University Core Curriculum
Elementary Education and Special Education Majors

The University Core Curriculum (UCC) is a required component of all undergraduate degrees. The spirit of the UCC emerges from the kinds of intellectual attitudes the university strives to develop in students. The central purpose of the UCC is to enable students to live rich, satisfying lives and to undertake the broad responsibilities of citizenship in a free society. Students must earn a combined GPA of at least 2.000 in the UCC to graduate.

The UCC has four components and a writing emphasis course requirement. Descriptions of the Foundation and Tier 1 courses can be found in this handbook. MUSE 265 will satisfy the writing emphasis course requirement. Course descriptions for all UCC courses can be found in the online Ball State catalog (bsu.edu/catalog). Each course is identified with its credit hours.

Foundation Requirements

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<th>Written Communication</th>
<th>Mathematics</th>
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<td>*Complete one option</td>
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<td><strong>ENG 101</strong> Foundations of Rhetoric and Writing 1 (2)</td>
<td><strong>MATH 201</strong> Number, Algebra, and Probability for the Elementary Teacher (4)</td>
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<td><strong>ENG 102</strong> Foundations of Rhetoric and Writing 2 (2)</td>
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<td><strong>ENG 104</strong> Composing Research (3)</td>
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<td><strong>OR</strong></td>
<td><strong>MATH 207</strong> Mathematics for the Teacher of the Exceptional Learner (4)</td>
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<td><strong>ENG 103</strong> Rhetoric and Writing (3)</td>
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<td><strong>COMM 210</strong> Fundamentals of Public Communication (3)</td>
<td><strong>Select one course</strong></td>
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<td><strong>History</strong></td>
<td><strong>PFW 100</strong> Physical Conditioning (2)</td>
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<td><strong>HIST 150</strong> The West in the World (3)</td>
<td><strong>PFW 103</strong> Walking (2)</td>
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<td><strong>PFW 117</strong> Water Aerobics (2)</td>
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<td><strong>FCS 135</strong> Financial Literacy (1)</td>
<td><strong>PFW 148</strong> Aerobics (2)</td>
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<td><strong>FIN 101</strong> Personal Finance for Fiscal Wellness (1)</td>
<td><strong>PFW 217</strong> Swimming (2)</td>
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<td><strong>FIN 110</strong> Personal Finance (3)</td>
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- English sequence is determined by placement.
- A minimum grade of C is required in ENG 101, 102, 103, 104, and COMM 210.
- The Writing Proficiency Requirement (exam or course) must be completed prior to graduation. See page 21 for more information.
- The appropriate math course is determined by placement and major requirement. Students may be required to take a math placement exam.
- Credit in only one PFW course may count toward graduation.
- PFW 101 and 102, 105, 160, 161 and 162 will satisfy the physical fitness/wellness requirements for students needing special accommodations or with special circumstances.

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Tier 1: Domain Requirements

**Fine Arts**
AHS 100 Introduction to Art (3)

**Humanities**
HIST 201 American History, 1492-1876 (3)

**Natural Sciences**
GEOG 101 Earth, Sea, and Sky: A Geographic View (3) or GEOL 101 Planet Earth’s Geological Environment (3)

**Social Sciences**
Select one course
- ANTH 101 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (3)
- CJC 101 Introduction to American Criminal Justice System (3)
- CJC 102 Introduction to Criminology (3)
- COMM 240 Introduction to Human Communication (3)
- COMM 290 Intercultural Communication (3)
- ECON 116 Survey of Economic Ideas (3)
- ECON 201 Elementary Microeconomics (3)
- ECON 247 Economics and Statistics in the Media (3)
- GEOG 150 Global Geography (3)

**Select one course**
- PLAN 100 Introduction to Urban Planning and Development (2)
- POLS 130 American National Government (3)
- PSYS 100 Introduction to Psychological Science (3)
- SOC 100 Principles of Sociology (3)
- PSYC 224 Family and Society (3)
- PSYC 242 Social Problems (3)
- PSYC 260 Social Interaction (3)

Tier 2: Domain Requirements

**Fine Arts, Design, and Humanities**
MUSE 265 Basic Music for Classroom Teachers (3)

**Natural and Social Sciences**
BIO 102 Biological Concepts for Teachers (3)

**Select one of the following**
- HONR 296* substitutes for PHYCS 101
- HONR 297* substitutes for GEOG 101 or GEOL 101
- HONR 298* substitutes for BIO 102

Recommended combination: PHYC 101, BIO 102, and HONR 297.

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Tier 3: Student Teaching Experience

Honors College students:
- ENG 114* will substitute for ENG 104
- HONR 201* and HONR 202* and HONR 203* will substitute for MUSE 265. Either HONR 202 or 203 will satisfy the writing emphasis course requirement.
- HONR 199* substitutes for HIST 201

Select one of the following:
- HONR 296* substitutes for PHYCS 101
- HONR 297* substitutes for GEOG 101 or GEOL 101
- HONR 298* substitutes for BIO 102

Recommended combination: PHYC 101, BIO 102, and HONR 297.