



General Education Requirements and Institutional Learning Outcomes

2019-2020

Rooted in its institutional mission and its commitment to faith, welfare of the human being, human and spiritual values, and respect of cultural and religious pluralism, the General Education program at USEK reflect the values of its founder, the Lebanese Maronite Order, and the teaching of the Catholic Church on universities.

General Education program aims to provide students enrolled as undergraduates with value learning, intellectual inquiry and to cultivate particular skills to become thoughtful and engaged and active citizens of the country, the region and the world while bringing them to a critical and appreciative understanding of religious tradition, ethical theories and moral development.

To this end, at least 30 credits of the undergraduate studies curriculum are devoted to General Education that includes basic general knowledge, common and proper to USEK, while taking into consideration that students who are enrolled in professional fields such as sciences and engineering should be exposed to the humanities and social sciences and students enrolled in humanities fields should be aware of natural sciences and quantitative reasoning:

- **English & French Communication (3 to 6 credits)**
- **Religious Sciences (3 credits)**
- **History of Lebanon (3 credits)**
- **Quantitative Reasoning (3 to 9 credits):** Mathematics / Statistics / Information Technology
- **Civic Engagement (2 credits)**
- **Sports (1 credit)**
- **Arts & Humanities (3 to 6 credits):** Ethics and Justice / Arts / Philosophical Inquiry / Literature
- **Behavioral & Social Sciences (3 to 6 credits):** Psychology / Sociology / Politics / Economics
- **Sciences & Health (3 to 9 credits):** Biology / Chemistry / Physics / Agriculture / Nutrition / Environment / First aid and Emergency care.

Moreover, through these 30 credits of General Education, the university seeks to make its students good citizens of the future, actively engaged in the development of societies, empowered with a sound culture, possessing know-how as well as humanism, and contributing to the establishment of a better world.

Institutional Learning Outcomes:

Through USEK General Education, students will be able to:

- Engage in fundamental questions of faith and justice.
- Identify, reflect upon, integrate, and apply different arguments to form independent judgments.
- Collect, interpret, evaluate, and use evidence to make arguments and evidence-based decisions.
- Apply knowledge and tools from various disciplines in order to identify and address intellectual, ethical, and practical problems of relevance to the contemporary world.
- Communicate ideas and arguments through clear writing and speech.
- Identify information needs, locate and access information, and critically evaluate sources.
- Collaborate intellectually and creatively with diverse people.
- Engage in the creative process and think critically about, its products, and its cultural traditions to support society.

English & French Communication | 3 to 6 credits

ENG240 ⁱ	English Communication
FRN240 ⁱⁱ	French Communication

Religious Sciences | 3 credits

SRO211	Introduction to the Bible
SRO213	Religious Pluralism and Dialogue
SRO214	Christian Presence in the Middle East
SRO215	Social Teachings of the Church
SRO216	Religion and Politics
SRO218	The Church and Mass Media

History of Lebanon | 3 credits

HIS215	Lebanon in the Ancient Period
HIS220	Lebanon in the Medieval Period
HIS225	Lebanon in the Modern Period
HIS230	Lebanon in the Contemporary Period
HIS235	Phoenician Language and Civilization
MUS243 ⁱⁱⁱ	History of Lebanese Music

Quantitative reasoning | (3 to 9 credits)

Mathematics 3 credits	
MAT216 MAH216	General Mathematics (or any equivalent course)
Statistics 3 credits	
STA220 STS220	Probability and Applied Statistics
Information Technology 3 credits	
CSC204	Information Technology & Networking (or any equivalent course)

Civic engagement | 2 credits

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SOC217	Citizen and Civic Engagement

Sports | 1 credit

SPT	Sports Education
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Arts & Humanities | (3 to 6 credits)

Ethics and Justice 3 credits	
SRO217	Bioethics
DRT214	Human Rights
HUM345	Pedagogical Movements
Arts 3 credits	
AVC203	Music and Film Thematic
AVC204	Introduction to Contemporary Cinema
AVS202	Initiation to Theatre Practices
ARS216	Introduction to Artistic Expression
DAA241	General History of Art
PHO224	Introduction to Photography
THT280	Introduction to Acting
MUS200	Musical Initiation
MUS202	Musical Listening and Appreciation
MUS222	A General History of Music

Philosophical inquiry 3 credits	
PHI201	Introduction to Philosophy
PHI210	Greek Philosophy
PHI212	Philosophy of Earth
Language & Literature 3 credits	
LFR210	Myth and literature
LLA213	Introduction to Arab Literature
ELL315	Public Speaking
ESP215	Introduction to the Spanish Culture
CHI215	Introduction to the Chinese Culture
ALL215	Introduction to the German Culture
ITL200	Introduction to the Italian Culture

Behavioral and Social Sciences | (3 to 6 credits)

Psychology 3 credits	
PSY201	Introduction to Psychology
Sociology 3 credits	
HUM248	Arab World and Civilization
HUM258	Societies and Environment
SOC201	Introduction to Sociology
SOC210	Introduction to Anthropology
SOC211	Youth and Society
Politics 3 credits	
POL211	Introduction to Political Science
POL212	Introduction to Geopolitics
POL213	Introduction to International Relations
RIN205	Anthropology of Travel
Economics 3 credits	
ECO222	Macroeconomics
MGT225	Foundations of Entrepreneurship

Sciences & Health | (3 to 9 credits)

Everyday Biology 3 credits	
BIO211 BLG211	Cellular Biology (or any equivalent course)
Everyday Chemistry & Physics 3 credits	
CHM210 CHE210	Fundamentals of Chemistry (or any equivalent course)
CHM212 CHE212	General Chemistry (or any equivalent course)
PHY210 PCS210	General Physics (or any equivalent course)
Nutrition 3 credits	
NTR211 NUT211	Introduction to Nutrition
Environment / Agriculture 3 credits	
BIO228	General Botany
GAG303	Introduction to Ecology and Environment
First Aid and Emergency Care 3 credits	
SIN244	First Aid and Emergency Care

ⁱ mandatory to all studentsⁱⁱ mandatory to all students enrolled in hybrid programs (French + English)ⁱⁱⁱ Reserved for students in the Faculty of Music