

# General Education

The General Education program at Southwest Baptist University introduces students to areas of study designed to foster intellectual inquiry and breadth of knowledge. These courses help equip students to be successful and educated citizens of a global community. The curriculum provides basic core courses that assure that students acquire academic skills and knowledge, regardless of their majors or areas of concentration. Students spend much of their freshmen and sophomore years taking courses in the general education program.

## Mission Statement

The general education program of Southwest Baptist University seeks to provide students with the knowledge, experiences, skills, and spiritual insights that are foundational to a Christ-centered education and that support success in academic disciplines.

## Vision Statement

The general education program of SBU promotes excellence in scholarship and service by:

- Encouraging students to develop and/or strengthen a personal commitment to Christ
- Enabling students to develop a biblical worldview
- Enabling students to develop knowledge and skills in communication, fine arts, the sciences, mathematics, and technology
- Preparing students to seek knowledge about the past, about current society, and about diverse cultures
- Enabling students to use the tools of research and critical thinking
- Enabling students to become lifelong learners

## General Education Requirements (42 hours)

The University has adopted a 42-credit hour general education block of courses (with approved alternatives) that will satisfy the Missouri Coordinating Board of Higher Education's transfer requirements. These requirements are for all degrees at Southwest Baptist University except the Associate of Science in Nursing (A.S.N.), the Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.), and the Bachelor of Applied Science (B.A.S.). Courses marked with \* are approved alternatives for the listed areas.

### Communication Studies (9 hours)

ENG 1113 English Composition I *and* ENG 2213 English Composition II ..... 6 hours

*or*

\*#ENG 1123 Honors Composition

COM 1103 Fundamentals of Speech *or* COM 2393 Interpersonal Communication

*or* HON/COM 2313 Honors Fundamentals of Speech ..... 3 hours

### Humanities/Cultural Studies (5 hours)

**Choose one course from the Humanities area** ..... 3 hours

FAR 1003 Introduction to Fine Arts

HON 1003 Honors Fine Arts

FAR/ART 1013 Introduction to Art (required for art majors)

FAR 1023 Introduction to Music

FAR 1033 Introduction to Theatre

\*MUS 1633 Survey of Music Literature

PHI 2013 Philosophical Foundations for a Christian Worldview

**Choose one course from the Cultural Studies area** ..... 2 hours

ENG 2312 Survey of World Literature

SOC 2012 Human Diversity

ICS 2911 Cross-Cultural Service Project (must involve 2 different cultures)

\*GEO 1103 Geography

- \*HIS 1113 Introduction to the History of World Civilization: From the Earliest Times to the Renaissance
- \*HIS 1123 Introduction to the History of World Civilization: From the Renaissance to the Present
- \*NUR 3393 Transcultural Nursing

**Social Studies (12 hours)**

- ECO 2003 LIFE Economics *or* \*ECO 2043/HON 2003 Honors LIFE *or* \*ECO 2023 Principles of Microeconomics *or* Principles of Macroeconomics ..... 3 hours
- \*ECO 2033 Principles of Macroeconomics ..... 3 hours
- POL 1113 American Government..... 3 hours
- HIS 2213 History of the United States, 1492-1877 *or*
- HIS 2223 History of the United States, 1877-Present..... 3 hours
- HIS/HON 2013 Honors U.S. History I..... 3 hours
- PSY 1013 General Psychology *or* SOC 1003 Introductory Sociology ..... 3 hours
- or*
- \*EDU 2113 Educational Psychology

**Technical Studies (14 hours)**

- Life Science** - choose one option..... 4 hours
- BIO 1004 Principles of Biology
- Computer Literacy** - choose one option ..... 3 hours
- CIS 1103 Introduction to Computing *or* \*CIS 1033 Foundations of Computer Science
- Mathematics** - choose one option ..... 3 hours
- MAT 1143 College Algebra
- \*MAT 2293 Math for Elementary/Middle School Teachers II
- †MAT 1163 Pre-Calculus
- †BUS/MAT 1193 Business Calculus
- †MAT 1195 Analytics and Calculus I
- \*†PSY 3243 Statistics
- Physical Science** - choose one option ..... 4 hours
- PHS 1004 Introduction to Physical Science
- PHS 1114 Introduction to Earth Science
- \*CHE 1104 Principles of Chemistry
- \*CHE 1115 General Chemistry I
- \*PHS 2005 Physical Science for Elementary and Middle School Teachers
- \*PHS 2314 Astronomy
- \*PHY 1115 General Physics I
- \*PHY 2215 University Physics I

**University Studies (2 hours)**

- UNI/HON 1111 University Seminar ..... 1 hour
- UNI/HON 1121 Critical Thinking..... 1 hour

- \* Approved alternatives for listed areas
- # Students who transfer Honors Composition to SBU and who do not need 6 hours of composition on their transcripts, except to meet SBU's general education requirements, will have their second composition course waived as long as the transferred grade in their Honors Composition course is at least a C.
- † Students with ACT math subscores of 13-18 on the Pre-Algebra/Elementary Algebra *and* 13-18 on the Intermediate Algebra/Coordinate Geometry may elect to take the indicated courses (or MAT 1143) to satisfy the 42-hour general education block.

**Graduation Requirements**

Southwest Baptist University also requires the following courses as graduation requirements, except for degrees noted. These courses help fulfill the mission of the University.

- BIB 1013 Old Testament History ..... 3 hours

BIB 1023	New Testament History .....	3 hours
SPF 2012	Introduction to Spiritual Formation (not required for A.S.N. or B.S.N. degree) .....	2 hours
HPE 1162	Foundations of Physical Fitness/Wellness (not required for A.S.N.).....	2 hours
* HPE 1163	Foundations of Physical Fitness/Wellness for Professionals .....	3 hours

Foreign Language (2 courses in same language; required for A.A. and B.A. degrees) .....6-8 hours

\* Approved alternatives for listed areas

**Total 6-18 hours**

## Bachelor of Applied Science - B.A.S. (33 hours) and Associate of Applied Science - A.A.S. (21 hours) General Education Course Requirements

**Communication Studies** ..... 9 hours

ENG 1113 English Composition I *and* ENG 2213 English Composition II

*or*

ENG 1123 Honors Composition

COM 1103 Fundamentals of Speech *or* COM 2393 Interpersonal Communication

**Humanities/Cultural Studies** ..... 3 hours

FAR 1003 Introduction to Fine Arts

FAR/ART 1013 Introduction to Art

FAR 1023 Introduction to Music

FAR 1033 Introduction to Theatre

HIS 1113 Introduction to the History of World Civilization: From the Earliest Times to the Renaissance

HIS 1123 Introduction to the History of World Civilization: From the Renaissance to the Present

Foreign language

PHI 2013 Philosophical Foundation for a Christian Worldview

**Social Studies** ..... 6-9 hours

ECO 2003 L.I.F.E. Economics *or* ECO 2023 Microeconomics (not required for A.A.S.) *or*

ECO 2033 Macroeconomics

POL 1113 American Government

PSY 1013 General Psychology *or* SOC 1003 Introductory Sociology

HIS 2213 History of the United States, 1492-1877 *or*

HIS 2223 History of the United States, 1877-Present

**Technical Studies**..... 3 hours (A.A.S.) - 12 hours (B.A.S.)

BIO 1004 Principles of Biology

CIS 1103 Introduction to Computing (not required for A.A.S.)

MAT 1143 College Algebra

MAT 1163 Pre-Calculus

BUS/MAT 1193 Business Calculus

MAT 1195 Analytics and Calculus I

MAT 2293 Math for Elementary/Middle School Teachers II

PHS 1004 Introduction to Physical Science

PHS 1114 Introduction to Earth Science

CHE 1004 Principles of Chemistry

CHE 1115 General Chemistry I

PHS 2005 Physical Science for Elementary and Middle School Teachers

PHS 2214 Meteorology

PHS 2314 Astronomy

PHY 1115 General Physics I

PHY 2215 University Physics I

## Graduation Requirements

### B.A.S. and A.A.S. degrees and A.A. in General Studies

The University also requires the following courses as graduation requirements for the B.A.S. and A.A.S. degrees. These courses help fulfill the mission of the University.

BIB 1013	Old Testament History .....	3 hours
BIB 1023	New Testament History .....	3 hours
SPF 2012	Introduction to Spiritual Formation .....	2 hours
HPE 1162	Foundations of Physical Fitness/Wellness .....	2 hours
<b>Total</b>		<b>10 hours</b>