

General Education Course Equivalency Guide between Maricopa Community Colleges and Grand Canyon University



Grand Canyon University requires all students seeking a baccalaureate degree to complete general education competencies in Effective Communication, Critical Thinking, and Global Awareness. The table below outlines Grand Canyon University's general education requirements and examples of commonly transferred courses from the Maricopa Community Colleges that may fulfill the required general education competencies.

Effective Communication

Description	GCU Requirement	Maricopa Courses	Transfer Credit
Effective communication involves constructing communications appropriate to diverse audiences, purposes, and occasions (English composition, communication, critical reading, foreign language, sign language, etc.). Students are required to take 3 credits of English composition.	Bachelor of Science 9-12 credits	ENG-101 First-Year Composition	3
		ENG-102 First-Year Composition	3
		COM-100 Introduction to Human Communication	3
		COM-110 Interpersonal Communication	3
	Bachelor of Arts 13-16 credits	COM-225 Public Speaking	3
		CRW-150 Introduction to Creative Writing	3
		SLG-101 American Sign Language I	4
		SPA-101 Elementary Spanish I	4

Critical Thinking

Description	GCU Requirement	Maricopa Courses	Transfer Credit
Critical thinking is the use of various analytic and problem-solving skills to examine, evaluate, and/or challenge ideas and arguments (mathematics, biology, chemistry, physics, geology, astronomy, physical geography, ecology, economics, logic, philosophy, technology, statistics, accounting, etc.). Students are required to take 3 credits of college mathematics or higher.	Bachelor of Science 11-12 credits	MAT-140 College Mathematics	5
		MAT-150 College Algebra/Functions	5
		AST-101 Survey of Astronomy	4
		BIO-105 Environmental Biology	4
	Bachelor of Arts 3-4 credits	CHM-130/130LL Fundamental Chemistry Lecture & Lab	4
		GLG-101/103 Introduction to Geology I - Physical & Lab	4
		PHI-101 Introduction to Philosophy	3
		PHY-101 Introduction to Physics	4

Global Awareness, Perspectives, and Ethics

Description	GCU Requirement	Maricopa Courses	Transfer Credit
Global awareness brings appreciation of and empathy for differences in arts and culture, values, experiences, historical perspectives, and other aspects of life (psychology, sociology, government, Christian studies, Bible, geography, anthropology, economics, political science, child and family studies, law, ethics, cross-cultural studies, history, art, music, dance, theater, applied arts, literature, health, etc.).	Bachelor of Science 6-8 credits	PSY-101 Introduction to Psychology	3
		SOC-101 Introduction to Sociology	3
		ENH-110 Introduction to Literature	3
		HIS-100 History of Western Civilization to Middle Ages	3
	Bachelor of Arts 10-12 credits	HUM-108 Contemporary Humanities	3
		MHL-145 American Jazz and Popular Music	3
		REL-100 World Religions	3
		THE-111 Introduction to Theatre	3

All Grand Canyon University programs follow a Program of Study, which can be changed by the University at any time. All Programs of Study are subject to the terms, conditions, and policies outlined in the University's enrollment application and the [University Policy Handbook](#).

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