About General Education
All students seeking a bachelor’s degree from SU are required to complete a series of courses that span several areas of study; this program is called General Education. General Education promotes intellectual development and provides students with a common ground of understanding and competence for meeting the challenges of today’s world as educated individuals.

General Education Requirements
While every SU student must complete requirements in each of the Group I-V categories, how the requirements are fulfilled varies from major to major. The following provides you an overview of what courses are required for General Education.

Group I – Composition and Literature (2 courses)
A. ENGL 103 – Research and Composition
B. 1 literature course
   For example, but not limited to, Understanding Poetry, Studies in English Literature, African-American Literature

Group II – History (2 courses)
A. HIST 101 World Civilization I
   OR HIST 102 World Civilization II
B. Either of the above courses not already taken or any history course above HIST 103
   Elementary and Early Childhood Education Majors Please Note: Group IIIB must be any history course above HIST 103.

Group III – Humanities & Social Sciences (3 courses)
A. Select one course from one of the following areas:
   ART
   CMAT – Communication Arts
   DANC or THEA – Dance or Theatre (not both)
   MDFL – Modern Foreign Languages
   For example, but not limited to, Chinese, French, Spanish, Russian, sign language.
   MUSC – Music
   PHIL – Philosophy
B. Select one course from one of the following areas:
   ANTH – Anthropology
   CADR – Conflict Analysis and Dispute Resolution
   ECON or FINA – Economics or Finance (not both)
   GEOG – Human Geography
   POSC – Political Science
   PSYC – Psychology
   SOCI – Sociology
C. Select one course from either Group III A or III B (course must be from a different area than previously selected).
   For example, Elementary Spanish I (SPAN 101) will satisfy Group III A (humanities) and General Psychology (PSYC 101) will satisfy Group IIIB (social science); to satisfy Group IIIC, select one more course from EITHER IIIA or IIIIB, except SPAN or PSYC courses.

Group IV – Natural Science, Math and Computer Science (4 courses)
A. Select courses with laboratories from two different areas below (at least six credit hours total):
   BIOL – Biology
   CHEM – Chemistry
   GEOL OR Physical GEOG – Geology or Physical Geography (not both)
   PHYS – Physics
   For example, a biology course with a lab and a physics course with a lab will satisfy this requirement. However, two chemistry courses with labs will not satisfy Group IVA because they represent the same discipline.
B. Select one course from:
   Group IVA (need not be a lab)
   COSC – Computer Science
   MATH – Mathematics
   Any lab or non-lab science disciplines listed in Group IVA or a computer science or math course may be used to satisfy this requirement.
C. Select one MATH course

Group V – Health Fitness (1 course)
All students must complete FTWL 106 Lifelong Fitness and Wellness

Check the Checklist
Frequently, some General Education requirements are met by your major requirements; they will be indicated as “Fulfilled by Major” in the General Education section of your intended major’s checklist. To view a checklist of requirements for your intended major and to see how General Education fits into your program of study, visit: www.salisbury.edu/checklists

If in Doubt, Go to the Catalog
If you aren’t sure if a course meets General Education requirements, refer to the University catalog where the course descriptions indicate if the course meets General Education requirements and if so, which group. The catalog is available online at: www.salisbury.edu/catalog

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