Georgia State University requires all students seeking a baccalaureate degree program to satisfactorily complete a basic core of general education subjects. Areas A to E of Georgia State’s core curriculum are designed to provide students with a wide array of courses as a means of gaining a basic education in the liberal arts and assisting students in their choice of a major.

The structure of the Core, which is shared in common with the colleges and universities of the University System of Georgia, is designed to enable students to transfer their general education requirements from one institution to another. The Georgia State University Common Core Curriculum consists of 42 semester hours divided into five parts: Areas A-Written Communication and Mathematics; B-Institutional Foundations; C-Humanities and Fine Arts; D-Natural and Computational Sciences; and E-Social Sciences. A sixth part, Area F, completes the 60 semester hours of the Core and consists of 18 semester hours of Lower Division Major Requirements.

In addition, the University System of Georgia requires all students to demonstrate competence in Critical Thinking, United States (history or political science), and Global Issues.

Administration of Policy

Mandating Authority: University Senate

Responsible Office(s):
Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, 100 Auburn, 3-2574
Senate Committee on Admissions and Standards

Responsible Executive(s):

Policy History

Approving Body: Senate
Rationale or Purpose

The new BOR Core Curriculum rules require all system institutions to have overlay requirements for the CT,* US, and GL areas. The BOR policy also gives Georgia State the option to change the number of hours in the areas of the core and/or to change the courses in each area.

Additional Information

For more detailed information, please refer to the Undergraduate Catalog. http://enrollment.gsu.edu/catalogs/

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Additional Helpful Resources