



GenEd Requirements for Biology Majors

The General Education (GenEd) requirements describe the core courses all students must take in order to graduate. They are an important component of students' education at the University of Illinois. Besides specializing in a major and training for a career, students should become familiar with some of the many other rapidly changing disciplines. This worksheet illustrates the different categories of campus general education courses, the number of courses required in each category, and which categories will be fulfilled with your required courses in Biology (IB, MCB, Bio Teacher Ed). In some cases, a single course may meet more than one requirement. If you have questions, please feel free to speak with a biology advisor or your academic records officer (ARO) in Room 2002 Lincoln Hall. Course options can be found at <https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT>

CAMPUS GENERAL EDUCATION CATEGORIES

COMPOSITION I (COMP1): RHET, CMN or ESL (may be filled by AP credit or earning appropriate scores on SAT or ACT)

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ADVANCED COMPOSITION (ACP): *IB 203 is required for IB and Biology Teacher Ed majors. Any ACP course is satisfactory for MCB majors.

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HUMANITIES & THE ARTS (HUM): Literature & the Arts or Historical & Philosophical

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SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (SBS): Premeds may need 3 courses including PSYC and SOC

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CULTURAL STUDIES: Western/Comparative Culture(s) (WCC)

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CULTURAL STUDIES: Non-Western Culture (NW) Note: Students matriculating prior to FA18 may not need 3 Cultural Studies

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CULTURAL STUDIES: U.S. Minority Culture(s) (NW) Note: Students matriculating prior to FA18 may not need 3 Cultural Studies

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***NATURAL SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY (NAT):** Life Sciences or Physical Sciences - fulfilled by major

1. IB 150 and/or MCB 150

2. CHEM 102

***QUANTITATIVE REASONING I (QR1):** MATH and/or STAT (IB students must take STAT) - fulfilled by major

1. Calc I (MATH 220 or 221) & Statistics (STAT 212) or Calc II (MATH 231)

***QUANTITATIVE REASONING II (QR2):** PHYS and/or MATH (discuss choices with advisor) - fulfilled by major

1. Physics (PHYS 101 & 102 or PHYS 211, 212, 213 & 214) and/or Calc III (MATH 241)

* These requirements will be met with a combination of courses required for the IB or MCB major selected in consultation with an academic advisor.