The systemwide GE program framework is below and is comprised of 34-35 credit hours organized in six discipline-based “buckets” and an institutionally designated bucket. A student who satisfies all seven buckets will complete the systemwide GE program.

**Bucket #1: English Discipline Area**
- **6 Hours of English Courses**

**Bucket #2: Communications Discipline Area**
- **3 Hours of Communications Courses**

**Bucket #3: Mathematics & Statistics Discipline Area**
- **3 Hours of Math or Statistics Courses**
  - These will be defined with the math pathways work

**Bucket #4: Natural & Physical Sciences Discipline Area**
- **4-5 Hours from One Subject (must include a lab)**
  - Anatomy
  - Astronomy
  - Biochemistry
  - Biology
  - Botany
  - Chemistry
  - Earth Science
  - Ecology
  - Environmental Science
  - Geology
  - Meteorology
  - Microbiology
  - Physical Geography
  - Physical Sciences
  - Physics
  - Physiology
  - Zoology
  - Other subjects that the offering institution determines fit within the natural and physical sciences area

**Bucket #5: Social & Behavioral Sciences Discipline Area**
- **6 Hours in at Least Two Courses from Two Subject Areas**
  - Anthropology
  - Criminal Justice
  - Economics
  - Ethnic and/or Gender Studies
  - Geography
  - Political Science
  - Psychology
  - Social Work
  - Sociology
  - Other subjects that the offering institution determines fit within the social sciences area

**Bucket #6: Arts and Humanities Discipline Area**
- **6 Hours in at Least Two Courses from Two Subject Areas**
  - Art *
  - Communications
  - Cultural Studies
  - Dance*
  - English
  - General Humanities
  - History
  - Literature
  - Modern and Classical Languages
  - Music*
  - Philosophy
  - Religion
  - Theater*
  - Other subjects that the offering institution determines fit within the arts and humanities
  - *The application of performance courses in this subject area is at the discretion of the institution.

**Bucket #7: Institutionally Designated Area**
- **6 Hours Determined by the Institution.**
  - This area provides flexibility for each institution to define requirements to account for societal issues, local needs, and institutional priorities (Intermediate Algebra shall not be applied toward meeting this area).