



# General Education Requirements

The General Education Program at VCSU requires the completion of 39 credits, selected from the course list outlined under the General Education Courses tab. These courses serve as the intellectual foundation for both skill development and breadth of knowledge fundamental to a college education, offering a powerful, integrated learning experience that builds capabilities essential for the 21st century.

As a network of interrelated courses, the General Education Program promotes rigorous study in the liberal arts, leading to lifelong learning, meaningful service, and effective citizenship within an integrated and diverse society.

## Viking Voyage

First year students will enroll in UNIV 150 Viking Voyage, a seminar which provides an introduction to many aspects of campus life at VCSU. The course begins during the opening weekend's activities prior to the start of fall semester and continues into the semester.

The Viking Voyage course topics include team building, orientation to campus services, adjusting to college, substance abuse issues, academic policies, time management, academic advising, orientation to career services, learning styles, stress management, Campus Connection training, and paying for college. In addition, students complete a required service project.

First year students 21 years or older and those entering with 23 or more semester credits may elect not to take UNIV 150 Viking Voyage.

Students must meet a minimum test score for placement in English and math courses established by North Dakota University System Procedure 413.1 ([https://ndusbps.sharepoint.com/:w/s/NDUSPoliciesandProcedures/EbApPAwqaedGh6E5skti4FIBQZq7K48UXVoNqvOE3A1WhQ/?rtime=-I7JM\\_BI3Eg](https://ndusbps.sharepoint.com/:w/s/NDUSPoliciesandProcedures/EbApPAwqaedGh6E5skti4FIBQZq7K48UXVoNqvOE3A1WhQ/?rtime=-I7JM_BI3Eg)). For more information, see Placement in English and Math (<https://onestop.vcsu.edu/support/solutions/articles/10000036585-placement-in-english-math/>).

## Additional English Placement Policies

Incoming students with an ACT English score of 23 or above may choose to be placed in ENGL 120 College Composition II or ENGL 125 Introduction to Professional Writing. Further, students who choose this option will take ENGL 210 College Composition III: Persuasive Writing to fulfill the general

education communication/writing requirement at Valley City State University.

Students who have been awarded institutional placement credit (3) for ENGL 110 College Composition I (or its equivalent) from an accredited college or university, and who have successfully completed ENGL 120 College Composition II or ENGL 125 Introduction to Professional Writing with a C or better, will take ENGL 210 College Composition III: Persuasive Writing to fulfill the general education communication/writing requirement at Valley City State University.

Students should view their major program for required general education courses.

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Code	Title	Credits
<b>English Composition</b>		
Select one of the following:		6
ENGL 110	College Composition I	
ENGL 120	College Composition II	
	or ENGL 125 Introduction to Professional Writing	
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ENGL 120	College Composition II	
	or ENGL 125 Introduction to Professional Writing	
ENGL 210	College Composition III: Persuasive Writing	
<b>Speech Communication</b>		
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	
COMM 212	Interpersonal Communication	
COMM 216	Intercultural Communication	
<b>Mathematics</b>		
Select one of the following:		3
MATH 103	College Algebra	
MATH 104	Finite Mathematics	
MATH 107	Precalculus	
MATH 110	Mathematics in Society	
MATH 165	Calculus I	
MATH 210	Elementary Statistics	
<b>Lab Science</b>		
Select two of the following, one must come from the Natural and Physical Sciences category		8
Natural and Physical Sciences (ND:LABSC)		
BIOL 111	Concepts of Biology	
BIOL 150	General Biology I	
BIOL 151	General Biology II	
BIOL 170	General Zoology	
CHEM 115	Introductory Chemistry	
CHEM 116	Introduction to Organic and Biochemistry	
CHEM 121	General Chemistry I	
CHEM 122	General Chemistry II	
GEOL 100	Introduction to Earth Science	
GEOL 106	The Earth Through Time	



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PHYS 100	Concepts of Physics
PHYS 110	Introductory Astronomy
PHYS 211	College Physics I
PHYS 212	College Physics II
PHYS 251	University Physics I
PHYS 252	University Physics II

**Additional Sciences (ND:SCI)**

PSYC 240	Cognition and Brain Science
TECH 161	Technology, Engineering, and Design
TECH 165	Technology Solutions for Society

**Wellness**

Select one of the following: 2	
HPER 100	Concepts of Fitness and Wellness
HPER 212	Introduction to Stress Management

**Computer Science and Literacy**

Select one of the following: 3	
CIS 147	Principles of Information Security
CIS 170	Introduction to Computer Information Systems <sup>1</sup>
CSCI 120	Introduction to Programming
CSCI 127	Introduction to Programming in Java
CSCI 160	Introduction to Structured Programming I
CSCI 289	Social Implications of Computer Technology <sup>1</sup>
SE 110	Discovering Computing

**Humanities**

**Literacies**

Select one of the following: 3	
ASL 101	American Sign Language I
ASL 102	American Sign Language II
COMM 211	Oral Interpretation
ENGL 220	Introduction to Literature
ENGL 225	Introduction to Film
ENGL 231	Bible as Literature
ENGL 232	Mythology
ENGL 236	Women and Literature
ENGL 241	World Literature I
ENGL 242	World Literature II
ENGL 261	American Literature I
ENGL 262	American Literature II
HUM 201	Civilization, Thought, and Literary Heritage
PSYC 200	Ethics and Philosophy of Science
SPAN 101	1st Year Spanish I
SPAN 102	1st Year Spanish II
SPAN 201	2nd Year Spanish I
SPAN 202	2nd Year Spanish II
THEA 110	Introduction to Theatre Arts

**Art and Music**

Select one of the following: 3	
ART 110	Introduction to the Visual Arts
ART 115	Introduction to Digital Media
ART 210	Art History I
ART 211	Art History II
ART 233	History of Craft
HUM 202	Fine Arts and Aesthetics
MUS 100	Music Appreciation
MUS 101	Music Fundamentals
MUS 201	World Music
MUS 207	History of Popular/Rock Music

**Social Science**

Select 6 credits from the following: 6	
COMM 112	Understanding Media and Social Change
COMM 114	Human Communication
ECON 201	Principles of Microeconomics
ECON 202	Principles of Macroeconomics
GEOG 151	Human Geography
HIST 103	United States to 1877
HIST 104	United States to Present
HIST 211	World Civilizations to 1500
HIST 212	World Civilizations since 1500
HIST 267	Environmental History
HIST 270	Native American Studies
POLS 115	American National Government
POLS 116	State and Local Government
PSYC 111	Introduction to Psychology
SOC 110	Introduction to Sociology
SOC 111	Introduction to Anthropology

**Additional Humanities or Social Science**

Select one additional course from Humanities or Social Science 2	
or select from the following:	
ART 122	Two-Dimensional Design
ART 130	Drawing I
ART 150	Ceramics I
ART 180	Photography I
GEOG 111	Survey of Geography
MUS 104	Group Piano for Non-Majors
MUS 105	Group Piano for Non-Majors
MUS 130	Valkyries
MUS 131	Concert Choir
MUS 140	Athletic Band
MUS 141	Concert Band
PHYS 275	Planetarium Science
THEA 201	Theatre Practicum

**Total Credits 39**

<sup>1</sup> Course satisfies the Digital Literacy graduation requirement.

**General Education Learning Goals and Outcomes**

General Education Learning Goals	General Education Learning Outcomes	Outcome Statement
Values	Appreciation of the Arts/Aesthetics	The ability to understand, recognize the value in, and be affected by the products of human endeavor, including the visual, musical, literary, and performing arts.



	Ethics	The conscientious determination of what makes an act right or wrong, that includes an understanding of the value system used for that decision, the ramifications, and the importance of acting in accordance with established principles.		Technological Skills/Literacy	The ability to research, use, and assess the appropriate technology to solve a problem, and to understand how technology impacts individuals and society.
	Diversity	The acknowledgement of and respect for differences in the living world.	Habits	Collaboration	The ability to work responsibly with others to achieve a common goal and to promote group success.
Literacies	Communication	The conscious use of structural and presentational skills to convey an intended message to a specific audience through verbal, non-verbal and/or written expression.		Civic Engagement	Participation in the life of a community in order to improve conditions for others or to shape the community's future.
	Creative and Critical Thinking	A comprehensive skill set that allows one to reach an informed opinion, conclusion, and/or decision based on observation, research, imagination, synthesis, and reflection.		Holistic Health	The well-being of body, mind, and spirit, to enhance the quality of life for self and others.
	Quantitative Literacy	The number sense, mathematical understanding, and problem-solving abilities required for logical and analytical thinking, and the ability to construct and communicate viable arguments using numerical evidence.			