



University of Southern California
General Education Core Literacies and Global Perspectives
Fall 2022 – Summer 2023

This GE pattern is for students who started college Fall 2015 or thereafter
Check with a counselor to see which GE pattern you should follow

GENERAL EDUCATION CORE LITERACIES and GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

There are six Core Literacy categories, in which eight courses are required. All students must complete one course in each of the Arts, Life Sciences, Physical Sciences, and Quantitative Reasoning, and two courses in each of Humanistic Inquiry and Social Analysis. Global Perspectives includes two requirements. Students must complete one course from each of these two categories.

I. CATEGORY A: THE ARTS (one course)

Architecture 104, 107, 108; **Art History** 101, 102A, 102AH, 102B, 102C, 106, 109, 150, 205A, 205B, 207, 208, 208H, 209;
Dance 101, 103; **English** 39; **Film** 105, 110, 153, 154; **Music** 111, 112, 112H, 113, 116, 117, 215A, 215B;
Photography 150; **Theatre** 103, 104

CATEGORY B: HUMANISTIC INQUIRY (one course at ECC, second course taken at USC)

English 12, 15A, 15B, 18, 20, 21, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34, 35, 36, 40A, 40B, 42, 43, 44, 48;
History 101, 101H, 102, 102H, 140, 141, 145, 152, 154; **Humanities** 1;
Philosophy 101, 101H, 103, 107, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 117; **Political Science** 7

CATEGORY C: SOCIAL ANALYSIS (one course at ECC, second course taken at USC)

Anthropology 2, 2H, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12; **Ethnic Studies** 1, 3, 5; **Geography** 2, 5, 5H, 7; **History** 105, 106, 108, 110, 111, 112, 114, 122, 122H, 128, 129, 143, **Philosophy** 120; **Political Science** 1, 1H, 3, 5, 6, 10, 10H; **Psychology** 110;
Sign Language 130; **Sociology** 101, 101H, 102, 104, 107, 108; **Women Studies** 1

CATEGORY D: LIFE SCIENCES (one course, with corresponding lab if specified)

Anatomy and Physiology 34B; **Anthropology** 1 and 5; **Biology** 10, 10H; 17 with 18; 110, 110H, 120, 120H;
Physiology 31

CATEGORY E: PHYSICAL SCIENCES (one course, with corresponding lab if specified)

Astronomy 12 and 20 or 20H or 12 and 25; **Chemistry** 1A, 20, 21A, 21B; **Geography** 1 and 6; **Geology** 1 and 3;
Geology 2 and 4; **Oceanography** 10, 10H; **Physical Science** 25; **Physics** 1A, 2A, 3A, 11 and 12

CATEGORY F: QUANTITATIVE REASONING (one course)

Economics 100, 101, 101H, 102; **Math** 120, 130, 140, 150, 150H, 165, 180, 190, 191; **Philosophy** 106; **Psychology** 109A,
Sociology 109A

II. GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES (complete one course from each of the following two categories)

* A single course may apply to both a core literacy requirement and a global perspectives requirement

CATEGORY G: CITIZENSHIP IN A DIVERSE WORLD (one course)

Political Science 10, 10H or **Sociology** 108

CATEGORY H: TRADITIONS AND HISTORICAL FOUNDATIONS (one course)

Art History 102A, 102AH, 102B, 205A, 205B, 208, 208H; **English** 31; **History** 101, 101H, 102, 102H, 140, 141, 145, 152;
Music 215A, 215B; **Philosophy** 111, 112, 114, 117; **Political Science** 7

III. LOWER DIVISION WRITING REQUIREMENT (one course)

English 1B, 1BH, 1C, 1CH; **Philosophy** 105, 105H

FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT: Certain USC majors have a language requirement for graduation, which requires completing the third semester (or fifth quarter) of a college-level foreign language with a passing grade (C- or higher), or passing USC's placement examination at a level equivalent to third semester competency (International Relations requires the equivalent of a fourth semester). Students who do not finish their third semester (or fifth quarter) before transferring to USC must take USC's placement examination to determine their level of competency. Therefore, if your major requires the foreign language skill level and if you have started taking a foreign language, you are advised to complete the requirement before transferring to USC. International students whose native language is not English are exempt from the foreign language requirement. A score of 4 or higher on an AP foreign language exam (other than Latin) can fulfill this requirement. **Courses that fulfill this requirement: Chinese 3; French 3, 4, 5; German 3; Japanese 3, 4, 5; Spanish 3, 4, 5**

Departments or Degrees with a Third-Semester Foreign Language Requirement

Dornlife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences – (All majors) and the majors listed below:

B.A.: Animation & Digital Arts, Art, Cinema and Media Studies, Film & Television Production, Communication, Interactive Entertainment, Journalism, Music, Media Arts+Practice, Music, Public Relations, Theatre

B.S.: Global Health, Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, Human Development and Aging (social science track), Lifespan Health

B.M. in Performance: Vocal Arts (one year of French, Italian, German); Strings (two years of the same language)

RESTRICTIONS ON COURSES:

- No more than four (4) semester units of pass/no pass credit may be applied to GE requirement. The lower division writing course cannot be taken pass/no pass
- There are limitations on the maximum number of American Sign language (ASL) (12 units), Physical Education Activity (4 units), Physical Education Theory (12 units), Dance (8 units), Music (Ensemble 4 units, Lessons 16 units), Acting (12 units), Production (12 units), Stagecraft (12 units), Studio Arts: Drawing (12 units), Painting (12 units), 2-D Art (printmaking, photography, computer generated art, miscellaneous) (16 units), 3-D Art (ceramics, sculpture) (12 units), ESL (4 units) units applicable for credit.
- Once a student enrolls at USC, he or she must complete all remaining GE and writing requirements at USC.
- A maximum of 64 units including general education and subjects in preparation for your major may be accepted for transfer toward your degree of USC.
- Courses must receive at least a grade of C- (or pass or credit) to transfer. The lower division writing course cannot be taken pass/no pass. No more than 24 units may be taken pass/no pass.
- Course repetition: 1) courses taken for repeat credit will not be accepted for additional unit credit unless otherwise indicated (i.e. PE activity, music ensemble) 2) courses repeated in which a D or F grade is received, only the first course passed with a C- or higher will be granted unit credit (although **all** attempts will be calculated in the transfer GPA).

USC's POLICY ON DISTANCE EDUCATION: USC will not grant course equivalence to foreign language or laboratory science courses taught via distance learning, television, or online correspondence format and will not satisfy GE core literacy requirements, they earn elective units only. USC will determine on a case-by-case basis whether to grant credit for non-traditional time modes such as "intensive" sessions or special weekend modules. Students are advised to complete courses in the traditional classroom modality to assure that they will get full credit.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSIONS: 1) Intermediate Algebra, 2) Lower division writing requirement (course equivalent to WRIT 130), 3) There is no minimum number of units students must complete before applying for admission. However, if you have fewer than 30 transferable units, the primary focus will be on your high school record and results from the SAT.

MATH REQUIREMENT FOR ADMISSIONS: Transfer students are expected to have achieved a grade of "C" or better in intermediate algebra at the college level or to have completed advanced algebra in high school. Some majors require specific math courses for major preparation. Students should consult with an ECC counselor.

LIMITS ON COLLEGE COURSES TAKEN BEFORE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION:

***Courses must be taught on the college campus by college faculty and NOT used toward high school graduation to earn credit; courses taught in a high school setting, even if they are on a transcript by a college or university, do not earn credit at USC.** However, high school students may take a maximum of 16 semester units of degree credit for college courses taken before high school graduation, if used for college credit only. Courses taken prior to high school graduation may fulfill GE but not the writing requirement or foreign language. Departments may use college courses as a basis to waive prerequisites or specific course requirements on a case-by-case basis.

ADDITIONAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS: <http://www.usc.edu/admission/undergraduate/>