

GENERAL EDUCATION ELECTIVES

General education is that portion of the collegiate experience that addresses the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values characteristic of educated persons. It is unbounded by disciplines and honors the connections among bodies of knowledge. NOVA degree graduates will demonstrate competency in the following general education areas: civic engagement, critical thinking, professional readiness, quantitative literacy, scientific literacy, and written communication.

Consequently, the College, in accord with the general education guidelines of the Virginia Community College System, has determined the following list of general education electives.

It is highly recommended that students consult with an academic advisor or counselor in order to select the most appropriate course for their curriculum and/or transferability to another college.

NOVA offers Passport Courses (<https://catalog.nvcc.edu/passport-courses/>), which are typically taken in the first semester of many degree programs. These courses will transfer to most Virginia public colleges and universities. Exceptions may exist for specific baccalaureate programs. Students also have the option to complete the Uniform Certificate of General Studies (UCGS) (<https://catalog.nvcc.edu/mime/media/15/1271/UCGS+Course+Roster+Mar+2024.pdf>). UCGS courses are also indicated in the General Education Elective section below, marked with an asterisk (*).

Certain programs of study may require specific types of electives. Each type of elective is listed below.

Open Electives may be filled by any course offered by the College.

Transfer Electives may be filled by any General Education elective or other transferable courses from an approved, limited listing. Each degree program that uses this elective has its own list of approved courses.

Technical Electives may be filled only by the specific courses allowed by the program.

General Education Electives may be filled by any course on the General Education list below.

Humanities/Fine Arts Electives

Art

Select two courses chosen from different categories, i.e. the two courses **cannot** be from the same category.

* UCGS course.

Passport course.

Code	Title	Credits
ART 100	Art Appreciation * #	3
ART 101	History of Art: Prehistoric to Gothic * #	3
ART 102	History of Art: Renaissance to Modern * #	3
ART 150	History of Film & Animation	3
ART 215	History of Modern Art	3
ART 250	History of Design	3
CST 130	Introduction to The Theatre * #	3

CST 141	Theatre Appreciation I	3
CST 151	Film Appreciation I * #	3
MUS 121	Music in Society * #	3
MUS 221	History of Western Music pre-1750 * #	3
MUS 222	History of Western Music 1750 to Present * #	3
MUS 225	The History of Jazz	3
MUS 226	World Music (Not currently offered at NOVA) * #	3
PHT 110	History of Photography	3

Humanities

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** Check with your advisor to see if ASL meets the foreign language requirement at your transfer school.

Code	Title	Credits
ARC 200	History of Architecture	4
ASL 201	Intermediate American Sign Language I **	3
ASL 202	Intermediate American Sign Language II **	3
HUM 201	Early Humanities * #	3
HUM 202	Modern Humanities * #	3
HUM 210	Introduction to Women and Gender Studies * #	3
HUM 216	Introduction to Non-Western Cultures (Not currently offered at NOVA) * #	3
HUM 220	Introduction to African American Studies * #	3
HUM 256	Mythology in Literature and the Arts (Not currently offered at NOVA) * #	3
HUM 259	The Greek and Roman Tradition * #	3
PHI 100	Introduction to Philosophy * #	3
PHI 111	Logic * #	3
PHI 220	Ethics and Society * #	3
PHI 227	Bio-Medical Ethics	3
REL 100	Introduction to the Study of Religion * #	3
REL 230	Religions of the World * #	3
REL 233	Introduction to Islam	3
REL 237	Religions of the East * #	3
REL 238	Religions of the West	3
REL 240	Religions in America (Not currently offered at NOVA) * #	3
ARA 201	Intermediate Arabic I	4
ARA 202	Intermediate Arabic II	4
CHI 201	Intermediate Chinese I	4
CHI 202	Intermediate Chinese II	4
FRE 201	Intermediate French I	3
FRE 202	Intermediate French II	3
GER 201	Intermediate German I	3
GER 202	Intermediate German II	3
JPN 201	Intermediate Japanese I	4
JPN 202	Intermediate Japanese II	4
LAT 201	Intermediate Latin I	3
LAT 202	Intermediate Latin II	3
RUS 201	Intermediate Russian I	4
RUS 202	Intermediate Russian II	4

SPA 201	Intermediate Spanish I	3
SPA 202	Intermediate Spanish II	3

Literature

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Code	Title	Credits
ENG 225	Reading Literature: Culture and Ideas *	3
ENG 230	Mystery in Literature & Film	3
ENG 236	Introduction to the Short Story	3
ENG 237	Introduction to Poetry	3
ENG 245	British Literature *	3
ENG 246	American Literature *	3
ENG 250	Children's Literature *	3
ENG 255	World Literature *	3
ENG 256	Literature of Science Fiction	3
ENG 257	Mythological Literature	3
ENG 258	African American Literature *	3
ENG 271	The Works of Shakespeare I	3
ENG 275	Women in Literature *	3
ENG 279	Film And Literature	3

Physical and Life Sciences/Mathematics Electives

Physical and Life Sciences Electives

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Code	Title	Credits
BIO 101	General Biology I * #	4
BIO 102	General Biology II *	4
BIO 106	Life Science (Not currently offered at NOVA) * #	4
CHM 101	Introductory Chemistry I * #	4
CHM 111	General Chemistry I * #	4
CHM 112	General Chemistry II *	4
ENV 121	Foundations of Environmental Science * #	4
ENV 122	Applications in Environmental Science *	4
GOL 105	Physical Geology * #	4
GOL 106	Historical Geology * #	4
GOL 110	Earth Systems: An Environmental Geology Perspective (Not currently offered at NOVA) * #	4
GOL 111	Oceanography I	4
GOL 112	Oceanography II	4
NAS 125	Meteorology	4
PHY 100	Elements of Physics * #	4
PHY 150	Elements of Astronomy	4
PHY 201	General College Physics I *	4
PHY 202	General College Physics II *	4
PHY 241	University Physics I *	4
PHY 242	University Physics II *	4

Mathematics Electives

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Code	Title	Credits
MTH 154	Quantitative Reasoning * #	3
MTH 155	Statistical Reasoning * #	3
MTH 161	PreCalculus I * #	3
MTH 162	PreCalculus II * #	3
MTH 167	PreCalculus with Trigonometry * #	5
MTH 245	Statistics I * #	3
MTH 246	Statistics II	3
MTH 261	Applied Calculus I * #	3
MTH 262	Applied Calculus II	3
MTH 263	Calculus I * #	4
MTH 264	Calculus II * #	4

Social/Behavioral Sciences Electives

History Electives

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Code	Title	Credits
HIS 101	Western Civilizations Pre-1600 CE * #	3
HIS 102	Western Civilizations Post-1600 CE * #	3
HIS 111	World Civilizations Pre-1500 CE * #	3
HIS 112	World Civilizations Post-1500 CE * #	3
HIS 121	United States History to 1877 * #	3
HIS 122	United States History Since 1865 * #	3
HIS 203	History of African Civilizations	3
HIS 231	Introduction to Latin American History	3
HIS 254	History of Modern East Asian Civilizations	3

Other Social/Behavioral Sciences Electives

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Code	Title	Credits
ADJ 100	Survey of Criminal Justice	3
ECO 150	Economic Essentials: Theory and Application * #	3
ECO 201	Principles of Macroeconomics * #	3
ECO 202	Principles of Microeconomics * #	3
GEO 200	Introduction to Physical Geography	3
GEO 210	People & the Land: Intro. to Cultural Geography * #	3
GEO 220	World Regional Geography * #	3
PLS 135	U.S. Government and Politics * #	3
PLS 140	Introduction to Comparative Politics * #	3
PLS 200	Introduction to Political and Democratic Theory	3
PLS 241	Introduction to International Relations *	3
PSY 200	Principles of Psychology * #	3
PSY 216	Social Psychology	3
PSY 219	Cross-Cultural Psychology	3
PSY 230	Developmental Psychology	3
SOC 200	Introduction to Sociology * #	3
SOC 211	Cultural Anthropology * #	3

SOC 268	Social Problems * #	3
SSC 115	Introduction to Global Affairs	3

These courses satisfy specific NOVA program requirements. Students are advised to consult their intended transfer institution's general education and program-specific requirements to ensure that selected courses apply toward their intended transfer program.

Communication, Language, Studio Art, and Technology Electives

Students should align this selection with their intended transfer destination's specific general education or programmatic requirements.

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Code	Title	Credits
ART 121	Foundations of Drawing *	3
ART 131	Two-Dimensional Design *	3
ART 132	Three-Dimensional Design *	3
ART 223	Life Drawing *	3
ASL 101	Beginning American Sign Language I *	4
ASL 102	Beginning American Sign Language II *	4
ASL 201	Intermediate American Sign Language I *	3
ASL 202	Intermediate American Sign Language II *	3
CSC 110	Principles of Computer Science *	3
CST 100	Principles of Public Speaking *	3
CST 110	Introduction to Human Communication *	3
CST 126	Interpersonal Communication	3
CST 229	Intercultural Communication	3
ITE 152	Introduction to Digital and Information Literacy and Computer Applications *	3
MUS 101	Fundamentals of Music *	3
ARA 102	Beginning Arabic II *	4
ARA 101	Beginning Arabic I *	4
ARA 201	Intermediate Arabic I *	4
ARA 202	Intermediate Arabic II *	4
CHI 101	Beginning Chinese I *	4
CHI 102	Beginning Chinese II *	4
CHI 201	Intermediate Chinese I *	4
CHI 202	Intermediate Chinese II *	4
FRE 101	Beginning French I *	4
FRE 102	Beginning French II *	4
FRE 201	Intermediate French I *	3
FRE 202	Intermediate French II *	3
GER 101	Beginning German I *	4
GER 102	Beginning German II *	4
GER 201	Intermediate German I *	3
GER 202	Intermediate German II *	3
JPN 101	Beginning Japanese I *	4
JPN 102	Beginning Japanese II *	4
JPN 201	Intermediate Japanese I *	4
JPN 202	Intermediate Japanese II *	4
LAT 101	Beginning Latin I *	4

LAT 102	Beginning Latin II *	4
LAT 201	Intermediate Latin I *	3
LAT 202	Intermediate Latin II *	3
RUS 101	Beginning Russian I *	4
RUS 102	Beginning Russian II *	4
RUS 201	Intermediate Russian I *	4
RUS 202	Intermediate Russian II *	4
SPA 101	Beginning Spanish I *	4
SPA 102	Beginning Spanish II *	4
SPA 201	Intermediate Spanish I *	3
SPA 202	Intermediate Spanish II *	3