



General Education—Pathway GPS/Online

Pathway serves three functions for GPS students: it provides General Education courses to fulfill the 30 s.h. General Education requirement, it offers a suite of three courses in basic skill development, and it offers some exploratory courses for students who are not sure what they want to major in.

General Education courses in the Arts and Sciences, called the Core Curriculum at King University, have served King's Traditional student population for decades and are the academic foundation for the King experience. General Education courses in Pathway are identical to many Core Curriculum courses and give students the skills, ideas, and knowledge they need to pursue their major coursework with confidence. In addition to their academic major, General Education courses are what distinguish a college graduate from fellow citizens who have not had the opportunity to complete a Bachelor's Degree. Some students in GPS and Online programs take general education courses at community colleges. Others choose to do all of their academic work, including General Education, at King.

GPS and Online students can complete General Education through Pathway. Any Pathway courses fulfill distribution requirements across the five Core Curriculum Outcomes. These are the same courses that exist for Traditional students but have been packaged for GPS and/or Online delivery. SACSCOC guidelines for awarding Bachelor's Degrees state that students must have at least 30 semester hours in the arts and sciences. Pathway courses provide what GPS and Online students must have to fulfill this requirement.

Guidelines for Advisement of Pathway Students

Pathway students must complete ENGC 1110, English Composition: Writing and Speech, and a college-level mathematics course (usually MATH 1560, Introduction to Statistics for students coming to King not having already completed a college math course) within their first 24 s.h. of coursework and/or before they enter major courses.

Comprehensive Assessment for general education is OAK (Outcomes Assessment at King), a test that students take through Blackboard in their graduation semester.

Core Competencies

Pathway, as well as the Core Curriculum, is structured around five competencies. Students must master knowledge, skills, and ways of thinking before graduation from King and demonstrate their competence through specific measures detailed in the Pathway assessment plan.

1. **Citizenship:** Students must demonstrate that they understand how individuals relate to institutions: governmental, ecclesiastical, commercial, educational, and charitable.
 - 1.1 Students will articulate what it means to be a U.S. citizen in today's world.
 - 1.2 Students will articulate what it means to be a global citizen in today's world
 - 1.3 Students will consider the ethical implications of decisions that impact their lives as well as the lives of others.

- 1.4 Students will recognize the importance of service and identify an area where they can apply their individual skills and interests to assist others.
2. **Intellectual and Practical Skills:** Students must master fundamentals for success in the classroom and beyond.
 - 2.1 Students will be able to communicate effectively in writing.
 - 2.2 Students will be able to communicate effectively in speaking and demonstrate effective listening.
 - 2.3 Students will be able to communicate effectively with numbers.
 - 2.4 Students will demonstrate the ability to collaborate with peers to accomplish tasks.
 - 2.5 Students will demonstrate information literacy.
 - 2.6 Students will employ skills of analysis when presented with a problem.
 - 2.7 Students will demonstrate competency in the use and application of technology.
 - 2.8 Students will gain awareness of health and wellness issues based on current scientific understanding.
3. **Human Culture:** Students must develop an understanding of culture through the study of religion, language, values, and social/ economic/ political systems. Such understanding can lead to transformative actions.
 - 3.1 Students will understand the Christian tradition.
 - 3.2 Students will assess cultural practices in the contexts of place, time, and worldview.
 - 3.3 Students will demonstrate proficiency in a second language.
 - 3.4 Students will examine ways in which identity, including their own, is shaped by culture.
 - 3.5 Students will describe the basic teachings and practices of other world religions.
4. **Humanities:** Students explore their own aesthetic sensibilities as they examine the diverse ways artists express views of truth, beauty, spirituality, society, and the human condition and how aesthetics and worldview combine to create meaning in literature and in the performing and visual arts.
 - 4.1 Students will analyze and interpret aesthetic texts as expressions defined by their genres and historical contexts.
 - 4.2 Students will apply appropriate critical and evaluative techniques to aesthetic texts.
5. **Natural and Physical World:** Students must demonstrate an understanding of the procedures, success, and limitations of modern science.
 - 5.1 Students will apply the scientific method to address problems.
 - 5.2 Students will differentiate data-based conclusions from opinion and from other ways of knowing.
 - 5.3 Students will articulate and evaluate the impact of current and emerging science and technologies on social and ethical issues.

GPS and Online students must have six courses in all five categories with only two of those courses being absolutely required. The rest of their 30 semester hour general education requirement can be approved electives in the arts and sciences.

1. One course that meets the *Citizenship* category requirement (history, political science)

2. English Composition REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS (can be taken at King or transferred in from another institution)—*Intellectual and Practical Skills*
3. One course in college-level Mathematics—*Intellectual and Practical Skills*
4. One course that meets the *Human Culture* requirement
(RELG 1001 Foundations of Christian Faith and Practice is REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS (a unique course that must be taken at King University) in the *Human Culture* category. Other courses in this category, which can be taken as electives to bring the general education total number of hours up to 30, include intermediate-level foreign language, psychology, and religion.)
5. One course that meets the *Humanities* requirement—(literature, film studies, art history, music history, theatre history, photography, history of photography, studio art, or 4 semester hours of performance credit in instrumental music, vocal music, or theatre)
6. One course that meets the *Natural and Physical World* requirement that mandates Science with a Laboratory

King University General Education Courses in Pathway Format

Citizenship—Core Competency 1

Choose from the following courses..... 4 s.h.

APAL 3150

Appalachian History (4 s.h.)

ECON 2000

Economic and Social Systems: Principles of Economics (4 s.h.)

HIST 2110

20th and 21st Century Global History (4 s.h.)

HIST 2161

An American Nation: Beginnings to 1877 (4 s.h.)

HIST 2162

An American Nation: 1877 to Present (4 s.h.)

HIST 2171

Western Civilization in Global Context I (4 s.h.)

HIST 2172

Western Civilization in Global Context II (4 s.h.)

LIBS 3400

The Quest for Community and an Ordered Society (4 s.h.)

PSCI 2010

United States Government (4.s.h.)

PSCI 2020

World Politics (4 s.h.)

Intellectual and Practical Skills—Core Competency 2..... 8 s.h.

ENG 1110

English Composition: Writing & Speech (4 s.h.)

MATH 1560

Introduction to Statistics (4 s.h.)

Human Culture—Core Competency 3..... 4 s.h.

RELG 1001

Foundations of Christian Faith and Practice (4 s.h.)

Other courses in the Human Culture category that may be elected to satisfy the General Education requirement of 30 semester hours are:

- LATN 2000
Intermediate Latin (4 s.h.)
- PSCI 2120
Cultural Diversity in America (4 s.h.)
- PSYC 1520
General Psychology (4 s.h.)
- RELG 2430
Encountering the World's Religions (4 s.h.)
- SPAN 2000
Intermediate Spanish (4 s.h.)

Humanities—Core Competency 4

Choose from the following courses 4 s.h.

- APAL 2120
Appalachian Literature: An Introduction (4 s.h.)
- DMAD 2000
History of Photography (4 s.h.)
- ENGL 2110
20th and 21st Century Global Literature (4 s.h.)
- ENGL 2161
American Literature I (4.s.h.)
- ENGL 2162
American Literature I (4.s.h.)
- ENGL 2450
Introduction to Film Studies (4 s.h.)
- IDST 2200
The Arts in Historical Context (4 s.h.)
- LIBS 3000
Quest for Self-Knowledge (4 s.h.)
- PHOT 1010
Photographic Foundations (4 s.h.)
- THTR 1110
Acting I (4 s.h.)

Science—Core Competency 5 4 s.h.

- BIOL 1110
Principles of Biology (4 s.h.)

Questions regarding Pathway scheduling and content should be directed to a Student Success Specialist. A GPS Student's Transfer Evaluation showing which credits from a previous institution will transfer to King and what General Education categories those courses would satisfy is completed by the Office of Registration and Records by the end of a student's first semester at King.

General education courses not only satisfy a graduation requirement, they provide students with skills and perspectives that enable them to succeed in their major courses. General education courses must be taken as soon as possible after matriculation. The most important courses for enhancing students' success in their academic work are English composition and Mathematics.

Pathway Courses that Build Skills for GPS Students

In addition to the general education requirements, there are courses offered every semester in Pathway that enhance academic skills and therefore improve performance in all subsequent courses.

Students returning to college after years spent working or raising families can elect to start their studies with the King University Skills Semester. The three courses in this sequence prepare students to succeed in the general education required courses.

MATH 1000	
Principles of Mathematics	4 s.h.
IDST 1610	
Preparing for College Level Work.....	4 s.h.
ENGC 1010	
English Composition: Basic Composition.....	4 s.h.

Pathway Courses that Explore GPS Disciplines

Some general education courses serve as introductions to GPS majors. ENGL 2110 20th and 21st Century World Literature, ENGL 2161 American Literature I, or ENGL 2162 American Literature II show students how the English Online major would be. HIST 2110 20th and 21st Century Global History, HIST 2161 U.S. to 1877, or HIST 2162 U.S. 1877 to the Present introduce History Online. RELG 1001 Foundations of Christian Faith and Practice introduces Religious Studies Online.

In addition, other introductory courses give students experience in specific disciplines to help them choose a major, minor, or concentration.

Business Administration

- BUSA 1700 Introduction to Business (4 s.h.)
- BUSA 2010 Digital Skills for 21st Century Workplaces (4 s.h.)
- BUSA 3010 Personal Financial Planning (4 s.h.)

Criminal Justice

- CRJU 1500 Introduction to Criminal Justice (4 s.h.)

Information Technology

- ITEC 2000 Computer Concepts (4 s.h.)

Psychology

- PSYC 1520 General Psychology (4 s.h.)

Social Work

- SOWK 3410 Historical Foundations and Contemporary Issues (4 s.h.)