course (comparable to ENGL 1004: Expository Writing) with a 'C' (2.0) or higher, or who have not received a passing score on the English Composition CLEP test, are required to take an English proficiency exam and will be required to take two or more writing courses at Dominican University. (CLEP tests must be taken prior to matriculation.)
2. Students who transfer into the University with 49 or more units may fulfill the Religious Heritage requirement by taking only three units of religion (an upper division, Judeo-Christian course).
3. Students who transfer to Dominican may satisfy the General Education Cultural Heritage Colloquium (CHC) requirement in one of the following ways:
 - Students transferring 0-44 units of applicable and transferable coursework prior to matriculation require 9 units to satisfy the Colloquium requirement.
 - Students transferring 45-69 units of applicable and transferable coursework prior to matriculation require 6 units to satisfy the Colloquium requirement.
 - Students transferring 70 or more units of applicable and transferable coursework prior to matriculation require 3 units to satisfy the Colloquium requirement.
 - Courses taken in the following disciplines may be considered for application to the Colloquium requirement: history, philosophy and ethics, literature including the literature of other languages (in translation or in the original), cultural anthropology, history and criticism of the arts (art, music), comparative religion (provided the units are not being counted for the Religious Heritage requirement), political theory, international relations, the history of the natural or the social sciences, and art history.
4. Day transfer students may meet their General Education requirements in one of the two methods described below.

Dominican University General Education Program

Transfer students may complete the Dominican General Education Program described above. Students may transfer courses from accredited colleges and universities to meet General Education requirements. General Education course equivalency will be determined on a course-by-course basis or through formal articulation agreements with community colleges.

Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC)

Transfer students may complete their General Education by completing the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) Areas 1-5 at a community college and the Dominican University Religion, Moral Philosophy, Advanced Writing and Research, and Creative or Performing Arts Thematic Areas as described above. All IGETC coursework must be completed with a grade of 'C'(2.0) or better.

Students who are within two courses of meeting the IGETC General Education requirements at the time of their enrollment may elect to complete their remaining IGETC requirements at Dominican. Students electing this option are also required to complete the Dominican Thematic Areas as described above.

Pathways Evening/Weekend Program

The Pathways General Education Program fosters the development of skills, knowledge, and moral character essential to lifelong learning and a rich and satisfying life. It does this by 1) opening students to the main areas of knowledge, 2) engaging them in the persistent practice of logical and critical thinking, expository writing and effective speaking, and 3) encouraging them to deepen their awareness of the aesthetic, moral, and spiritual dimensions of existence.

The curriculum seeks to engender an awareness of tradition, a love of truth, a deep respect for the dignity and worth of the individual, an appreciation of human interdependence and cultural differences, a sensitivity to ecological issues, the knowledge and skills to seek the solution of human and global problems through integrating the wisdom and perspective of many disciplines, and the disposition and ability to work cooperatively with others.

The curriculum assists students to acquire a basic body of knowledge and the skills for continuing independent study. It seeks to kindle a desire for lifelong learning that supports both intellectual and personal growth and the need to compete in a challenging job market in a complex and rapidly changing world.

Pathways General Education Overview

The Pathways General Education Program is identical to the Day General Education Program in all areas except those shown in bold type. The unique program components are described below. Please see Day GE Program for all other program descriptions. Placement tests may be required for Computer Applications Competency, Expository Writing and Research Writing and Critical Thinking, and Mathematical Thinking and Quantitative Reasoning. For placement testing policies see *Proficiency/Placement Examinations* section of this *Catalog*.

Pathways students may also satisfy their General Education requirements through IGETC certification and by completing the Dominican University Religion, Moral Philosophy, Advanced Writing and Research, and Creative or Performing Arts Thematic Areas.

Note: All Pathways General Education courses must be taken in the Pathways Program. Day classes may not be applied to satisfy Pathways GE requirements.

Pathways Program General Education Overview

<i>Component Name</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Units</i>
Computer Applications Competency	Matriculation Requirement*	0
Foundations	Multidisciplinary	3
Expository Writing and Advanced Writing and Research	Skill	3 3
Information and Research	Skill	1
Speech and Rhetoric	Skill	3
Mathematical Thinking and Quantitative Reasoning	Skill	3-6
Social Science	Knowledge Area	3
Natural Science	Knowledge Area	3-4
Creative and Performing Arts	Knowledge Area/Skill	3
Ethics	Knowledge Area	3
Religion	Knowledge Area	3-6*
Interdisciplinary Study	Interdisciplinary	3-9*
Total Units		46

* see special conditions below for units required.