

TRADITIONAL UNDERGRADUATE GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS AND PREREQUISITES

Print Version: General Education Requirements by Entry Standing: 2024 and forward (pdf) (<https://www.bethel.edu/undergrad/academic-affairs/files/general-education-2024-and-beyond-transfer-chart.jpg>)

Course or Category	Category Designato	Course #	Prerequisite	Credits	Terms Offered
First Year Foundations:					
Introduction to Wellbeing ¹	-	GES 140	None	2	F, J, S
Christianity and Western Culture ¹	-	GES 130	None	4	F, J, S
Inquiry Writing Seminar	-	GES 160	None	4	F, S
Introduction to the Creative Arts	-	GES 125	None	4	F, J, S
Artistic Experience:					
Artistic Experience	A	1xx-3xx	None	0-4	F, J, S
Biblical Foundations:					
Introduction to the Bible	-	BIB 101	None 4	F, J, S	
Christian Theology	-	THE 201	BIB 101 & Sophomore standing	4	F, J, S
Math, Science, and Technology:					
Mathematics	M	1xx-2xx	None (some by placement exam)	4	F, J, S
Laboratory Science	D	1xx-2xx	None	4	F, J, S
Science, Technology, and Society	K	3xx	D course & M course	4	F, J, S
Cultural Intelligence:					
Second Language	S	102	Placement exam or credit for 101	4	F, J, S
Cross-cultural Experience	Z	1xx-4xx	None	0-4	F, J, S
Contemporary Western Life and Thought	L	2xx	GES 130 & GES 160 ² or GES 149 ²	4	F, J, S
World Cultures	U	2xx	GES 130 or GES 149	4	F, J, S
Comparative Systems	G	3xx	(GES 130 ² ; GES 160 ² or GES 149; L-course or U-course	4	F, J, S
Senior Capstone:					
Contemporary Christian Issues ¹	P	4xx	(GES 160 or GES 149) & THE 201 & L-course, G-course, or U-course & Senior standing		
Integrated Track (Humanities):					

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Humanities I: Greco-Roman through Middle Ages	-	GES 145	None	4	F
Humanities II: Renaissance and Reformation	-	GES 147	GES 145	4	J
Humanities III: Enlightenment and Modernity	-	GES 149	GES 147	4	S

¹ P course, GES 140 Introduction to Wellbeing, and GES 130 Christianity and Western Culture requirements cannot be fulfilled through transfer courses.

² May be taken concurrently.

Letters (e.g., A, D) indicate a General Education category from which students select a course of their choice.