

# General Education and the Degree Audit – Program beginning SU 2018

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# General Education Overview

## Requirement Terms

- The new General Education requirements are in effect for students starting or re-enrolling Summer 2018 or later.
- The Program Requirement Term is what determines General Education requirements and is typically the year a student enters the university.
- The Program Requirement Term remains the same when students change major(s)/program(s).
- The Program Requirement Term needs to be 2185 or later in order to display the new General Education requirements.
- Some Re-enrollment and Transfer students may request permission through Summer 2020 to change their Program Requirement Term to a term prior to 2185. See Memo posted on [gened.psu.edu](http://gened.psu.edu)>Faculty/Staff> [Advising Resources](#)
- The What-If Report request page provides an explanation of all Requirement Terms toward the top of this page. The Program Requirement Term is highlighted below.

### Career Scenario

**Career Requirement Term:** Typically the year a student enters the university. Relates to Career-level requirements such as Residency and Entrance Requirements.

**Program Requirement Term:** Typically the year a student enters the university. Relates to General Education requirements.

**Plan Requirement Term:** Typically the year a student enters their Plan/Subplan. Relates to Major/Option, Minor and Certificate requirements.

Requirement Term Type	Career	Requirement Term
Career	Undergraduate ▼	(2188) Fall 2018 ▼
Program		(2188) Fall 2018 ▼
Plan		(2198) Fall 2019 ▼

### Program Scenario

The information that appears on the page by default is your current academic information. You can use the fields below to set up a what-if scenario based on one or more programs of study. You can define up to three scenarios.

Academic Program	Plan(Major/Minor/Certificate)	Subplan
Agricultural Sciences ▼	Comm, Envir & Develop (BS) ▼	Interntl Develop ▼
None ▼	None ▼	None ▼
None ▼	None ▼	None ▼

### Course Scenario

Select the "browse course catalog" button and then select courses for inclusion in your course what-if scenario.

[browse course catalog](#)

What-If Course List			
Course	Units	*Term	Grade
	▼	▼	▼

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## What-If Courses

Students and advisors can add unscheduled course(s) of interest to their audit request through “What-If Course” functionality, available at the bottom of the What-If audit request. This allows users to see how potential course(s) would fulfill requirements of the selected major(s).

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browse course catalog					
What-If Course List					
Course	Description	Units	*Term	Grade	Delete
CIVCM 211N	Foundations: Civic and Community Engagement	3.00	Summer 2018 ▼	C	

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## Finding Inter-Domain Courses

Students and staff can find Inter-Domain courses by using Schedule Builder.

- “Search By Course Attribute” allows for selection of multiple attributes.
- Open Schedule Builder from Advisor Center, Student Services Center (Student) or Student Center, Select “Add Course,” Select “Search By Course Attribute,” then select the desired attributes. Search results are limited to courses with all selected attributes.
- Remember if staff want to search for courses without being connected to a student, do not select a student when first entering Advisor Center, and instead go directly to the Search tab.

## Add Course

By Subject **Search By Course Attribute** My Planner Search By Instructor

**Attribute**

**Section Attribute**

**Subject**

**Course**

## Finding Linked Courses

Find Linked courses by using Schedule Builder and the Linked Course Search in LionPATH.

- Individual Linked courses can be found in Schedule Builder in the same way as shown above for Inter-Domain courses, searching for the Linked attribute. Course descriptions may identify the Linked pairs. To see a list of Linked pairs, use the Linked Course Search.
- Linked Course Search: A table of all Linked courses is available at Self-Service>Advisor Center>Search tab>Linked Course Search tab and at Curriculum Management>Course Catalog>Linked Course Search.
  - **NOTE:** At the time of this publication courses with the Linked attribute had not yet been approved. Please expect to accurately see “No matching values found” in the Linked Course Search until a linked pair is approved.
  - **NOTE:** At the time of this publication an altered view of the Linked Course Search was pending migration. Expect to see this altered version which includes directions in May 2018.
- Students will be able to access the Linked Course Search page at Academics>Find Classes>Linked Course Search.
  - Leave fields blank and select Search to see all Links.
  - Select Advanced Search for additional search options, including search by Attribute.
  - The student view (available May/June 2018) with Advanced Search is shown below.

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### Linked Course Search

Students starting at Penn State in Summer 2018 and after are required to complete an Integrative Studies requirement.

This requirement can be completed through 6 credits/units of Inter-Domain courses (found through Schedule Builder) or 6 credits/units of courses identified as a Linked pair (shown below). Both courses within one Link must be completed in order to fulfill the Integrative Studies requirement.

**For a list of all Linked Pairs:** Leave all the fields blank and select Search

**When searching by Subject Area:** Use the course abbreviation (e.g. ARTH for any ARTH course)

**When searching by Catalog Nbr:** Use the course number (e.g. 100 for ARTH 100)

**When searching by Attribute Value:** Enter the desired General Education Code below

**Code Description**

- GA Arts
- GH Humanities
- GHW Health and Wellness
- GN Natural Sciences
- GS Social and Behavioral Sciences

Results will display Links that include a course with the selected attribute value.

**Find an Existing Value**

**Search Criteria**

Link #: =

Course ID: begins with

Subject Area: begins with

Catalog Nbr: begins with

Description: begins with

Attribute Value: begins with

Course Topic Description: begins with

Include History  Case Sensitive

Search Clear Basic Search Save Search Criteria

- After selecting an entry, the Linked pair displays. Sample below.

**Linked Course Search**

Link # 6 New Effdt 03/20/2018 Status Active

Link #	Effective Date	Status	Subject	Catalog Nbr	Course ID	Description	Attribute Value	Course Topic Description
6	03/20/2018	Active	ASIA	100Z	302095	What Is Asia?	GH, IL	
6	03/20/2018	Active	ARTH	120Z	302096	Asian Art and Arch	GA, IL	

## Exceptions and Flexibility in General Education

With department and major approval, students are able to use the “Move 3” exception as well as the upper level foreign language exception. These are still seen as exceptions to the approved curriculum and therefore, per Senate and Office of General Education guidelines, are not automatically coded into the degree audit.

# Degree Audit: Overview

## Foundation Courses: GWS and GQ

- Writing/Speaking (GWS): 9 units required
- Quantification (GQ): 6 units required (limit of 3 units of computer science/symbolic logic)
- C or higher required

NOTE: Areas have been collapsed for display purposes of this document. When unfulfilled, they will be open.

**Writing/Speaking (GWS)**

Complete 9 units with 3 units in each area: Composition, Speech and Effective Writing

**\*\*C or higher required\*\***

- ▶ ENGL 15 (or equivalent)
- ▶ CAS 100 (or equivalent)
- ▶ ENGL 202 (or equivalent)

**Quantification (GQ)**

Courses with the GQ attribute satisfy this requirement

**\*\*C or higher required\*\***

- ▶ Quantification (GQ)

## Integrative Studies

- Integrative Studies requirement can be fulfilled by completing 6 Inter-Domain units OR 6 Linked units.
- Integrative Studies requirement cannot not be fulfilled through taking 3 Inter-Domain units and 3 Linked units.

When no Linked or Inter-Domain courses have been taken, the following will display.

▼ General Education- History Major (HIST\_BA)

45 units required

**Integrative Studies**

Complete 6 Inter-Domain units OR 6 Linked units

Courses "may" double count with other General Education or Major requirements.

- Units: 6.00 required, 0.00 taken, 6.00 needed

▼ Inter-Domain Courses or Linked Courses

**Not Satisfied:** Complete 6 Inter-Domain or 6 Linked units  
You may "not" fulfill a General Education requirement listed below solely with Inter-Domain courses.

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- Units: 6.00 required, 0.00 taken, 6.00 needed

## Knowledge Domain Courses: GN, GA, GH, GS, GHW

- Main heading: “At least 3 units of GN (or applicable area) must be fulfilled by a class that is \*not\* Inter-Domain.”
- A similar notation, “At least 3 units cannot be Inter-Domain” is repeated within each area.
- GHA is renamed GHW (Health & Wellness).

NOTE: Areas other than GN are collapsed for display purposes of this document. When unfulfilled, they will be open.

**Natural Sciences (GN)**

Courses with the GN attribute fulfill this requirement

At least 3 units of GN must be fulfilled by a class that is \*not\* Inter-Domain.

▼ **Natural Sciences (GN)**

**Not Satisfied:** Complete 9 GN units

At least 3 units cannot be Inter-Domain.

- Units: 9.00 required, 0.00 taken, 9.00 needed

**Arts (GA)**

Courses with the GA attribute fulfill this requirement

At least 3 units of GA must be fulfilled by a class that is \*not\* Inter-Domain.

▶ **Arts (GA)**

**Humanities (GH)**

Courses with the GH attribute fulfill this requirement

At least 3 units of GH must be fulfilled by a class that is \*not\* Inter-Domain.

▶ **Humanities (GH)**

**Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS)**

Courses with a GS attribute fulfill this requirement

At least 3 units of GS must be fulfilled by a class that is \*not\* Inter-Domain.

▶ **Social and Behavioral Sciences(GS)**

**Health and Wellness (GHW)**

Courses with the GHW attribute fulfill this requirement

At least 3 units of GHW must be fulfilled by a class that is \*not\* Inter-Domain.

▶ **Health and Wellness (GHW)**

# Fulfilling Integrative Studies Requirement with Inter-Domain Courses

## Inter-Domain Courses

- Inter-Domain courses are indicated by the Inter-Domain attribute value.
- Inter-Domain courses may fulfill more than one Gen Ed knowledge domain (GN, GA, GH, GS, GHW).
- Gen Ed courses identified as double counting for major requirements will continue to be listed as required in the Gen Ed areas in the audit.
- Courses of the same subject as the major (including cross-listed courses) cannot fulfill domain requirements.
  - Example: SOC 12/CRIM 12/CRIMJ 12 cannot fulfill a GS requirement for SOCBA\_BA
- One Gen Ed domain cannot be fulfilled solely with Inter-Domain courses.
  - Therefore, a 3 unit Inter-Domain GHW will not fulfill the GHW requirement.
  - A non-Inter-Domain course would need to be taken to fulfill the GHW requirement.
- Example: Student is enrolled in 2 Inter-Domain courses. The Integrative Studies requirement is fulfilled and collapsed.
  - WMNST 106N (GH and GA)
  - GLIS 102N (GH and GS)

### Integrative Studies

Complete 6 Inter-Domain units OR 6 Linked units

Courses "may" double count with other General Education or Major requirements.

 **Inter-Domain Courses or Linked Courses**

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## Knowledge Domains

In this example, GLIS 102N (GH, GS) is fulfilling GH and GS; WMNST 106N (GH, GA) is only fulfilling GA since 3 units of GH must be fulfilled by a class that is not Inter-Domain.



## Arts (GA)

Courses with the GA attribute fulfill this requirement

At least 3 units of GA must be fulfilled by a class that is *\*not\** Inter-Domain.

### ▼ Arts (GA)

**Not Satisfied:** Complete 6 GA units

At least 3 units cannot be Inter-Domain

- Units: 6.00 required, 3.00 taken, 3.00 needed

The following courses were used to satisfy this requirement:

Course	Description	Units	When	Grade	Status	Course Type
WMNST 106N	<a href="#">Wmn Gender and Arts</a>	3.00	Fall 2018		◆	

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## Humanities (GH)

Courses with the GH attribute fulfill this requirement

At least 3 units of GH must be fulfilled by a class that is *\*not\** Inter-Domain

### ▼ Humanities (GH)




**Not Satisfied:** Complete 6 GH units

At least 3 units cannot be Inter-Domain

- Units: 6.00 required, 3.00 taken, 3.00 needed

The following courses were used to satisfy this requirement:

Course	Description	Units	When	Grade	Status	Course Type
GLIS 102N	<a href="#">Global Pathways</a>	3.00	Fall 2018		◆	

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## Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS)

Courses with a GS attribute fulfill this requirement

At least 3 units of GS must be fulfilled by a class that is *\*not\** Inter-Domain.

### ▼ Social and Behavioral Sciences(GS)




**Not Satisfied:** Complete 6 GS units

At least 3 units cannot be Inter-Domain

- Units: 6.00 required, 3.00 taken, 3.00 needed

The following courses were used to satisfy this requirement:

Course	Description	Units	When	Grade	Status	Course Type
GLIS 102N	<a href="#">Global Pathways</a>	3.00	Fall 2018		◆	

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# Fulfilling Integrative Studies Requirement with Linked Courses

## Linked Courses

- Linked courses are indicated by the Linked attribute value.
- Both courses within a link must be completed or in progress to fulfill the requirement.
- Linked courses do not need to be taken in the same term or at the same campus.
- The audit requirement for Linked courses is fulfilled after an automated process applying a student group runs each evening.
- When one course in a Linked pair is not successfully completed or is dropped, the audit requirement will be unfulfilled after an automated process runs each evening, inactivating the student group.
- Example: 2 courses with the Linked attribute value, linked to each other, have been scheduled.
  - ASIA 100Z and ARTH 120Z are linked to each other (EXAMPLE).
  - A process has run that applied a Linked Enrollment Student Group, which fulfilled the requirement.
  - The Integrative Studies requirement is satisfied and collapsed.

### Integrative Studies

Complete 6 Inter-Domain units OR 6 Linked (LINKED) units

Courses "may" double count with other General Education or Major requirements.

▶ LINKED courses

NOTE: Immediately after enrolling in a Linked course pair, the audit will appear as below. A process will run daily that applies (or removes if needed) a Linked Enrollment student group. This student group is what fulfills this requirement when a Linked course pair is scheduled.

Courses with the Linked attribute that are not linked to each other will also display in this manner.

## Integrative Studies

Complete 6 Inter-Domain units OR 6 Linked (LINKED) units

Courses "may" double count with other General Education or Major requirements.

- Units: 6.00 required, 0.00 taken, 6.00 needed

### ▼ Inter-Domain Courses or Linked Courses

**Not Satisfied:** Complete 6 Inter-Domain or 6 Linked units  
You may "not" fulfill a General Education requirement listed below solely with Inter-Domain courses.

- Units: 6.00 required, 0.00 taken, 6.00 needed

### ▼ Courses completed with LINKED attribute

**Not Satisfied:** Courses listed below have the LINKED attribute. However, the requirement is not fulfilled since both courses making up the individual link have not been completed/scheduled, or because a Linked Student Group (R059) has not been applied to the record.

The following courses were used to satisfy this requirement:

Course	Description	Units	When	Grade	Status	Course Type
ARTH 120Z	<a href="#">Asian Art and Arch</a>	3.00	Fall 2018		◆	
ASIA 100Z	<a href="#">What Is Asia?</a>	3.00	Fall 2018		◆	

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## Knowledge Domains

Linked courses only have one domain attribute, so they display in that General Education domain.

### Arts (GA)

Courses with the GA attribute fulfill this requirement

At least 3 units of GA must be fulfilled by a class that is \*not\* Inter-Domain.

#### Arts (GA)

**Not Satisfied:** Complete 6 GA units

At least 3 units cannot be Inter-Domain

- Units: 6.00 required, 3.00 taken, 3.00 needed

The following courses were used to satisfy this requirement:

Course	Description	Units	When	Grade	Status	Course Type
ARTH 120Z	<a href="#">Asian Art and Arch</a>	3.00	Fall 2018		◆	

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### Humanities (GH)

Courses with the GH attribute fulfill this requirement

At least 3 units of GH must be fulfilled by a class that is \*not\* Inter-Domain

#### Humanities (GH)

**Not Satisfied:** Complete 6 GH units

At least 3 units cannot be Inter-Domain

- Units: 6.00 required, 3.00 taken, 3.00 needed

The following courses were used to satisfy this requirement:

Course	Description	Units	When	Grade	Status	Course Type
ASIA 100Z	<a href="#">What Is Asia?</a>	3.00	Fall 2018		◆	

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# 30 units of Knowledge Domain Coursework (GN, GA, GH, GS, GHW)

## Overview

Students are required to complete 30 units within the areas of GN, GA, GH, GS and GHW. When the General Education Knowledge Domains are fulfilled through double counting, but 30 total units have not been completed in these areas, additional General Education courses with these attributes need completed.

- The 30 units of Knowledge Domain check will include any course satisfying a Knowledge Domain in the General Education Requirements.
- The 30 units of Knowledge Domain check will be monitored at the bottom of the audit after the Electives/Major Totals.
- The 30 units of Knowledge Domain check is just a checking requirement to verify that 30 units of Knowledge Domain courses have been completed by the student.
  - Courses can also show in Major/Option/Bachelor of Arts Requirements or Electives.

## Degree Audit

- Example using HIST\_BA major: Enrollments--BBH 101 (GHW), BISC 3 (GN), METEO 4 (GN), ANTH 216N (GN and GS), COMM 150 (GA), WMNST 106N (GA and GH), CMLIT 10 (GH), HDFS 129 (GS). All General Education domains are fulfilled with 24 total units. 6 additional units in GN, GA, GH, GS or GHW need completed.

## General Education portion of the audit:

<p><b>Natural Sciences (GN)</b></p> <p>Courses with the GN attribute fulfill this requirement</p> <p>At least 3 units of GN must be fulfilled by a class that is *not* Inter-Domain.</p> <p>▶ Natural Sciences (GN)</p>
<p><b>Arts (GA)</b></p> <p>Courses with the GA attribute fulfill this requirement</p> <p>At least 3 units of GA must be fulfilled by a class that is *not* Inter-Domain.</p> <p>▶ Arts (GA)</p>
<p><b>Humanities (GH)</b></p> <p>Courses with the GH attribute fulfill this requirement</p> <p>At least 3 units of GH must be fulfilled by a class that is *not* Inter-Domain</p> <p>▶ Humanities (GH)</p>
<p><b>Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS)</b></p> <p>Courses with a GS attribute fulfill this requirement</p> <p>At least 3 units of GS must be fulfilled by a class that is *not* Inter-Domain.</p> <p>▶ Social and Behavioral Sciences(GS)</p>
<p><b>Health and Wellness (GHW)</b></p> <p>Courses with the GHW attribute fulfill this requirement</p> <p>At least 3 units of GHW must be fulfilled by a a class that is *not* Inter-Domain.</p> <p>▶ Health and Wellness (GHW)</p>

## 30 Units of Knowledge Domain Portion of the Audit:

### ▼ 30 units General Education Coursework in areas of GN, GA, GH, GS, GHW

This area verifies that 30 units of General Education Coursework in the areas of GN, GA, GH, GS, GHW have been completed.

If the GN, GA, GH, GS and GHW requirements in the General Education area above are completed prior to earning 30 total General Education units in those areas, complete additional General Education courses with those attributes in order to meet the 30 unit requirement.

• Units: 30.00 required, 24.00 taken, 6.00 needed

The following courses were used to satisfy this requirement:

Course	Description	Units	When	Grade	Status	Course Type
ANTH 216N	<a href="#">Sex and Evolution</a>	3.00	Fall 2018		◆	
BBH 101	<a href="#">Intro Biobeh Hlth</a>	3.00	Fall 2018		◆	
BISC 3	<a href="#">Environmental Sci</a>	3.00	Fall 2018		◆	
CMLIT 10	<a href="#">Intro to World Lit</a>	3.00	Fall 2018		◆	
COMM 150	<a href="#">Cinema Art</a>	3.00	Fall 2018		◆	
HDFS 129	<a href="#">Intro to HDFS</a>	3.00	Fall 2018		◆	
METEO 4	<a href="#">Weather and Risk</a>	3.00	Fall 2018		◆	
WMNST 106N	<a href="#">Wmn Gender and Arts</a>	3.00	Fall 2018		◆	

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# Resources

## Office for General Education

If you have questions regarding the new General Education policy, reading about the policy through this and other documentation provided through the Office for General Education would be a good first step.

Office for General Education: <https://gened.psu.edu/>

## Registrar's Office Degree Audit Contacts

If you have confirmed your understanding of the new General Education policy and believe that a degree audit does not reflect the policy, first contact your college's records department with initial questions. If additional assistance is needed, please contact your college's degree audit representative at the Registrar's Office.

Office of the University Registrar: [DegreeAudit@psu.edu](mailto:DegreeAudit@psu.edu)