**General Education Component**

**For Bachelor Degree Programs**

**Outline of Core Curriculum**

Students in bachelor degree programs must complete the minimum number of hours indicated in each of the following components for a total of 45 credit hours. Your major field curriculum will specify courses or course categories that you must complete. However, where you have choices of courses that you may select, those choices are specified in the lists that follow. For descriptions of these courses consult the on-line WVSU Catalog available through the link found on the WVSU homepage. Some prerequisite requirements are listed in the course schedule; others are listed at the end of the course descriptions. Be sure you meet the prerequisites for a particular course before enrolling in the course. The courses listed are 3 credit hour courses except where noted otherwise. For students transferring from other State of West Virginia colleges and universities, the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission provides a Core Coursework Transfer Agreement (CCTA), available on its webpage, listing general education courses at each institution which are transferable to all other State of WV higher education institutions for general education purposes.

## INTERDISCIPLINARY MATRIX (10 credit hours)

### FRESHMAN EXPERIENCE

*This course is designed to assist the fi rst-year student in developing skills and abilities necessary for academic success. Required of all fi rst-year students within their fi rst two semesters of college work (as appropriate to their major).* ARH 101 Freshman Experience

BSS 101 Freshman Experience

NSM 101 Freshman Experience

CPS 101 Freshman Experience

UNIV 101 Freshman Experience

### G ED 100 Origins

An interdisciplinary, team-taught course which is the “core of the core” of common learning experiences in the General Education curriculum. The course design is a matrix of themes exploring the questions of origins in the broadest possible way: the origin of the universe, life, humanity, human thought, society, and technology. Each discipline will be investigated across disciplines and through various modes of knowledge: scientifi c, symbolic, aesthetic, and philosophical. PREREQUISITE: ENGL 101 placement. (G ED 100 is waived for transfer students who have completed 30 or more credits when they enter WVSU).

### G ED 200 Human Diversity (Race, Gender and Human Identity)

This course provides the basis for the understanding and transcendence of problems related to race and gender. The origins, nature, and implications of prejudice and discrimination are analyzed from an interdisciplinary perspective. PREREQUISITES: ENGL 101 and GE D 100.

### INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES

*Any of the 101 and/or 102 foreign language courses off ered in the College of Arts & Humanities (may not use two diff erent 101-level courses)*

COMM 446 International Cinema

ENGL 350/351 World Literature OR

ENGL 440 Interpreting the Holocaust

FREN 205 A View of Changing Culture OR

FREN 443 West African Culture

SPAN 205 Spain and its Culture

SOC 305 Birth, Death, and Migration

POSC 210 International Relations OR

POSC 415 Arab Middle East

PHIL 308 World Religions

### HISTORY OF CIVILIZATION

HIST 201/202 World History

## INTELLECTUAL AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT (14 credit hours)

### ENGLISH

ENGL 101 English Composition I

ENGL 102 English Composition II

### MATHEMATICS

Mathematics requirements vary among major programs— consult major department to determine which course is required.

### SPEECH

COMM 100 Speech Communication

### LIFETIME HEALTH AND FITNESS

HHP 122/157 Fitness for Living or Healthy Living

## MODES OF INQUIRY (21 credit hours)

### LITERATURE

ENGL 150 Introduction to Literature

### FINE ARTS

ART 100 Art Appreciation

ART 101 Studio I - Introduction to Art

COMM 140 Film Appreciation

COMM 170 The Art of the Theatre

MUS 104 American Music: A Panorama

MUS 107 Appreciation of Music

### NATURAL SCIENCE

BIOL 101 Principles of Biology *(4 credit hours)*

BIOL 108 Environmental Biology

BIOL 110 Economic Biology *(4 credit hours)*

BIOL 120 Fundamentals of Biology *(4 credit hours)*

CHEM 100 Consumer Chemistry

PHYS 103 Elements of Physical Science

PHYS 106 Introduction to Physical Geology *(4 credithours)*

PHYS 110 Weather & Climate

PHYS 120 Astronomy (with optional 1 credit hour laboratory – PHYS 121)

PHYS 170 Physics through Photography

### AMERICAN TRADITIONS

HIST 207/208 History of the United States

POSC 101 American National Government

### SOCIAL STRUCTURES AND BEHAVIOR

POSC 100 Introduction to Government and Politics

PSYC 151 General Psychology

SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology