CORE CURRICULUM

BACCALAUREATE AND ASSOCIATE DEGREE STUDENTS

All students enrolled in baccalaureate and associate programs must complete the University System of Georgia-approved core curriculum, which was developed to

1. Foster institutional accountability for learning,
2. Incorporate learning requirements in global perspectives and critical thinking,
3. Allow institutional flexibility in tailoring courses to the institution’s mission, and
4. Ensure transferability to another University System of Georgia institution.

The USG-approved core curriculum is divided into the following areas:

Area A1 – Communication Outcomes
Area A2—Quantitative Outcomes
Area B – Institutional Options
Area C – Humanities, Fine Arts, and Ethics
Area D – Natural Science, Mathematics, and Technology
Area E – Social Sciences
Area F – Electives

The following areas constitute the College’s core curriculum.

Area A1: Communication Outcomes: 6 hours
ENGL 1101 Composition I 3
ENGL 1102 Composition II * 3

Area A2: Quantitative Outcomes: 3 hours
Choose one of the following:
MATH 1001 Quantitative Reasoning** 3
MATH 1111 College Algebra** 3
MATH 1112 Trigonometry 3
MATH 1113 Pre-Calculus Mathematics*** 4
MATH 2053 Calculus I 4

Science Majors
B.S. Biology majors must take MATH 1112 or MATH 1113 and make a minimum grade of C. MATH 1112 or MATH 1113 is required for all other Science majors and either course serves as an immediate prerequisite to MATH 2053. Completion of MATH 1112 fulfills the MATH 1113 requirement.

*ENGL 1102 satisfies the Critical Thinking Overlay requirement.
**Natural Resources Management majors must make a minimum grade of C.
***Only Science majors who take a four-hour MATH will have one hour that may be counted in Area F.

Area B: Institutional Options: 3-6 hours
Choose one of the COMM classes below:
COMM 1100 Human Communication OR
COMM 1110 Public Speaking 3

In addition, students may also choose any of the following:
AGRI 2209 Agricultural Seminar 1
BUSA 1101 Business Seminar 1
CISM 2201 Fundamentals of Computer App 3
HUMN 1100 Topics in the Humanities 1
HUSC 2114 Wellness and Human Experience 3
PNUR 1106 Perspectives in Women’s Healthcare 2
PNUR 1108 Cultural Diversity in Health and Illness 2
Area C: Humanities, Fine Arts, and Ethics: 6 hours

Choose 3 hours of the following Humanities electives:
- ENGL 2114 World Literature I Beginnings – 15th Century 3
- ENGL 2115 World Literature II 15th - 18th Century 3
- ENGL 2116 World Literature III 19th Century - Present 3

Choose 3 hours of the following Fine Arts electives:
- ARTS 2211 Art History I 3
- ARTS 2212 Art History II 3
- ARTS 2213 Art Appreciation 3
- ENGL 2114 World Literature I Beginnings – 15th Century 3
- ENGL 2115 World Literature II 15th - 18th Century 3
- ENGL 2116 World Literature III 19th Century - Present 3
- Foreign language (1002) or higher (excluding 1110) 3
- HUMN 2221 Western World Humanities I 3
- HUMN 2222 Western World Humanities II 3
- MUSC 1100 Music Appreciation 3
- THEA 1100 Theatre Appreciation 3

(Courses that satisfy the Global Overlay requirement: ARTS 2213, ENGL 2114, ENGL 2115, ENGL 2116, HUMN 2221, HUMN 2222 or MUSC 1100)

Area D: Natural Science, Mathematics, & Technology: 11-12 hours

I. Non-Science Majors:

Choose two of the following lab science courses† (8 hours):
- BIOL 1107 & lab Principles of Biology I 3/1
- BIOL 1108 & lab Principles of Biology II 3/1
- PHSC 1011 & lab Physical Science I 3/1
- PHSC 1012 & lab Physical Science II 3/1
- SCIE 1005 & lab Environmental Science 3/1

Plus one course from the following:
- Any course from the above list
- CSCI 1100 Introduction to Computing 3
- SCIE 1005 (w/o lab) Environmental Science 3
- SCIE 1006 Marine Science* 3
- SCIE 1007 Introductory Geology* 3
- MATH 1112 or higher (except MATH 2008) ** 3 – 4

*Either of the PHSC classes can serve as a pre-requisite for SCIE 1006 or SCIE 1007.
**Math electives may be discipline specific.
†Non-science majors may alternately choose 8 hours from the list of courses for science majors in Area D.
Note: Students changing from a science to a non-science major or transferring from another USG institution may use courses taken in Area D part II, to satisfy the Core Area D requirement.

II. Science Majors: ***

Choose any sequence from the following:
- BIOL 1107 & lab Principles of Biology I AND 3/1
- BIOL 1108 & lab Principles of Biology II 3/1
- CHEM 1211 & lab Principles of Chemistry I AND 3/1
- CHEM 1212 & lab Principles of Chemistry II 3/1
- PHYS 1111 & lab Introductory Physics I AND 3/1
- PHYS 1112 & lab Introductory Physics II 3/1
PHYS 2211 & lab  Principles of Physics I  AND  3/1
PHYS 2212 & lab  Principles of Physics II  3/1

Plus 3-4 hours from the following:*
- Any lecture and lab course from the above list  4
- Any MATH higher than 1113 (Except MATH 2003 and 2008) ** 3 - 4
- MATH 2053 is required for further study in mathematics, chemistry, computer science, physics, and B.S. Biology majors.
- MATH 2054 is required for further study in engineering.
- Students choosing to further study agricultural education are exempt from the Area D sequence requirement for science majors.

*Science majors who choose 4 hours may have one hour that may be counted in Area F.

** MATH 1112 or MATH 1113 is required for further study in physical education and A.S.N. nursing majors.

***B.S. Biology majors are required to make a minimum grade of C in Area D courses.

Area E: Social Sciences: 9-12 hours
HIST 2111  United States History I OR  3
HIST 2112  United States History II  3
POLS 1101  American Government*  3

Choose 3-6 hours from the following courses:
- AECO 2258  Applied Economics OR  3
- ECON 2106**  Principles of Microeconomics  3
- ECON 2105**  Principles of Macroeconomics  3
- GEOG 1101  Introduction to Human Geography  3
- GNDR 1101  Introduction to Gender Studies  3
- HIST 1111  World History I  3
- HIST 1112  World History II  3
- HIST 2111  United States History I  3
- HIST 2112  United States History II  3
- HIST 2201  African-American History  3
- HIST 2232  Minorities in American History  3
- POLS 2401  Global Issues  3
- PSYC 1101  Introduction to General Psychology  3
- PSYC 2101  Introduction to the Psychology of Adjustment  3
- PSYC 2103  Human Growth and Development  3
- RELG 1100  Introduction to World Religions  3
- SOCI 1101  Introduction to Sociology  3
- SOCI 1160  Introduction to Social Problems  3

*POLS 1101 satisfies the U.S. Overlay Requirement.
**Students may not simultaneously enroll in ECON 2105 and ECON 2106.

(Courses that satisfy the Global Overlay requirement: GEOG 1101, HIST 1111, HIST 1112, POLS 2401 or RELG 1100)

Areas A-E: must total 42 hours

Area F: 18 hours

HUMANITIES ELECTIVES FOR A.A.S. MAJORS

Humanities electives required for Associate of Applied Science programs may be chosen from the following list, unless otherwise noted.

ARTS 2211  Art History I  3
ARTS 2212  Art History II  3
ARTS 2213  Art Appreciation  3  
ENGL 2114  World Literature I Beginnings – 15th Century  3  
ENGL 2115  World Literature II 15th - 18th Century  3  
ENGL 2116  World Literature III 19th Century – Present  3  
HUMN 2221  Western World Humanities I  3  
HUMN 2222  Western World Humanities II  3  
MUSC 1100  Music Appreciation  3  
THEA 1100  Theatre Appreciation  3  

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In addition to Areas A-E, three additional learning goals--US Perspectives, Global Perspectives, and Critical Thinking--are added to the core. US Perspectives and Global Perspectives are overlay requirements and each institution must designate some courses in Areas A-E that satisfy these learning requirements. Each institution must also develop a plan to insure that students who complete Areas A-E acquire foundational critical thinking skills. Courses designated as meeting the US Perspectives and Global Perspectives overlay requirements, and institutional critical thinking plans, must be approved by the Council of General Education.

Source: http://www.usg.edu/policymanual/section3/C338/

The list of ABAC courses that fulfill the Core Overlay requirements follows.

**US Perspectives**  
- POLS 1101 American Government

**Critical Thinking**  
- ENGL 1102 Composition II

**Global Perspectives**  
- ARTS 2213 Art Appreciation  
- ENGL 2114 World Literature I  
- ENGL 2115 World Literature II  
- ENGL 2116 World Literature III  
- GEOG 1101 Introduction to Human Geography  
- HIST 1111 World History I  
- HIST 1112 World History II  
- HUMN 2221 World Humanities I  
- HUMN 2222 World Humanities II  
- MUSC 1100 Music Appreciation  
- POLS 2401 Global Issues  
- RELG 1100 Introduction to World Religions