

General Education

Core General Education

Basic Skills of an Educated Person

These courses help build key skills for learning – communication and critical thinking. An educated person can communicate ideas effectively both verbally and in writing. Being able to organize and express ideas is a key part of learning. An educated person must also have strong reasoning powers in order to analyze critically all types of information. The skills courses within General Education provide an opportunity for students to gain and enhance critical communication and analytical skills.

Oral Communication (A1)	3
Written Communication 1A (A2)	3
Critical Thinking (A3)	3
Mathematical Concepts (B4)	3

Basic Knowledge of an Educated Person

These courses help students gain the fundamental knowledge of an educated person. Students will have an opportunity to demonstrate an appreciation of the fundamentals of science, arts and letters, and the forces that shape the individual and modern society throughout the lifespan. This fundamental knowledge is crucial to understanding more advanced topics, including a major field of study.

Physical Science (B1)	3
Life Science (B2)	3
(one lab course in science required)	
Arts (C1)	3
Letters (C2)	3
Written Communication IB (C3)	3
Human Behavior (D1)	3
Comparative Systems, Cultures & Environments (D2)	3
Social Issues (D3)	3
Human Understanding & Development (E)	3

SJSU Studies (formerly Advanced GE)

Integrated Knowledge of an Educated Person

These courses will help students become integrated thinkers who can see connections between and among a variety of concepts and ideas. An educated person will be able to apply concepts and foundations learned in one area to other areas as part of a lifelong learning process. These courses will help students to live and work intelligently, responsibly, and cooperatively in a multicultural society and to develop abilities to address complex issues and problems using disciplined analytical skills and creative techniques.

Earth and Environment (R)	3
Self, Society & Equality in the U.S. (S)	3
Culture, Civilization & Global Understanding (V)	3
Written Communication II (Z)	3

Graduation Requirements: American Institutions (may be satisfied in Core)	0-6
Physical Education	0-2
(may be satisfied by two different activity courses)	

Total Units: 39 Units CORE 9-12 Units SJSU Studies