



GENERAL EDUCATION FOR UNDERGRADUATES

*For first-time freshmen entering
SF State Fall 2014 or later*

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WHAT IS GENERAL EDUCATION?

General Education is intended to provide the knowledge, skills, experiences, and perspectives that will enable SF State students to expand their capacities; to take part in a wide range of human interests and activities; to confront personal, cultural, moral, and social problems that are an inevitable part of human life; and to cultivate both the requisite skills and enthusiasm for lifelong learning.

SF STATE STUDIES

SF State Studies consists of four important areas of inquiry that are highly valued on our campus. Students take at least one course in each area; these may be lower or upper division, in GE, the major, minor or an elective. The same course may fulfill more than one area.

American Ethnic and Racial Minorities

Global Perspectives

Environmental Sustainability

Social Justice



Lifelong Learning and Self-Development (LLD)

Area E

Students can fulfill Lifelong Learning and Self-Development and SF State Studies while completing General Education, major, or minor requirements.

English Language Communication and Critical Thinking

Area A

Scientific Inquiry and Quantitative Reasoning

Area B

Arts and Humanities

Area C

Social Sciences

Area D

IF YOU ARE A FIRST-TIME FRESHMAN

General Education Pattern for First-time Freshmen

Students must complete a minimum of 48 units of GE with at least one course approved in each area.



English Language Communication and Critical Thinking

Oral Communication (A1)	(3 Units)
Written Communication I (A2)	(3 Units)
Critical Thinking (A3)	(3 Units)
Written Communication II (A4)	(3 Units)



Scientific Inquiry and Quantitative Reasoning

Physical Sciences (B1)	(3 Units)
Life Sciences (B2)	(3 Units)
Physical or Life Sciences Lab (B3)	(0-1 Units)
Math/Quantitative Reasoning (B4)	(3 Units)



Arts and Humanities

Students must complete at least one class each in C1 and C3 and a third course in either C1 or C2.

Creative Arts (C1)	(3 Units)
Humanities (C2)	(3 Units)
Humanities: Literature (C3)	(3 Units)



Social Sciences

Social Sciences (D1)	(3 Units)
US History (D2)	(3 Units)
US/CA Government (D3)	(3 Units)

Upper Division General Education

Prerequisites: upper division standing by the end of the semester the course is taken, and a C- or better in an Area A4 course.

Upper division Physical/Life Science (UD-B)	(3 Units)
Upper division Arts/Humanities (UD-C)	(3 Units)
Upper division Social Science (UD-D)	(3 Units)

Lifelong Learning and Self-Development (LLD/E) (0-3 Units)