

THE HONORS GENERAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM



Florida State University
 Honors College

Subject Area	[Group A] State of Florida General Education Core	[Group B] General Education Institutional Requirements	Total
	3	0	3
	3	6	9
Social Science	3	9	12
Natural Science	3	3	6
Mathematics	3	3	6
Total	15	21	36

Some concentrations require or recommend specific General Education courses. Make sure to check with your academic advisor.

Students who enter FAU without an Associate in Arts (A.A.) from a Florida State school must fulfill the University's General Education requirements. A Course may be used to simultaneously satisfy a General Education curriculum requirement and a requirement of the student's concentration(s).

General Education Core Courses implement the required principles, standards, and content in accordance with section 1007.55, Florida Statutes. Each general education core course option contains high-level academic and critical thinking skills and common competencies that students must demonstrate to successfully complete their degree.

I. Communication (3 credits required-ENC1101; a grade of “C” or higher required)

Communication courses afford students the ability to communicate effectively, including the ability to write clearly and engage in public speaking.

As part of the Wilkes Honors College’s writing-intensive curriculum, students must take four Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) courses. WAC courses are discipline-based courses students may use to satisfy other core or concentration requirements. They are designated as WAC because they provide special attention to the writing and revision process. In most cases, the Honors thesis will count as two WAC courses. WAC courses satisfy the State’s Gordon Rule writing requirement. ENC 1101 is taken as one of the four WAC courses.

Students also submit a writing portfolio, which is a mid-career assessment of their writing at the end of their sophomore year, conducted by a committee of faculty. The writing portfolio consists of the student’s Forum paper (which the Dean’s office keeps on file) and at least one essay submitted to the Dean’s office. This essay must meet the following four requirements:

1. It was written in the first or second year at the Wilkes Honors College;
2. It should be a scholarly essay that demonstrates the student’s ability to incorporate evidence from secondary sources and/or analyze a primary text;
3. It should include the professor’s comments, if possible; and
4. It should be at least five pages in length.

II. Humanities (9 credits required)

Humanities courses afford students the ability to think critically through the mastering of subjects concerned with human culture, especially literature, history, art, music, and philosophy, including selections from the Western canon.

III. Social Science (12 credits required)

Social science courses afford students an understanding of the basic social and behavioral science concepts and principles used in the analysis of behavior and past and present social, political, and economic issues.

IV. Natural Science (6 credits required)

Natural science courses afford students the ability to critically examine and evaluate the principles of the scientific method, model construction, and use the scientific method to explain natural experiences and phenomena.

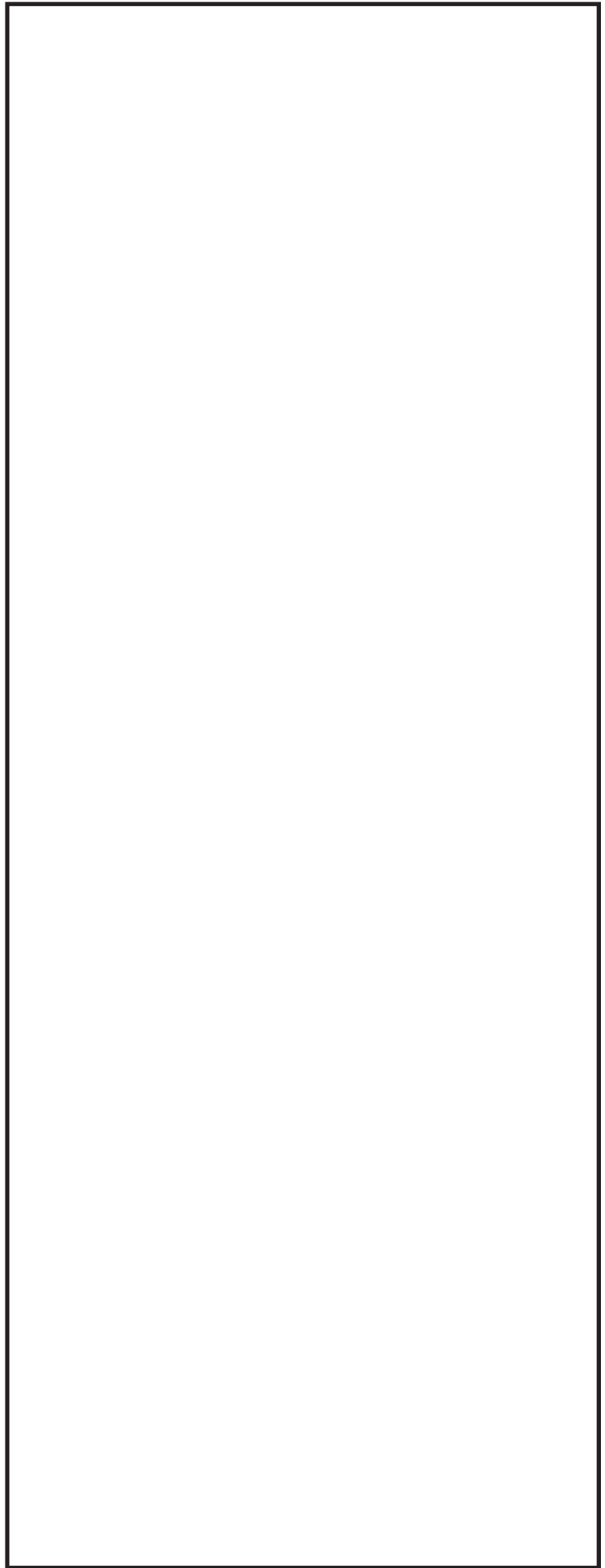
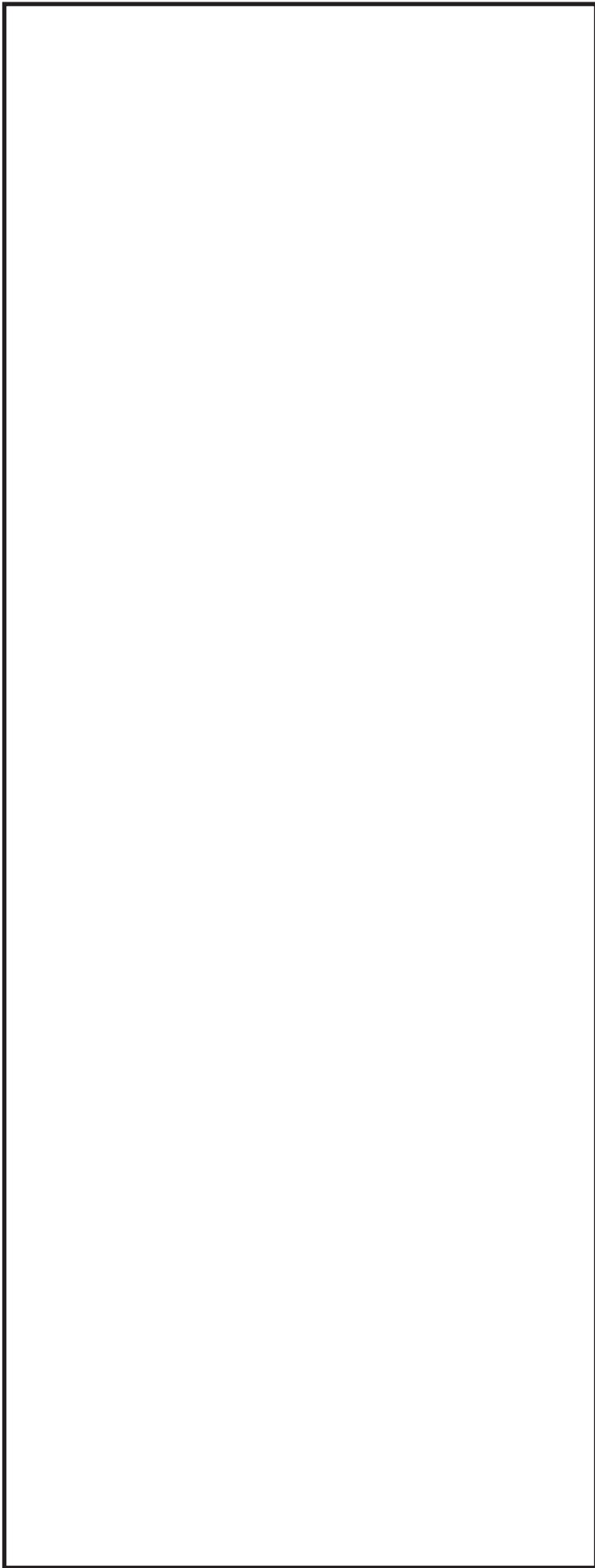
V. Mathematics (6 credits required; a grade of “C” or higher required in each course)

(For students entering in Fall 2025 and later)

Mathematics courses afford students a mastery of foundational mathematical and computation models and methods by applying such models and methods in problem solving. The Mathematics requirement is intended to give students an appreciation of mathematics and prepare them to think precisely and critically about quantitative problems.

Students assume all responsibility for all graduation requirements.

Approved by FAU BOT June 28, 2024.



Natural Science Cont.

Group B

ANT 2511** - Honors Introduction to Biological Anthropology

BSC 1011** - Honors Biodiversity

**A lab is a co-requisite.

Mathematics (6 credits required; a grade of "C" or higher required in each course)

(For students entering in Fall 2025 and later)

Students must take two of the following courses, one of which must be from Group A. The second course may be from Group A or Group B.

Group A

MAC 3211 - Honors Calculus with Analytic Geometry I

MGF 1130 - Honors Mathematical Thinking in Context I

STA 2023 - Honors Introductory Statistics

(Or any mathematics course for which one of the above general education core course options in Mathematics is the direct prerequisite)

Group B

MAC 1147 - Honors Precalculus Algebra and Trigonometry

MAC 2312 - Honors Calculus with Analytic Geometry 2

MAC 2313 - Honors Calculus with Analytic Geometry 3

MAD 2104 - Honor Discrete Mathematics

MAS 2103 - Honors Matrix Theory

PHI 2102 - Honors Introduction to Logic

