

# GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

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By introducing students to different fields of study and different methods of determining knowledge, **General Education III** provides a foundation for the liberal education that New Paltz offers. "GE III" is designed to encourage a global perspective as well as an understanding of the traditions and complexities of a democratic society. The program emphasizes four areas of knowledge that characterize a broadly educated person, and it encompasses the State University of New York's system-wide general education ([http://www.suny.edu/student/academic\\_general\\_education.cfm](http://www.suny.edu/student/academic_general_education.cfm)) requirements. A defining feature of GE III is its attention to developing students' capacities to think critically while providing the breadth and depth of knowledge that will allow them to become active citizens and productive members of society.

GE III provides both discipline-based and interdisciplinary opportunities for advancing knowledge, balancing learning experiences in these broad areas:

***Arts & Humanities: Appreciation for artistic, literary and philosophical endeavors***

- **Composition** (one or two courses, depending on placement)
- **Humanities** (one course)
- **The Arts** (one course)

***Scientific Investigations: Knowledge of the natural and social sciences as well as mathematical ideas and models***

- **Mathematics** (one course, depending on placement)
- **Natural Sciences** (two courses)
- **Social Sciences** (one course)

***The United States & its Traditions: Knowledge of political, economic and social process in the US, the influence of Western tradition and the multicultural heritages that influence the US***

- **United States Studies** (one course)
- **Western Civilization** (one course)
- **Diversity** (one course)

***Global Perspectives: Understanding of the wide range of world civilizations and cultures and appreciation for cultural and individual differences***

- **World Civilizations & Cultures** (one course)
- **Foreign Language** (one or two courses, depending on placement)