

# 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
<b>Total</b>		<b>37</b>

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
<b>Oral Communication Skills - 3 Credits</b>		
COMM A111, COMM A235, COMM A237, COMM A241	COM F121X, COM F131X, COM F141X	COMM S111, COMM S235, COMM S237, COMM S241
<b>Quantitative Skills (Quantitative Literacy) - 3 Credits</b>		
MATH A104, MATH A113, MATH A115, MATH A121, MATH A151, MATH A152, MATH A155, MATH A221, MATH A251, MATH A251F, MATH A252, MATH A252F, MATH A253, STAT A200, STAT A253	MATH F113X, 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, MATH S253, STAT S200
<b>Written Communication Skills - 6 Credits</b>		
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

### Tier 2: Disciplinary Areas

UAA Courses	UAF Courses	UAS Courses
<b>Fine Arts (Arts) - 3 Credits</b>		

AKNS A215, AKNS A216, AKNS A261, ART A160, ART A261, ART A262, DNCE A170, MUS A100, MUS A110, MUS A121, MUS A215, MUS A216, MUS A224, THR A111, THR A121, THR A214, THR A215	ACNS F223X, ANS F161X, ANS F202X, ANS F223X, ART F105X, ART F200X, ART F261X, ART F262X, ENGL F217X, FLPA F105X, FLPA F121X, FLPA F161X, FLPA F200X, FLPA F215X, FLPA 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, ENGL F200X,	S206, AKL S207,
AKNS A101H,	ENGL A201X, ENGL	AKL S208, AKL
AKNS A101I,	F270X, FL F200X,	S209, AKL S210,
AKNS A102A,	FREN F101X, FREN	COMM (was JOUR)
AKNS A102B,	F102X, GER F101X,	S101, ENGL S200,
AKNS A102C,	GER F102X, INU	ENGL S215, ENGL
AKNS A102D,	F111X, INU F112X,	S217, ENGL S226,
AKNS A102E,	JOUR F101X, JPN	ENGL S261, ENVI
AKNS A102F,	F101X, JPN F102X,	S120, FREN S101,
AKNS A102H,	LAT F101X, LAT	FREN S102, HIST
AKNS A102I,	F102X, LING F101X,	S105, HIST S106,
AKNS A114A,	LING F216X, PHIL	HIST S131, HIST
AKNS A114B,	F102X, PHIL F104X,	S132, HUM S120,
AKNS A114E,	RELG F221X, RUSS	PHIL S101, PHIL
AKNS A114F,	F101X, RUSS F102X,	S201, PHIL S301,
AKNS A114H,	SPAN F101X, SPAN	SPAN S101, SPAN
AKNS A114I,	F102X, YUP F101X,	S102, SPAN S201,
AKNS A201,	YUP F102X	SPAN S202
AKNS A230,		
AKNS A240A,		
AKNS A240F,		
AKNS A240H,		
AKNS A240I,		
ASL A101,		
ASL A102,		
ASL A201,		
ASL 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 A103,  
PHIL A201,  
PHIL A211,  
PHIL A212,  
PHIL A301,  
PHIL A305, 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, ANTH A211 / ANTH A211L, ASTR A103 / ASTR A103L, ASTR A104 / ASTR A104L, BIOL A102 / BIOL A103, BIOL A108, BIOL A111 / BIOL A111L, BIOL A112 / BIOL A112L, BIOL A178 / GEOL A178, BIOL A179 / GEOL 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 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, BIOL F240X, CHEM F100X, CHEM F103X, CHEM F104X, CHEM F105X, CHEM F106X, CHEM F111X, ENVI F101X, ES F100L, ES F100X, GEOS F101X, GEOS F102X, GEOS F106X, GEOS F111X, GEOS F112X, GEOS F120X, MBI F111X, OCN F111X, PHYS F102X, PHYS F115X, PHYS F123X, PHYS F124X, PHYS F165X, PHYS F211X, PHYS F212X, PHYS F213X, SCIA F101L, WLF F104X	BIOL S103, BIOL S104, BIOL S111, BIOL S112, BIOL S115, BIOL S116, CHEM S103, CHEM S105, CHEM S105L, CHEM S106, CHEM S106L, ENVIS S102, GEOL S104, PHYS S123, PHYS S124, PHYS S211, PHYS S212	ANTH A205, ANTH A211, ASTR A103, ASTR A104, BIOL A100, BIOL A102, BIOL A111, BIOL A112, BIOL A178, BIOL A200, CHEM A103, CHEM A104, CHEM A105, CHEM A106, ENVI A211, GEOG A111, GEOL A111, GEOL A115, GEOL A178, 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	ANS S101, ANTH
ANTH A200,	F111X, ANS F242X,	S101, ANTH S202,
ANTH A202,	ANTH F100X, ANTH	ANTH S211, ECON
ANTH A250,	F101X, ANTH F111X,	S100, ECON S201,
BA A151, CEL A292,	ANTH F211X, BA	ECON S202, GEOG
COMM A255,	F151X, BA F254X,	S101, HIST S105,
COMM A280,	BA F281X, ECE	HIST S106, HIST
ECON A101,	F104X, ECE F107X,	S131, HIST S132, PS
ECON A102,	ECE F210X, ECE	S101, PS S102, PS
ECON A120,	F229X, ECON F101X,	S201, PS S251, PSY
ECON A210,	ECON F102X, ECON	S111, PSY S250, SOC
ECON A256,	F111X, ECON F120X,	S101, SOC S201
EDEC A105,	ECON F235X, HIST	
ENVI A212,	F100X, HIST F102X,	
GEOG A101,	HIST F110X, HIST	
HNRS A292,	F122X, HIST F132X,	
INTL A101,	HUMS F125X, JUST	
JPC A104,	F110X, JUST F125X,	
JUST A110,	JUST F251X, NRM	
JUST A175,	F111X, PS F100X, PS	
JUST A251,	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,		
WSGS A201		