

# **GE PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

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## **I. Program Philosophy and Program Learning Outcomes**

The Chapman General Education program reflects Chapman's commitment to the breadth of learning that characterizes a strong liberal arts education. It embodies the distinctive Chapman goal that each student be supported in making his or her education as meaningful and valuable as possible. The GE program 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 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

## **II. Guidelines on Shared Credits**

- **You may share up to 9 credits 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 credits 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 credits in these GE categories.

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

**Example:**

○ The B.S. in Business Administration completes MGSC 208 as part of the major's core requirements and elects ECON 314 and FIN 410 to meet major requirements. This student has shared the maximum 9 credits/3 courses between the major and the GE program (Quantitative Inquiry, Social Inquiry, and Global Study).

• **You may not apply a GE course 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.

**Example:**

○ 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/credits in the GE Inter/Multidisciplinary Cluster with the courses offered in your major program.**

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/credits 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.

**Example:**

○ 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: Mass Communication

COM 331: 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 244]  
 FTV 246: History of Television  
 HIST 213: Judaism: The History and Religion  
 HIST 234: 3000 Years of Jewish History  
 HIST 252: History and Film  
 HIST 254: British History through Film and Documentaries  
 HIST 255: From Kabbalah to Humus: Jewish History since 1500  
 HIST 256: Film and American History  
 HIST 258: Latin American History Through Film  
 HIST 297: The Holocaust in History and Film  
 HIST 305: Cooking, Clothes, and Comics: History of Daily Life in Modern Europe  
 HIST 333: Images of History  
 HIST 339: Immigration, Border Consciousness, and the Chicano Experience  
 HIST 358: Jews in Western Europe  
 HIST 395: Technology in Historical Research, Analysis, and Pedagogy  
 POSC 317: Media and Politics  
 POSC 341: Mass Media Law

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.

**• In addition to the shared 9 credits of the primary major, you may share up to 6 credits of a minor or up to 9 credits 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 credits in the minor and any 9 credits in the second major may be applied to other GE areas.

#### **Examples:**

- ITAL 301 is a course in the Artistic Inquiry, Global Study, and Language Study categories. If the student completes ITAL 301 as part of a minor or second major, this course may be applied to the 7AI/Artistic Inquiry; 7GC/Global Study; or 7LC/Language Study.
- A student completes ENV 112: Introduction to Hazards and Global Environmental Change as a 7NI/Natural Science Inquiry course. S/he decides to take the I/M Cluster "Earth and Its Environment." ENV 112 is a course in this cluster. The student can apply the course to the cluster and take a different 7NI course, or s/he may decide to have the course remain a 7NI course and take four other courses in the cluster.
- The minor or second major must be completed for students to use this option. A student who completes only 12 credits 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.

### **III. Guidelines on Flexible GE Areas**

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

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

- **You must select an Inter/Multidisciplinary Cluster from the approved clusters listed on the GE web site, and you must officially declare your I/M Cluster through the Registrar's Office** ([http://www.chapman.edu/RegOffice/OC/forms/interdisciplinary\\_2009.pdf](http://www.chapman.edu/RegOffice/OC/forms/interdisciplinary_2009.pdf)).
- **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 7GC/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 college-level 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 7CC/Citizenship, Community, and Service category, and two courses satisfy two Shared Inquiry categories. You will also have satisfied the Global Study category.

You may also use courses offered in a study abroad program to satisfy courses in a **declared** Inter/Multidisciplinary Cluster. **Students must officially declare their I/M Cluster prior to seeking approvals for course equivalence in this GE category.**

- **If you are an international student who has completed a high-school-equivalent program outside the U.S. AND you complete at least one semester of full-time study at Chapman University, you satisfy the 7GC/Global Study requirement in full.**

- **Chapman travel courses outside the U.S. automatically satisfy 3 credits of the 7GC/Global Study area.**
- **With PRIOR APPROVAL from the General Education Committee, you may satisfy the 7GC/Global Study category through a U.S.-based travel course whose content meets the 7GC category description (“diversity inherent in our social and natural environments”). With PRIOR APPROVAL, you may satisfy the 7CC/Citizenship, Community, and Service category through a travel course whose content meets the 7CC 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 7GC category; a travel course with a focus on citizenship, community, and/or service may meet the 7CC category criteria. Students seeking a course approval 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 credits in the 7GC/Global Study and 7CC/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.

- **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 7SI 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 7GC/Global Study course and then decide to study abroad, you may use the 7GC course in any other GE category in which it’s been approved.

**Example:**

- A student completes ESCI 101: Introduction to Environmental Science as a 7NI/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 7NI course, or s/he may decide to have the course remain a 7NI course and take four other courses in the cluster.
- A student completes ART 264: Art of India, the Himalayas and Southeast Asia as a 7GC/Global Study course in the Global Citizen Cluster. The student later decides to complete a semester-long study abroad program, which satisfies the 7GC requirement. The student may now fulfill the 7AI/Artistic Inquiry category with the ART 264 course, since it is approved in that category.

#### **IV. GE Block Transfer Policy**

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 - FFC (3), 7GC/Global Study (6), and 7CC/Citizenship, Community, and Service (3)

Remaining requirements include the 7LC/Language area of the Global Citizen Cluster, and 2-3 courses within the Inter/Multidisciplinary Cluster (depending on the number of transferring credits; see below). These requirements may be met by qualifying transfer credit.

- • Students with 30-59.67 credits in transfer prior to matriculation waive 3 lower division credits from the Inter/Multidisciplinary Cluster.
- Students with 60 or more credits in transfer prior to matriculation waive 6 lower division credits from the Inter/Multidisciplinary Cluster.