

General Education Requirements (GERs) for Baccalaureate Degrees

General Education Requirements (GERs) provide students with a common educational experience in order to provide a foundation for further study and broaden the educational experience of every degree-seeking student. They are designed to promote an elevation of the student's level in basic college-level skills (Tier 1), a breadth of exposure to traditional academic disciplines (Tier 2), and an understanding of how to integrate and apply knowledge to an evolving world (Tier 3).

UAA's General Education Values

Develop intellectual and practical skills across the curriculum, including inquiry and analysis, quantitative literacy, critical and creative thinking, problem solving, written and oral communication, information literacy, and collaborative learning.

Build knowledge of human institutions, socio-cultural processes, and the physical and natural world through study of the natural and social sciences, mathematics, humanities, and the arts.

Acquire tools for effective civic engagement in local through global contexts, including ethical reasoning and intercultural competence, with particular emphasis on Alaska and the circumpolar north.

Integrate and apply learning, including ability to synthesize knowledge and skills across general and specialized studies, adapting them to new settings, questions, and responsibilities, and forming a foundation for lifelong learning.

GER Student Learning Outcomes

After completing the GERs, UAA students shall be able to:

- Communicate effectively in a variety of contexts and formats.
- Reason mathematically and analyze quantitative and qualitative data competently to reach sound conclusions.
- Relate knowledge to the historical context in which it developed and the human problems it addresses.
- Interpret different systems of aesthetic representation and understand their historical and cultural contexts.
- Investigate the complexity of human institutions and behavior to better understand interpersonal, group and cultural dynamics.
- Identify ways in which science has advanced the understanding of important natural processes.
- Locate and use relevant information to make appropriate personal and professional decisions.
- Adopt critical perspectives for understanding the forces of globalization and diversity.

- Integrate knowledge and employ skills gained to synthesize creative thinking, critical judgment and personal experience in a meaningful and coherent manner.

Category	Description	Credits
Tier 1	Basic College-Level Skills	12
Tier 2	Disciplinary Areas	22
Tier 3	Integrative Capstone	3
Total		37

All students should consult a faculty or academic advisor for appropriate course selections.

- Baccalaureate students are required to complete 12 credits of basic college-level skills (oral, written and quantitative) before completing 60 total degree-applicable credits.
- Each of the eight GER classifications has a list of approved courses (see the General Education Requirements classification lists). Only courses from the GER classification list may be used to satisfy a distribution area requirement.
- Courses used to satisfy distribution area requirements in General Education may also be used to satisfy school/college requirements and/or degree/program requirements, but no course may be counted in more than one GER category.
- Courses ending with numbers _93 or _94 cannot satisfy a GER, and UAA courses not on the approved GER classification list cannot be petitioned to meet a GER.

Petitions for GERs and/or General University Requirements

Petitions pertaining to GERs and/or General University Requirements must be processed through the Office of Academic Affairs, with final authority to deny or approve resting with the provost. After the petition has received final approval or denial, the student is notified of the decision. Changes in course level, grading or number of credits awarded are not petitionable. UAA courses not on the approved baccalaureate GER lists cannot be petitioned to meet a GER. For more information, see the Academic Petition (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/academicpoliciesprocesses/academicstandardsregulations/academicpetition/>) section.

GER Classification List

Courses listed as satisfying a GER are also identified in the course descriptions (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/coursedescriptions/>). A course satisfying a particular GER in the semester in which it was completed will continue to satisfy that GER for that student even if its status has changed in the catalog under which the student graduates.

Students who wish to use a UAF or UAS course to meet a UAA GER should refer to the table of substitutions below.

UAA Table of GER Substitutions

This table is intended to assist UAA students who wish to use UAF or UAS courses to meet a UAA GER per Board of Regents Policy P10.04.062.

Tier I: Basic College - Level Skills

UAA Courses	UAF Courses	UAS Courses
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Oral Communication Skills - 3 Credits

COMM A111, COMM A235, COMM A237, COMM A241	COJO F121X, COJO F131X, COJO F141X	COMM S111, COMM S235, COMM S237, COMM S241
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Quantitative Skills (Quantitative Literacy) - 3 Credits

MATH A104, MATH A113, MATH A115, MATH A121, MATH A151, MATH A152, MATH A155, MATH A221, MATH A251, MATH A252, MATH A253, STAT A200, STAT A253	MATH F113X, MATH F114X, MATH F122X, MATH F151X, MATH F152X, MATH F156X, MATH F230X, MATH F251X, MATH F252X, MATH F253X, STAT F200X	MATH S113, MATH S151, MATH S152, MATH S251, MATH S252, STAT S107, STAT S200
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Written Communication Skills - 6 Credits

WRTG A111, WRTG A211, WRTG A212, WRTG A213, WRTG A214	WRTG F111X, WRTG F211X, WRTG F212X, WRTG F213X, WRTG F214X	WRTG S111, WRTG S211, WRTG S212
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Tier 2: Disciplinary Areas

UAA Courses	UAF Courses	UAS Courses
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Fine Arts (Arts) - 3 Credits

AKNS A215, AKNS A216, AKNS A261, ART A160, ART A261, ART A262, DNCE A170, MUS A121, MUS A215, MUS A216, MUS A221, MUS A222, MUS A224, THR A111, THR A121, THR A214, THR A215	F223X, ANS F161X, ANS F202X, ANS F223X, ART F200X, ART F261X, ART F262X, COJO F105X, COJO F217X, ENGL F217X, FLPA F105X, FLPA F121X, FLPA F161X, FLPA F200X, FLPA F215X, FLPA F217X, JRN F105X, JRN F217X, HUM F201X, MUS F103X, MUS F125X, MUS F200X, MUS F223X	ART S105, ART S160, ART S181, ART S201, ART S260, ART S261, ART S262, MUS S123, THR S111, THR S211, THR S212
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Humanities - 6 Credits

AKNS A101A, ANL F141X, ANL AKL S105, AKL
 AKNS A101B, F142X, ANL F251X, S106, AKL S107,
 AKNS A101C, ANL F255X, ASLG AKL S108, AKL
 AKNS A101D, F101X, ASLG F202X, S109, AKL S110,
 AKNS A101E, CHNS F101X, CHNS AKL S205, AKL
 AKNS A101F, F102X, COJO F101X, S206, AKL S207,
 AKNS A101H, COJO F102X, ENGL AKL S208, AKL
 AKNS A102A, F200X, ENGL A201X, S209, AKL S210,
 AKNS A102B, ENGL F270X, FL COMM S101, ENGL
 AKNS A102C, F200X, FREN F101X, S200, ENGL S215,
 AKNS A102D, FREN F102X, GER ENGL S217, ENGL
 AKNS A102E, F101X, GER F102X, S226, ENGL S261,
 AKNS A102F, INU F111X, INU FREN S101, FREN
 AKNS A102H, F112X, JPN F101X, S102, HIST S105,
 AKNS A201, JPN F102X, LAT HIST S106, HIST
 AKNS A230, F101X, LAT F102X, S131, HIST S132,
 AKNS A261, LING F101X, LING HUM S120, PHIL
 ASL A101, F216X, PHIL F102X, S101, PHIL S201,
 ASL A102, PHIL F104X, RELG PHIL S301, SPAN
 ASL A201, F221X, RUSS F101X, S101, SPAN S102,
 ASL A202, RUSS F102X, SPAN SPAN S201, SPAN
 CHIN A101, F101X, SPAN F102X, S202
 CHIN A102, YUP F101X, YUP
 CHIN A201, F102X
 CHIN A202,
 ENGL A121,
 ENGL A200,
 ENGL A203,
 ENGL A205,
 ENGL A206,
 ENGL A245,
 FREN A101,
 FREN A102,
 FREN A201,
 FREN A202,
 GER A101,
 GER A102,
 GER A201,
 GER A202,
 HIST A101,
 HIST A102,
 HIST A121,
 HIST A122,
 HIST A131,
 HIST A132,
 HNRS A192,
 HUM A211,
 HUM A212,
 JPN A101, JPN A102,
 JPN A201, JPN A202,
 LING A101,
 PHIL A101,
 PHIL A201,
 PHIL A211,
 PHIL A212,
 PHIL A301,

PHIL A305,
 PHIL A313,
 PHIL A314, PS A331,
 PS A332, PS A333,
 RUSS A101,
 RUSS A102,
 RUSS A201,
 RUSS A202,
 SPAN A101,
 SPAN A102,
 SPAN A201,
 SPAN A202,
 THR A211, THR A212

**Natural Sciences -
 7 Credits Including
 One Laboratory
 Course**

Laboratory Courses

ANTH A205 / ANTH A205L, ASTR A103 / ASTR A103L, ASTR A104 / ASTR A104L, BIOL A102 / BIOL A103, BIOL A108, BIOL A111, BIOL A112, BIOL A178 / BIOL A179, CHEM A103 / CHEM A103L, CHEM A104 / CHEM A104L, CHEM A105 / CHEM A105L, CHEM A106 / CHEM A106L, ENVI A211 / ENVI A211L, GEOL A111 / GEOL A111L, GEOL A115 / GEOL A115L, GEOL A178 / GEOL A179, GEOL A221, LSIS A102, PHYS A123 / PHYS A123L, PHYS A124 / PHYS A124L, PHYS A211 / PHYS A211L, PHYS A212 / PHYS A212L	ATM F101X, BIOL F100X, BIOL F103X, BIOL F104X, BIOL F111X, BIOL F112X, BIOL F115X, BIOL F116X, BIOL F120X, CHEM F100X, CHEM F103X, CHEM F104X, CHEM F105X, CHEM F106X, CHEM F111X, GEOG F111X, GEOS F101X, GEOS F106X, GEOS F112X, GEOS F120X, MSL F111X, PHYS F102X, PHYS F103X, PHYS F104X, PHYS F115X, PHYS F165X, PHYS F211X, PHYS F212X, PHYS F213X	BIOL S103, BIOL S104, BIOL S111, BIOL S112, BIOL S115, BIOL S116CHEM S103, CHEM S105, CHEM S105L, CHEM S106, CHEM S106L, ENVS S102, GEOL S104, PHYS S102, PHYS S123, PHYS S124, PHYS S211, PHYS S212	ANTH A205, ASTR A103, ASTR A104, BIOL A100, BIOL A102, BIOL A178, BIOL A200, CHEM A103, CHEM A104, CHEM A105, CHEM A106, ENVI A111, ENVI A211, GEOG A111, GEOL A111, GEOL A115, PHYS A101, PHYS A123, PHYS A124, PHYS A211, PHYS A212	ANTH S205, CHEM S100, CHEM S105, CHEM S106, GEOL S105, OCN S101, PHYS S165
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Social Sciences - 6 Credits

Non-laboratory Courses

ANTH A101,	ACCT F261X, ANS	ANTH S101, ANTH
ANTH A200,	F111X, ANS F242X,	S202, ANTH S211,
ANTH A202,	ANTH F100X, ANTH	ECON S100, ECON
ANTH A211,	F101X, ANTH F111X,	S201, ECON S202,
ANTH A250,	ANTH F211X, BA	GEOG S101, PS S101,
BA A151, CEL A292,	F151X, BA F254X,	PS S102, PS S202, PS
ECON A101,	BA F281X, ECE	S251, PSY S111, PSY
ECON A102,	F104X, ECE F107X,	S250, SOC S101, SOC
ECON A120,	ECE F210X, ECE	S201
ECON A123,	F229X, ECON F101X,	
ECON A210,	ECON F102X, ECON	
EDEC A105,	F111X, ECON F120X,	
ENVI A212,	ECON F235X, GEOG	
GEOG A101,	F101X, HIST F100X,	
HNRS A292,	HIST F102X, HIST	
INTL A101,	F110X, HIST F122X,	
JPC A204,	HIST F132X, HUMS	
JUST A110,	F125X, JUST F110X,	
JUST A175,	JUST F125X, JUST	
JUST A251,	F251X, PS F100X, PS	
JUST A330,	F101X, PS F201X, PS	
LEGL A101,	F221X, PSY F101X,	
LSSS A111,	PSY F123X, RD	
PS A101, PS A102,	F200X, SOC F101X,	
PS A311, PSY A111,	SOC F201X, SPRT	
PSY A150, PSY A200,	F281X, SWK F103X,	
SOC A101,	WGS F201X	
SOC A201,		
SOC A202,		
SWK A106,		
SWK A243,		
URS A121,		
WSGS A200		