Connecting General Education Outcomes to General Education Courses/Requirements

VSU GENERAL EDUCATION OUTCOMES

1. Students will demonstrate understanding of the society of the United States and its ideals. They will possess the requisite knowledge of the society of the United States, its ideals, and its functions to enable them to become informed and responsible citizens. They will understand the connections between the individual and society and the roles of social institutions. They will understand the structure and operational principles of the United States government and economic system. They will understand United States history and both the historical and present role of the United States in the world.
2. Students will demonstrate cross-cultural perspectives and knowledge of other societies. They will possess sufficient knowledge of various aspects of another culture, including the language, social and religious customs, aesthetic expression, geography, and intellectual and political history, to enable them to interact with individuals within that society from an informed perspective. They will possess an international viewpoint that will allow them to examine critically the culture of their own nation and to participate in global society.
3. Students will use computer and information technology when appropriate. They will demonstrate knowledge of computer concepts and terminology. They will possess basic working knowledge of a computer operating system. They will be able to use at least two software tools, such as word processors, spreadsheets, database management systems, or statistical packages. They will be able to find information using computer searching tools.
4. Students will express themselves clearly, logically. and precisely in writing and in speaking, and they will demonstrate competence in reading and listening. They will display the ability to write coherently in standard English; to speak well; to read, to understand, and to interpret the content of written materials in various disciplines; and to listen effectively and to understand different modes of communication.
5. Students will demonstrate knowledge of scientific and mathematical principles and proficiency in laboratory practices. They will understand the basic concepts and principles underlying scientific methodology and be able to collect, analyze, and interpret data. They will learn a body of scientific knowledge and be able to judge the merits of arguments about scientific issues. They will be able to perform basic algebraic manipulations and to use fundamental algebraic concepts to solve word problems and equations. They will be able to use basic knowledge of statistics to interpret and to analyze data. They will be able to evaluate arguments based on quantitative data.
6. Students will demonstrate knowledge of diverse cultural heritages in the arts, the humanities, and the social sciences. They will develop understanding of the relationships among the visual and performing arts, literature and languages, and history and the social sciences. Students will be versed in approaches appropriate to the study of those disciplines; they will identify and respond to a variety of aesthetic experiences and engage in critical thinking about diverse issues. They will be able to identify the components of and respond to aesthetic experiences in the visual and performing arts. They will develop knowledge of world literature within its historical and cultural frameworks. They will understand modem issues within a historical context and the role of the individual in various forms of societies and governments.
7. Students will demonstrate the ability to analyze, to evaluate, and to make inferences from oral, written. and visual materials. They will be skilled in inquiry, logical reasoning, and critical analysis. They will be able to acquire and evaluate relevant information, analyze arguments,

synthesize facts and information, and offer logical arguments leading to creative solutions to problems.

8. Students will demonstrate knowledge of principles of ethics and their employment in the analysis and resolution of moral problems. They will recognize and understand issues in applied ethics. They will understand their own value systems in relation to other value systems. They will judge values and practices in a variety of disciplines.

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Table 1 links the eight competencies of VSU's General Education Outcomes to courses/requirements in the General Education curriculum (Areas A-E). An "X" indicates that assignments or other activities in a course/program requirement facilitate the particular competency as determined by examining the approved course descriptions that most closely align with each of VSU's General Education outcomes.

Table 1
Competencies for Graduating Seniors

General Education Requirements	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Area A (9 hrs.) Essential Skills								
Engl 1101/1101H	X		X	X				
Engl 1102/1102H	X		X	X				
Math 1101 or Math 1111 or Math 1113/1113H or Math 2261/2261H or Math 2262	X X X X X				X X X X X		X X X X X	
Area B (4 hrs.) Perspectives								
Pers 2110- Pers 2199 Ethics and Values *(9 courses available)* or	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Pers 2210- Pers 2299 Tradition and Change *(4 courses available)* or	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Pers 2300- Pers 2399 Human Expression *(17 courses available)* or	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Pers 2410- Pers 2499 Environment and Physical World *(11 courses available)* or	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Pers 2510- Pers 2599 Race and Gender *(7 courses available)* or	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Pers 2600- Pers 2699 Cross-Cultural Understanding and Expression *(14 courses available)* or	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Pers 2700- Pers 2799	X	X	X	X		X	X	X

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Competencies for Graduating Seniors

General Education Requirements	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
World of Work *(8 courses available)*								
Area C (6 hrs.) Humanities/Fine Arts								
Engl 2110/2110H or	X	X	X	X		X		
Engl 2120/2120H or	X	X	X	X		X		
Engl 2130/2130H or	X	X	X	X		X		
Engl 2140	X	X	X	X		X		
Art 1100/1100H or	X	X		X		X		
Comm 1100 or	X	X		X				
Comm 1110 or	X	X		X				
Danc 1500 or	X	X		X		X	X	
Musc 1100 or	X	X		X		X		
Musc 1110 or	X	X		X		X		
Musc 1120 or	X	X		X		X		
Musc 1130 or	X	X		X		X		
Mdia 2000 or	X	X		X				
Thea 1100 or	X	X		X		X		
Phil 2010/2010H or	X	X		X		X	X	X
Phil 2020/2020H or	X	X		X		X	X	X
Rel 2020 or	X	X		X		X	X	X
Wmst 2010 or	X	X		X		X		
Fren 1101/1102/1111/ 2001/2002 or		X				X		
Grmn 1101/1102/1111/ 2001/2002 or		X				X		
Japn 1101/1102/1111/ 2001/2002 or		X				X		
Latn 1101/1102/1111/ 2001/2002 or		X				X		
Russ 1101/1102/1111/ 2001/2002 or		X				X		
Span 1101/1102/1111/ 2001/2002		X				X		
Area D (11 hrs.) Science, Math, and Technology								
Astr 1010K or			X		X		X	
Astr 1020L or			X		X		X	
Biol 1010/1020L or			X		X		X	
Biol 1030/1040L or			X		X		X	
Biol 1951H or			X		X		X	
Biol 1952H or			X		X		X	
Chem 1010 or			X		X		X	
Chem 1151K or			X		X		X	
Chem 1211/1211L or			X		X		X	
Chem 1212/1212L or			X		X		X	
Geog 1112K or			X		X		X	
Geog 1113K or			X		X		X	
Geog 1121K or			X		X		X	
Geog 1122K or			X		X		X	
Phys 1111K or			X		X		X	
Phys 1112K or			X		X		X	

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Phys 2211K or			X		X		X	
Phys 2212K			X		X		X	
Astr 1000 or			X		X		X	
Biol 1050 or			X		X		X	
Biol 1060 or			X		X		X	
Biol 1070 or			X		X		X	
Biol 1080 or			X		X		X	
Biol 1090 or			X		X		X	
Engr 1010 or			X		X		X	
Geog 1110 or			X		X		X	
Geol 1110 or			X		X		X	
Math 1112 or	X		X		X		X	
Math 1261 or	X		X		X		X	
Math 2620 or	X		X		X		X	
Math 2261 or	X		X		X		X	
Math 2262 or	X		X		X		X	
Phsc 1100			X		X		X	
Area E (12 hrs.) Social Sciences								
Pols 1101/1101H	X	X	X	X			X	X
Hist 2111/2111H or	X		X	X		X	X	
Hist 2112/2112H	X		X	X		X	X	
Afam 2020 or	X	X				X	X	X
Wmst 2020 or	X	X				X	X	X
Anth 1102/1102H or	X			X		X		X
Econ 1500 or	X		X	X				
Econ 1900H or	X		X	X	X			
Geog 1100 or	X	X	X	X		X		
Geog 1101 or	X	X	X	X		X		
Geog 1102 or	X	X	X	X		X		
Geog 1103 or	X	X	X	X		X		
Hist 1011/1011H or	X	X	X	X		X		
Hist 1012/1012H or	X	X	X	X		X		
Hist 1013/1013H or	X	X	X	X		X		
Pols 2101 or	X		X	X		X		
Pols 2401/2401H or	X		X	X		X		
Pols 2501 or	X		X	X		X		
Psyc 2500/2500H or	X		X	X		X		X
Soci 1101/1101H or	X		X	X		X	X	
Soci 1160	X		X	X		X	X	

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