

## 2007 GE PROGRAM GUIDELINES

### Program Philosophy and Program Learning Outcomes

The Chapman 2007 General Education program reflects Chapman's commitment to the breadth of learning that characterizes a strong liberal arts education. It embodies the distinctive Chapman commitment to ensuring that each student be supported in making their education as meaningful and valuable as possible. Our goal is to provide Chapman students with a GE program that supports active, intentional student learning; encourages curricular and pedagogical innovation and flexibility in student learning formats; and enhances integration of GE, major, and elective courses. Therefore, the 2007 GE program emphasizes

- program flexibility, allowing intentional student choice supported by faculty mentoring and a range of advising services;
- integrated learning, with students connecting the specialized knowledge of the major to ideas and methods outside their major discipline; and
- student responsibility for shaping their own academic program in the most purposeful way for their educational goals.

The GE program is designed to help you personalize your academic plan, expand your breadth of knowledge, explore individual interests, develop a minor or second major, pursue experiential learning, and make connections across all of your undergraduate studies and experiences. You'll work with your faculty advisor to develop an academic plan reflecting your goals and a timeline for completing your degree.

Through the General Education program, each student should be able to

- Understand the importance and develop the means of critical inquiry in academic and civic matters
- Develop a breadth of knowledge in the liberal arts
- Develop depth of knowledge in areas unique to Chapman
- Integrate knowledge within and across disciplines
- Cultivate ethical awareness in learning and practice
- Engage in experiential learning as a thoughtful, principled citizen in a local and global sense
- Become an independent thinker able to sustain a lifelong desire for intellectual growth

### Guidelines on Shared Units

- **You may share up to 9 units of your major courses with GE Shared Inquiry and Global Citizen Cluster courses**

All Chapman students must take at least 36 of the 45-46 GE units outside the degree program or major. You may use up to three courses in your major that are also

approved as Shared Inquiry or Global Citizen Cluster courses to satisfy units in these GE categories.

**NOTE:** Courses in the Inter/Multidisciplinary Cluster may not be shared with your major program courses—see below.

**Examples:**

- The B.S. program in Biological Sciences requires majors to complete BIO 204. BIO 204 is an approved Natural Sciences Inquiry course. A major in this area takes this course and satisfies both a major requirement and the Natural Science Inquiry area. This student may take up to two more courses or a total of 6 more units in this shared major-GE program way.
- A Sociology major completes SOC 325: Social Change, a requirement for the Sociology major and an approved course in the Citizenship, Community, and Service component of the Global Citizen Cluster. This student has also completed SOC 101 as a major requirement and a Social Inquiry course. The student now has a total of 6 shared units of major/GE credit and may take up to 3 more units in this shared way.
- The B.S. in Business Administration completes MGSC 208 as part of the major's core requirements and elects ECON 315 and FIN 410 to meet major requirements. This student has shared the maximum 9 units/3 courses between the major and the GE program (Quantitative Inquiry, Social Inquiry, and Global Study).
- A GE course may not be applied to more than one GE category. Because the goal of the GE program is student breadth of learning in inquiry areas and clusters rather than completion of specific courses, and because the inquiry areas and clusters are defined as ways of thinking rather than rigid subject areas, courses often appear in more than one GE area. In order to ensure this breadth of learning, students may use one GE course to satisfy one GE category only.

**Examples:**

- ART 367: History of Photography is an approved course in both the Artistic and Social Inquiry categories. A student may complete the course to satisfy only one of these GE areas. The student decides according to his or her overall academic plan which of the two Shared Inquiry categories is to be met by completion of the course.
- A student completes PHIL 303: Environmental Ethics in the Values and Ethical Inquiry category. The student then decides to take “Technology, Science, and Society” as her/his Inter/Multidisciplinary Cluster. PHIL 303 is an option within the cluster. The student must decide if s/he will include PHIL 303 as one of the cluster courses or as a Values and Ethical Inquiry course—it cannot satisfy both.

- **You may not share courses/units in the GE Inter/Multidisciplinary Cluster with your major program courses.**

The premise of the Inter/Multidisciplinary category is that you will study an area of interest outside of your major in some depth. The area may have some interdisciplinary connection to your major (the “Inter” part of this category) or it may be a separate, second area of interest (providing for study of more than one disciplinary area—the “Multi” part). Because the goal is to integrate and enrich your learning beyond your major program, courses/units in this area may not be shared between GE and the major program.

Students may choose a cluster that includes courses from their major discipline, but they may not enroll in the major discipline courses as part of the cluster.

**Examples:**

- A History major may choose the cluster below but may not take any courses with the designation of HIST to complete the cluster:

**HISTORY AND MEDIA**

**Focus:** This cluster allows students to examine the impact of film, photography, and other forms of mass media as agents of historical change, as appropriate media for presenting history, and as materials that provide insight into the past.

**Restrictions:** Open to all majors.

**Courses:** Four of the following, two of which must be at the upper division level. Prerequisites appear in brackets.

ANTH 372: Images of American Indians

ART 367: History of Photography

COM 151: Introduction to Mass Communication

COM 311: Radio: History/Impact

COM 351: Propaganda and Public Opinion [COM 151, 210, or consent of instructor]

FTV 244: History of Film (to 1944)

FTV 245: History of Film (1946 to present)

FTV 246: History of Television

HIST 252: History and Film

HIST 254: British History Through Film and Documentaries

HIST 256: Film and American History

HIST 258: Latin American History Through Film

HIST 333: Images of History

- A History major may not choose an Inter/Multidisciplinary Cluster in which the only available courses in the cluster are HIST designations (or are cross-listed with HIST-designated courses, such as REL 306/HIST 306).
- In selecting a cluster that includes courses from a student's major area, the student must make certain s/he can meet the cluster requirement of two upper division courses in areas outside the major. For example, the "Informatics" cluster is closed to Mathematics majors even though it includes four Computer Science courses along with four Mathematics courses because only one of the Computer Science courses is at the upper division level. Thus a Mathematics major cannot meet the requirement that all students complete at least two of four required cluster courses at the upper division level and outside of the major program.
- In addition to the shared 9 units of the primary major, you may share up to 6 units of a minor or up to 9 units of a second major program with GE.

By completing a minor or second major, students satisfy the Inter/Multidisciplinary GE category. Any 6 of the units in the minor and any 9 units in the second major units in the second major may be applied to other GE areas.

**Example:**

- SPAN 440 is a course in the Artistic Inquiry, Global Study, and Language Study categories. If the student completes SPAN 440 as part of a minor or second major, this course may be applied to the Artistic Inquiry; Global Study; or Language Study.
- The minor or second major must be completed for students to use this option. A student who completes only 12 units of a Spanish minor or major program, for example, may not use these courses as an equivalent to the Inter/Multidisciplinary Cluster unless these courses form an approved I/M Cluster.

**Guidelines on Flexible GE Areas**

- **The GE program totals 45-46 units, depending on course selection.**

In the Natural Sciences Inquiry category, courses with a laboratory component carry 4 units and those without carry 3 units. Your choice in this category determines whether your total GE units will be 45 or 46.

- **You can fulfill the Inter/Multidisciplinary Cluster by completing a minor or second major.**

Because the purpose of this part of the GE program is to ensure some depth of learning in an area outside your major, minors and second majors automatically satisfy this part of the program.

- **You can fulfill the Global Study portion of the Global Citizen Cluster through completion of an approved (CU or transferable) semester- or year-long study abroad program outside the U.S.**

By living and studying in a country outside the U.S. for a semester or longer, you meet the Global Study learning outcomes. Courses you complete in a study abroad program satisfy applicable GE areas. If you complete four courses abroad, for example, you may have one course satisfy the Language category, another course satisfy the Citizenship, Community, and Service category, and two courses satisfy two Shared Inquiry categories. You will also have satisfied the Global Study category.

- **You can reassign a course you've completed for one GE area to a different GE area in your Program Evaluation.**

One of the goals of the GE program is to encourage you to explore areas of potential interest. If you complete a course in any Shared Inquiry category and then decide you'd like to pursue a related cluster, minor, or second major, you may choose to use the SI course as a cluster course if it's approved for that cluster. You will then need to choose another course for the previous category.

In the same way, if you complete a Global Study course and then decide to study abroad, you may use the Global Study course in any other GE category in which it's been approved.

**Example:**

- A student completes ESCI 101: Introduction to Environmental Science as a Natural Science Inquiry course. S/he decides to take the I/M Cluster "Earth and Its Environment." ESCI 101 is the required core course for this cluster. The student can apply the course to the cluster and take a different Natural Science Inquiry course, or s/he may decide to have the course remain a Natural Science Inquiry course and take four other courses in the cluster.
- A student completes ART 264: Art of India, the Himalayas and Southeast Asia as a Global Study course in the Global Citizen Cluster. The student later decides to complete a semester-long study abroad program, which satisfies the Global Study requirement. The student may now fulfill the Artistic Inquiry category with the ART 264 course, since it is approved in that category.
- **With prior approval from the General Education Committee, you may satisfy the Global Study category through a U.S.-based travel course whose content meets the Global Study category description ("diversity inherent in our social and natural environments"). With prior approval, you may satisfy the Citizenship, Community, and Service category through a travel course whose content meets the Citizenship, Community, and Service category description.**

A travel course within the U.S. that has an intensive focus on social or natural diversity may meet the criteria for the Global Study category; a travel course with a focus on citizenship, community, and/or service may meet the CCS category criteria. Students should contact the GE Committee by e-mail at [ge@chapman.edu](mailto:ge@chapman.edu) before the term in which the course is offered.

- **With prior approval from the General Education Committee, you may satisfy units in the Global Study and Citizenship, Community, and Service categories through experiential learning.**

We define experiential learning as an internship, faculty-student research project, or service-learning experience consisting of 120 hours of documented work. The focus of the learning experience must relate directly to the GE category criteria. This option is available to students with sophomore or above standing

- **GE Block Transfer for Students transferring into Chapman University.**  
Completion of the full CSU or University of California Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (UC IGETC) certification or other state's equivalent transfer certification prior to matriculation at Chapman satisfies the following GE requirements:
  - Shared Inquiry - all categories (18-19)
  - Exploration Cluster - Freshman Foundations (3) Global Study (6) and Community Service (3)

Remaining requirements include Foreign Language Cluster and the Inter/Multidisciplinary Cluster which are eligible to be met by qualifying transfer credit.