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Find Your GE Pathway

At San José State University you will be taking courses as part of your General Education. When choosing GE courses, you can go in many directions, or you can line up your choices to create a distinct pathway.

By taking three Core GE courses and one SJSU Studies course that connect to one of three themes—Global Engagement, Creativity, or Sustainability—you create the foundation for your pathway.

At the end of your pathway, you will earn a Badge in *Integrated Knowledge of Sustainability*, *Integrated Knowledge of Global Engagement*, or *Integrated Knowledge of Creativity*. Your faculty are working on a Certificate that will appear on your transcript with an estimated launch of Fall 2017.

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**Contact your advisor to get started. Or contact Steve Branz, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies: stephen.branz@sjsu.edu**

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# EARN A BADGE IN INTEGRATED KNOWLEDGE

The Global Engagement Pathway promotes cultural sensitivity and the ability to think about people, issues, and ideas that may be outside one's own experience. You will develop the ability to understand and interpret the cultures of people with histories different from your own, and to better grasp the social and cultural systems of peoples outside the United States. In addition, you will enhance your ability to compare and recognize the values and practices that make up your own cultural framework. The courses in this pathway emphasize broadly useful intellectual capabilities that foster your ability to engage with the world. The Pathway gives you educational breadth, and a chance to explore interdisciplinary fields of knowledge relating to global topics and research.

The Creativity Pathway increases knowledge of the arts as creative and innovative responses to our ever-changing world. Courses in this pathway explore historic, contemporary and cross-cultural innovations in the fine arts, literature, theater, music and other venues of creative human accomplishment.  This Pathway promotes thinking and flexibility in addressing new issues, ideas and possibilities as well as core skills demanded by the rapidly evolving 21st Century workplace. Its courses emphasize conceptual creativity and creative problem solving, develop visual and cultural literacy, and foster understanding and historical knowledge of the mechanisms of creative achievement. The course options in the Creativity Pathway will help you develop the practical skills of complex critical thinking and writing required for new technologies and global citizenship.

Creativity

Sustainability

Global Engagement

Simply put, sustainability means “meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.” More specifically, sustainability is the balancing of three different elements, environmental protection and enhancement, economic prosperity, and social equity. This concept can be applied to the behavior and attitudes of individuals, groups, organizations, and even countries.

The Sustainability Pathway helps you meaningfully examine how social, economic, and environmental issues have interacted to result in the global conditions that you see today and the challenges that will confront you in the future. It provides learners with interdisciplinary approaches to these interactions, analytical frameworks for understanding outcomes, and an “intellectual toolkit" for identifying possible solutions to some of the most challenging problems facing society today. By completing courses in this pathway, you will prepare yourself to be a socially responsible and environmentally aware citizen.

**Chart a path along one of three themes:**