

General Education Guidelines for Azusa Pacific University

Requirement	Helpful Hints & Comments
First-Year Seminar	Course must focus on orientation to college academics while maintaining instruction in orientation, transitions, and holistic wellness. Typically, a 3-unit course. Not required for students who transfer in 30+ units.
Writing 1: The Art & Craft of Writing	Any first-semester composition course. Often titled "Freshman Composition," "College Composition," or "Reading and Composition." Must include basic research skills and a research paper.
Writing 2: Genre, Evidence, & Persuasion	Courses titled "Critical Thinking," "Advanced Composition," etc., that follow a basic freshman level writing course. These courses involve the use of logic, critical thinking, rhetoric, and advanced composition. In addition, genre-specific writing courses will introduce students to the genres of writing, rhetorical moves, and forms of evidence in a specific discipline. Possible courses include: Writing in the Humanities, Writing in the Social Sciences, Writing in the Arts, Writing in Theology, Writing in Business, Writing in Nursing, etc. Must include a research component.
Writing 3: Writing in the Disciplines	This category focuses on preparing students to be professionals in a field by being independent thinkers capable of constructing their own knowledge, including producing polished writing products in the genres of writing that students are likely to use in their future professions. Most courses in this category are required for the specific APU major and are therefore not likely to be fulfilled by a student's transfer work.
Oral Communication	Any Public Speaking or Oral Communication course. Must contain at least 3 individual public speeches. Also, communication courses in Interpersonal, Small Group, Argumentation and Debate, and Intercultural areas are acceptable (<u>however, some majors may require Public Speaking</u>). Cannot be taken as a hybrid course.
Fitness for Life	Any physical activity course with a cardio component and instruction in fitness principles. This includes individual activities, team sports, dance, yoga/mat exercise courses, and intercollegiate sports. Activities with limited physical activity such as bowling will not fulfill the requirement.
Quantitative Literacy	Any course from the Math department of the transferring school that has a prerequisite of Intermediate Algebra. <u>However, certain majors require College Algebra.</u> Please refer to the APU catalog (catalog.apu.edu) to determine whether or not your major requires College Algebra. In addition, Statistics and Applied Statistics courses (e.g. "Statistics for Behavioral Sciences") with an Intermediate Algebra prerequisite will meet this requirement.
Biblical, Theological, & Philosophical Formation-Philosophy Requirement	Must be a broad philosophy course such as Intro to Philosophy, History of Philosophy, philosophy-based Logic, Critical Thinking, and Ethics. All other courses must be evaluated by the Department of Theology & Philosophy for transfer.
History	History courses must be survey courses in world, western, or U.S. history (typically split into two time periods). Histories of large continents or groups are also acceptable (History of Asia, Latin America, Africa, Europe, Eastern Civilization, etc.). However, they must cover approximately 100 years of history.

Literature	Literature courses must be broad surveys of literature that explore the literary genres of fiction, drama, and poetry. This can also include courses in the analysis of literature studying character, story, and themes. Broad courses in World, American, or Multicultural Literature are also acceptable. Other literature courses can be accepted, provided they include the study of literary genres (fiction, drama, and poetry).
Fine Arts	Fine Arts courses must be broad survey courses in Art, Music, Drama, or Theater (sometimes History of Cinema, Drama, or Theater courses) covering approximately 100 years. These must be lecture courses and not studio or applied courses such as drawing, painting, singing, piano, etc.
Social Sciences	One course from the following disciplines: Sociology, Psychology, Economics, Anthropology, Communication Studies, or Political Science. Examples of courses include (but not limited to) Intro to Sociology, General Psychology, Intro to Criminal Justice, Cultural Anthropology, Mass Media, etc.
Natural Sciences	One course: lecture and lab component required. Any basic course in the life or physical sciences. Examples of courses include Fundamentals of Biology, General Biology, Fundamentals of Chemistry, General Chemistry, Introduction to Astronomy, Physical Geology/Geography, Fundamentals of Physics, General Physics, Oceanography, Zoology, Marine Biology. Biology and Chemistry labs cannot be taken online. <u>However, certain majors require specific science courses.</u> Please refer to the APU catalog to determine whether or not your major requires specific science courses.
Foreign Language	One full academic year (2 semesters or 3 quarters) of the same foreign language are required OR proficiency verified by a variety of options, including SAT, AP, CLEP, FLATS, or passing score on an APU Proficiency Test. (Waived with full CSU GE Cert. or IGETC). High School courses taken do not waive this requirement. Must be college level.
Civic Knowledge & Engagement	One course that equips students to understand civic institutions and processes, and develops knowledge of critical thinking about civic principles, or to make wise, informed decisions about effective civic action through engaging students in civic activity and scholarly reflection. Examples of courses include (but not limited to) American Government, State and Local Government, Comparative Government, Religion and Society, Child Welfare, etc.
Intercultural Competence	One course that will equip students to engage with others from diverse cultures with compassion and respect. Course will help students achieve higher levels of personal and social responsibility. May involve study away, service-learning, or community-based research. Examples of courses include (but not limited to) Multicultural or World Art, Cultural History/Travel Study, Intro to World Music, World Religions, Diversity in the Classroom, Cultural Anthropology, etc.
Biblical, Theological, and Philosophical Formation Requirements for Transfer Students	0-29 units at transfer: MIN 108, UBBL 100, UBBL 230, PHIL 100, 3 units of upper-division UBBL, 3 units of THEO 30-59 units at transfer: MIN 108, UBBL 230, THEO or HUM 325, PHIL 100 or HUM 224/HUM324 60-89 units at transfer: UBBL 230, THEO or HUM 325, PHIL 100 or HUM 224/HUM324 90+ units at transfer: UBBL 230, PHIL 100 or HUM 224/HUM324

Transferology

APU subscribes to a service called Transferology, used to show which courses are already approved to transfer to APU. After creating an account, students may enter their transfer coursework and the system will display what (if any) GE or major credit is approved to be provided at APU for those courses. Not all possible courses will appear in Transferology, students should work with Admissions to ascertain the exact credit they will receive upon transfer to APU.

IGETC/CSU GE-Breadth Certification

APU accepts the full Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education Breadth (CSU GE-Breadth) Certification to satisfy the following requirements:

- Intellectual and Practical Skills (except Writing 3)
- Knowledge of Human Cultures and the Physical and Natural World
- Personal and Social Responsibility
- Philosophy from Biblical, Theological, and Philosophical Formation

Please Note: Certification must be completed by January 31st for spring admits and September 30th for fall admits. All other GE requirements still apply. Some majors may require specific math and foreign language courses.

APU Transfer Policy Reminders

APU may accept transfer credit for courses from schools accredited by regional agencies recognized by the Council for Higher Education Administration (CHEA).

In addition, APU may also accept a maximum of 24 units of non-general education elective credit from a combination of schools accredited by national agencies and faith-related organizations. These include:

- Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC)
- Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS)
- Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC)
- Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE)
- Association of Theological Schools (ATS)
- Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS)

All courses must be baccalaureate level and intended for transfer. APU will accept any course designated as transferable to the CSU or UC for units (California Community Colleges only). Remedial courses and vocational/technical courses are not accepted.

Students must complete transfer work with a grade of C- or higher. APU's credit is given on a 4.0 grade scale.

The university can give credit for no more than 70 units of coursework from a two-year college, no more than 90 units from a four-year institution, and no more than 90 units from a combination of two-year and four-year schools.

All quarter units will be converted to semester units. APU grants two semester units credit for every three quarter units.