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GENERAL EDUCATION
REQUIREMENTS

General Education at SUNY Maritime College

SUNY Maritime College has a long history of offering baccalaureate curricula that include required courses across many disciplines, guaranteeing that our graduates have broad knowledge beyond their major fields. In 2000, SUNY established a common, system-wide approach to such a general education; there have subsequently been several revisions.

The SUNY General Education program currently requires baccalaureate candidates, as a condition of graduation, to complete no fewer than 30 credits specifically designed to achieve student learning outcomes in at least seven of ten knowledge and skill areas plus two competencies.

The knowledge and skills areas are: Basic Communication (must be included), Mathematics (must be included), Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, American History, Western Civilization, Other World Civilizations, Humanities, the Arts, and Foreign Language. The requirements of all baccalaureate curricula at Maritime College satisfy the 30 credit minimum via courses among the first seven of these ten areas; additional credits may be taken in the other three areas. The table below (first two columns) lists each of the General Education knowledge and skills areas and the courses offered at Maritime College that meet the requirements of each area.

The competencies are: Critical Thinking and Information Management. These competencies are met by *infusion*, i.e., learning outcomes are achieved in courses throughout the curriculum.

Students who enter Maritime College having already taken courses at other colleges may receive transfer credit (grade of C or better needed) for SUNY General Education requirements in several ways:

- a course is evaluated as equivalent to a Maritime College course that satisfies a General Education requirement;
- a course taken at another SUNY college (2-year or 4-year) satisfies the General Education requirement at that college;
- a course taken at a non-SUNY college (2-year or 4-year) is evaluated as satisfying a General Education requirement.

In the first case, transfer credit is awarded for the equivalent Maritime College course. In the other two cases, transfer credit is recorded via notations for General Education Requirement (GER) courses. In certain situations, such courses may be substituted for related Maritime College requirements.* The table below (last two columns) lists the notations for each knowledge and skills area; it also shows allowable substitutions.

*Note that a transferred course may satisfy a General Education requirement without satisfying a Maritime College degree requirement. For example, a course called “Mathematical Ideas” may be accepted as a General Education mathematics course elsewhere, but it does not count towards any degree at Maritime College.

In addition to the SUNY General Education program, Maritime College also has a local general education requirement of 6 elective credits in Humanities or Social Sciences that is part of every baccalaureate curriculum.

The following courses can be counted as Humanities or Social Sciences electives:

- All elective courses offered by the Maritime College Humanities Department (course prefixes ENGL, HIST, HUMN, SPAN, SS). Also the following courses offered by the Maritime College Naval Science Department: NVSC 102 (same as HIST 420), 311, 402.
- All courses at other colleges given transfer credit for one of the above elective courses.
- Any transferred SUNY GenEd course in the areas of Social Sciences, American History, Western Civilization, Other World Civilizations, Humanities, The Arts, and Foreign Language.
- Additional transfer courses if deemed appropriate; they will be denoted as HUMN/SS electives on students' records.

SUNY General Education and Maritime College courses
(see online course descriptions for course titles and descriptions)

SUNY General Education knowledge & skills area	Maritime College courses (or equivalent transfer)	Gen Ed Requirement courses without Maritime equivalent receive transfer credit via ...	allowable GER substitutions for Maritime College courses
Basic Communication (must be included)	ENGL 101, 102, 103 (all Maritime 4-year curricula require 101 and either 102 or 103)	GERC 000 GenEd: Basic Communication	
Mathematics (must be included)	MATH 101, 102, 111, 112, 251 (most Maritime 4-year curricula require at least two such courses)	GERM 000 GenEd: Mathematics	
Natural Sciences	& shows separate lab needed BIO 201; CHEM 121 & 122; METE 201; PHYS 102 & 202, 201 & 202, 211 & 213, 214 & 216 (most Maritime 4-year curricula require at least two such courses)	GERN 000 GenEd: Natural Sciences	for IT&T curriculum: if course includes a laboratory, a GERN 000 for GenEd: Natural Sciences
American History	HIST 101, 102 (all Maritime 4-year curricula require both courses)	GERH 000 GenEd: American History	one GERH 000 for HIST 101 and/or one GERH 000 for HIST 102*
Western Civilization and Other World Civilizations	HUMN 201 & 202 (must take both courses to satisfy both Civilizations areas; all Maritime 4-year curricula require both courses)	GERW 000 GenEd: Western Civilization GERO 000 GenEd: Other World Civ	one GERW 000 for HUMN 201 or HUMN 202* one GERO 000 for HUMN 201 or HUMN 202*
Social Sciences	GBEC 121, 122; GBLW 435; ENGR 443	GERS 000 GenEd: Social Sciences	one or two GERS 000 for Humanities or Social Sciences electives
Humanities	courses listed on next page none required	GERU 000 GenEd: Humanities	one or two GERU 000 for Humanities or Social Sciences electives
The Arts	courses listed on next page none are required	GERA 000 GenEd: The Arts	one or two GERA 000 for Humanities or Social Sciences electives
Foreign Language	none currently offered at Maritime	GERF 000 GenEd: Foreign Language	for IT&T curriculum: one or two GERF 000 for International Studies electives*

* Unapplied ("leftover") GenEd credits in American History, Western Civilization, Other World Civilizations, and Foreign Language may also be used to satisfy Humanities electives required by all Maritime 4-year degree curricula

All GenEd credits may be used to satisfy the Free Elective credits appearing in certain Maritime degree curricula

The SUNY website maintains a master listing of all General Education course offerings for SUNY Colleges. The link to this master list is:
<http://www.suny.edu/provost/GeneralEducation/CourseList/mastercampuslist.cfm>

SUNY Maritime College
General Education: Humanities and The Arts
Course Offerings

Humanities

ENGL 413 Novels of Latin America
 ENGL 415 Literature of Colonialism
 ENGL 416 Literature of the Sea
 ENGL 418 Contemporary Literature
 ENGL 426 Science and Literature
 ENGL 470 Major British Authors
 ENGL 471 Major American Authors
 ENGL 472 Major American Writers: 19th Century
 HIST 440 History of American Enterprise I
 HIST 441 History of American Enterprise II
 HUMN 300 Humanities III
 HUMN 400 History of Art
 HUMN 403 A History of Western Music
 HUMN 404 Art and Technology
 HUMN 407 Literature of Leadership
 HUMN 458 Moral Choices in Literature

The Arts

ENGL 407 Poetry
 ENGL 409 Drama
 ENGL 410 Greek Drama
 ENGL 411 The Novel I
 ENGL 412 The Novel II
 ENGL 420 Comedy
 ENGL 423 Shakespeare
 ENGL 453 Creative Writing
 ENGL 474 Film I
 ENGL 475 Film II
 ENGL 477 Film and Fiction Studies
 HUMN 400 History of Art
 HUMN 401 Studio Drawing and Painting
 HUMN 402 Images of Men, Women, and Machines
 HUMN 403 A History of Western Music
 HUMN 404 Art and Technology