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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).