

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 3 hours

Humanities/Cultural Studies (5 hours)

Choose one course from the Humanities area 3 hours

FAR 1003 Introduction to 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	L.I.F.E. Economics <i>or</i> *ECO 2023 Principles of Microeconomics <i>or</i>	
*ECO 2033	Principles of Macroeconomics	3 hours
POL 1113	American Government.....	3 hours
HIS 2213	History of the United States, 1492-1877 <i>or</i>	
HIS 2223	History of the United States, 1877-Present.....	3 hours
PSY 1013	General Psychology <i>or</i> SOC 1003 Introductory Sociology	3 hours
	<i>or</i>	
*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	
*NUR 3353	Nursing Informatics	
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 2214	Meteorology	
*PHS 2314	Astronomy	
*PHY 1114	General Physics I	
*PHY 2215	University Physics I	

University Studies (2 hours)

UNI 1111	University Seminar	1 hour
UNI 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 to 18 on the Pre-Algebra/Elementary Algebra *and* 13 to 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
Foreign Language (2 courses in same language; required for A.A. and B.A. degrees)		6-8 hours

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 <i>and</i> ENG 2213 English Composition II	
<i>or</i>	
ENG 1123 Honors Composition	
COM 1103 Fundamentals of Speech <i>or</i> 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 <i>or</i> ECO 2023 Microeconomics (not required for A.A.S.) <i>or</i>	
ECO 2033 Macroeconomics	
POL 1113 American Government	
PSY 1013 General Psychology <i>or</i> SOC 1003 Introductory Sociology	
HIS 2213 History of the United States, 1492-1877 <i>or</i>	
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 1114 General Physics I	
PHY 2215 University Physics I	

Graduation Requirements B.A.S. and A.A.S.

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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
Total	10 hours