



# Utah State University General Education Navigator

## Academic Year 2026-27

Utah State University’s General Education (GE) program provides the subject-area knowledge and learning skills foundation for its 2- and 4-year degrees. **Core** courses make up the general education foundation. **Breadth** courses give an opportunity to explore various subjects. General education courses are highly advisable for concurrent enrollment students; they are required for college graduation and transferable from one Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) institution to another.

1. **Review the class list below with parents and counselors. Select one class from each category.**
2. **Speak with experts about your choices.** 1. Ask a high school counselor which GE classes are available at your school; ask about other ways to fulfill GE requirements (AP, for example). 2. Ask a USU academic advisor how course choices fit different certificate or degree programs (call 435-797-8223 or visit [concurrent.usu.edu/info/advising](http://concurrent.usu.edu/info/advising) for advisor contact information).
3. **Are you ready to be an Aggie? Let’s get started.**

Number of semester credit hours to complete USU General Education = 27

USU offers a General Education Certificate. Ask the USU CE advisors about this award.

### Core (12-13 credits)

Complete 12-13 core genEd credits from among Written Communication, Quantitative Literacy, and American Institutions.

#### Written Communication (W) — 6 credits C

USU Concurrent Enrollment Courses	Credits	My Choices
CIVC 1100 <i>Flourishing and the Good Life</i>	3	
ENGL 1010 <i>Intro to Writing: Academic Prose</i>	3	
ENGL 2010 <i>Intermediate Writing: Research Writing in a Persuasive Mode</i>	3	

#### Quantitative Literacy (QL) — 3 credits

Select ONE of these courses

USU Concurrent Enrollment Courses	Credits	My Choices
STAT 1040 <i>Intro to Statistics</i>	3	
STAT 1080 <i>Foundations of Data Science</i>	3	
MATH 1050 <i>College Algebra</i>	4	

#### American Institutions (AI) — 3 credits

Select ONE of these courses

USU Concurrent Enrollment Courses	Credits	My Choices
ECON 2020 <i>Introduction to Macroeconomics</i>	3	
HIST 1700 <i>American History</i>	3	
POLS 1100 <i>United States Government and Politics</i>	3	

## Breadth (18-20 credits with a minimum of 3 in each category)

Complete 18-20 breadth GenEd credits from among the Arts, Humanities, Social & Behavioral Science, Life Science, and Physical Science — one course of 3 credits minimum from each category plus any required labs.

### Arts (AR) — 3 credits

Select ONE of these courses

USU Concurrent Enrollment Courses	Credits	My Choices
ART 1010 <i>Exploring Art</i>	3	
LAEP 1030 <i>Introduction to Landscape Architecture</i>	3	
MUSC 1010 <i>Intro to Music</i>	3	
THEA 1013 <i>Understanding Theater</i>	3	

### Humanities (H) — 3 credits

Select ONE of these courses

USU Concurrent Enrollment Courses	Credits	My Choices
CMST 1020 <i>Public Speaking</i>	3	
CMST 2110 <i>Interpersonal Communication</i>	3	
ENGL 2200 <i>Understanding Literature</i>	3	
USU 1320 <i>Civilization: Humanities</i>	3	

### Social & Behavioral Science (SS) — 3 credits

Select ONE of these courses

USU Concurrent Enrollment Courses	Credits	My Choices
ASTE 2900 <i>Humanity in the Food Web</i>	3	
BUSN 1010 <i>Business Principles</i>	3	
CIVC 1800 <i>Disagree Better</i>	3	
CJ 1010 <i>Intro to Criminal Justice</i>	3	
FCSE 1350 <i>Financial Literacy</i>	3	
HDFS 1500 <i>Human Development Across the Lifespan</i>	3	
HDFS 2400 <i>Couple and Family Relations</i>	3	
JCOM 1500 <i>Intro to Mass Communication</i>	3	
PSY 1010 <i>General Psychology</i>	3	

### Life Sciences (LS) — 3-4 credits

Select ONE of these courses

USU Concurrent Enrollment Courses	Credits	My Choices
ADVS 1110 <i>Introduction to Animal Science</i>	3	
BIOL 1010 <i>Biology and the Citizen</i>	3	
ENVS 1350 <i>Intro to Environmental Science</i>	3	
HEAL 1500 <i>Anatomy and Physiology</i>	3	
NDFS 1020 <i>Science and Application of Human Nutrition</i>	3	
PSC 1800 <i>Intro to Horticulture</i>	3	
WATS 2500 <i>Introduction to Marine Biology</i>	3	
WILD 2200 <i>Ecology of Our Changing World</i>	3	

### Physical Sciences (PS) — 3-4 credits

Select ONE of these courses

USU Concurrent Enrollment Courses	Credits	My Choices
CHEM 1010 <i>Intro to Chemistry</i>	3	
CS 1030 <i>Foundations of Computer Science</i>	3	
GEO 1060 <i>Intro to Environmental Geoscience</i>	3	
PHYS 1010 <i>Elementary Physics</i>	3	



# CE Options for High School Graduation Requirements

The following is a general list of USU Concurrent Enrollment (CE) courses that fulfill both high school graduation requirements and general education (GE) requirements in higher education. This is not a complete list of all CE or GE courses at USU. Refer to the [Concurrent Enrollment Master List](#) for full course options and details.

## High School Requirement

### Language Arts (4.0 HS units)

High School Requirement	USU CE Options	USU GE Certificate
Language Arts 9, 10 & 11 (1.0 each)	N/A — Secondary Only	N/A
Language Arts 12 or Applied & Advanced (1.0)	ENGL 1010 <i>Intro to Writing: Academic Prose</i> BUSN 2200 <i>Professional Communications</i> CIVC 1100 <i>Flourishing and the Good Life</i> CIVC 1800 <i>Disagree Better</i> CMST 1020 <i>Public Speaking</i> CMST 2110 <i>Interpersonal Communication</i> ENGL 2010 <i>Intermediate Writing</i> ENGL 2200 <i>Understanding Literature</i> JCOM 1500 <i>Intro to Mass Communication</i> USU 1320 <i>Civilization: Humanities</i>	WC <i>Does not Qualify</i> WC SS H H WC H SS H

### Mathematics (3.0 HS units)

High School Requirement	USU CE Options	USU GE Certificate
Secondary Math 1, 2 & 3 (1.0 each)	N/A — Secondary Only	N/A
Senior Math Options (select one) <i>Which course to take depends on your college major. For help, see page 5.</i>	STAT 1040 <i>Intro to Statistics</i> MATH 1050 <i>College Algebra</i> STAT 1080 <i>Foundations of Data Science</i>	QL QL QL

### Science (3.0 HS units) from at least two quadrants

High School Requirement	USU CE Options	USU GE Certificate
Foundation Science (2.0) (Select 2 from different disciplines) <i>SEEd alignment required-see <a href="#">CEML</a></i>	--	--
Applied & Advanced (1.0) <i>Pick one additional Foundation Science or one Applied &amp; Advanced course.</i>	BIOL 1010 <i>Biology and the Citizen</i> CHEM 1010 <i>Intro to Chemistry</i> GEO 1060 <i>Intro to Environmental Geoscience</i> PHYS 1010 <i>Elementary Physics</i> WATS 2500 <i>Introduction to Marine Biology</i>	LS PS PS PS LS

### Social Studies (3.0 HS units)

High School Requirement	USU CE Options	USU GE Certificate
World Geography (0.5)	--	--
World History (0.5)	--	--
US History (1.0)	--	--
US Government and Citizenship (1.0)	POLS 1100 <i>United States Government and Politics</i>	AI
Social Studies Applied & Advanced (0.5)	HIST 1700 <i>American History</i> PSY 1010 <i>General Psychology</i>	AI SS

### Arts (1.5 HS unit)

High School Requirement	USU CE Options	USU GE Certificate
Visual Art	ART 1010 <i>Exploring Art</i>	AR
Music	MUSC 1010 <i>Intro to Music</i>	AR
Theater	THEA 1013 <i>Understanding Theater</i>	AR

### Health Education (0.5 HS unit)

High School Requirement	USU CE Options	USU GE Certificate
Health Education (0.5)	N/A — Secondary only	N/A

### Physical Education (1.5 HS unit)

High School Requirement	USU CE Options	USU GE Certificate
Participation Skills (0.5)	N/A — Secondary only	N/A
Fitness for Life (0.5)	N/A — Secondary only	N/A
Individualized Lifetime Activities (0.5)	N/A — Secondary only	N/A

### Career & Technical Education (CTE) (1.0 HS unit)

USU offers 70+ CTE courses from aviation to CAD and welding. The following 12 courses are USBE CTE courses that meet GenEd requirements.

High School Requirement	USU CE Options	USU GE Certificate
CTE Course (1.0)	ADVS 1110 <i>Introduction to Animal Science</i>	LS
	BUSN 1010 <i>Business Principles</i>	SS
	CJ 1010 <i>Intro to Criminal Justice</i>	SS
	ECON 2020 <i>Introduction to Macroeconomics</i>	AI
	ENVS 1350 <i>Intro to Environmental Science</i>	LS
	HDFS 1500 <i>Human Development Across the Lifespan</i>	SS
	HDFS 2400 <i>Couple and Family Relations</i>	SS
	HEAL 1500 <i>Anatomy and Physiology</i>	LS
	LAEP 1030 <i>Introduction to Landscape Architecture</i>	AR
	MSLE 2600 <i>Introduction to Entrepreneurship</i>	Does not Qualify
	NDFS 1020 <i>Science and Application of Human Nutrition</i>	LS
	PSC 1800 <i>Intro to Horticulture</i>	LS
WILD 2200 <i>Ecology of Our Changing World</i>	LS	

### Digital Studies & Financial Literacy (0.5 HS units each)

High School Requirement	USU CE Options	USU GE Certificate
Digital Studies (0.5)	CS 1030 <i>Foundations of Computer Science</i>	PS
	CS 1400 <i>Intro to Computer Programming</i>	Does not Qualify
	CS 1410 <i>Introduction to Computer Science – CS 2</i>	Does not Qualify
	DATA 2100 <i>Data and Information in Business</i>	Does not Qualify
Financial Literacy (0.5)	BUSN 1021 <i>Personal Finance</i>	Does not Qualify
	FCSE 1350 <i>Financial Literacy</i>	SS

### Elective Credit (5.5 HS unit)

High School Requirement	USU CE Options	USU GE Certificate
High School Options Available	N/A — Secondary Only	N/A

### World Languages (optional)

High School Requirement	USU CE Options	USU GE Certificate
Optional for HS graduation	USU offers language courses in Chinese, French, German, Latin, Portuguese, and Spanish	Does not qualify

## Which QL Math class is right for you? Select a college math class that fits your college and career path.

Most certificate and all degree programs require students to complete a Quantitative Literacy (QL) class\*. You are encouraged to complete QL senior year of high school. Different QL classes provide the math foundation for different pathways.

### **STAT 1040 – Intro to Statistics**

Recommended particularly for students in programs desiring statistical literacy, including but not limited to Social Science, Behavioral Sciences, and Nursing (college may require 1040 or 1050). This class includes descriptive and inferential statistical methods. Topics include sampling design, descriptive statistics, linear regression and correlation, probability, sampling distributions, and hypothesis testing and confidence intervals. *MATH 1040 may be the last Math class you take in college.*

### **MATH 1050 – College Algebra**

Designed for students interested in Mathematics, Science, Engineering, Technology and Business. An in-depth exploration of algebra topics designed to ultimately prepare students for Calculus or further education classes. Topics include functions, including polynomial, rational, exponential, and logarithmic; systems of equations; matrices and determinants; partial fraction decomposition; conics; and sequences and series. *MATH 1050 is the first Math class you will likely take in college.*

*\*MATH 1010 Intermediate Algebra does not fulfill the QL requirement. It is intended only for students who cannot place into a QL course after completion of Secondary MATH III.*