



Overview

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)**
- **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 / Language & Literature
- **Social Sciences (3 to 9 credits):** Psychology, Sociology & Politics / History / Entrepreneurship.
- **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 creative process and thinking to support society.



General Education Requirements
English & French Communication 3 to 6 credits
ENG240 - English Communication ¹
FRN240 - French Communication ²
Religious Sciences 3 credits
SRO210 – Le Christianisme en un Cours
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
Quantitative Reasoning 3 to 9 credits
Mathematics
MAT216 or MAH216 - General Mathematics
MAT212 (AD specific course)
MAT207 (FI specific course)
Statistics
STA220 or STS220 - Probability and Applied Statistics
STA307 (FI specific course)
Information Technology
CSC204 - Information Technology & Networking
Civic Engagement 2 credits
SOC217- Citizen and Civic Engagement
Sports 1 credit
SPT - Sports Education
Arts & Humanities 3 to 6 credits
Ethics and Justice
SRO217 - Bioethics
DRT214 - Human Rights
HUM345 - Pedagogical Movements
DRG210.1 – General Constitutional Law (LP specific course)
DRG225 – International public Law (LP specific course)
DRT223 - Business Law in Lebanon (BS specific course)
GEN301 - Law for Engineers 2 credits (FI specific course)
GEN302 - Engineering Ethics 1 credit (FI specific course)
Arts

¹ Mandatory for all students

² mandatory for specific programs, check program catalogue.



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
PHI201 - Introduction to Philosophy
PHI210 - Greek Philosophy
PHI212 - Philosophy of Earth
Language & Literature
LFR210 - Myth and 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

Social Sciences | 3 to 9 credits

Behavioral Studies

PSY201 - Introduction to Psychology
HUM248 - Arab World and Civilization
HUM258 - Societies and Environment
SOC201 - Introduction to Sociology
SOC210 - Introduction to Anthropology
SOC211 - Youth and Society
POL211 - Introduction to Political Science
POL212 - Introduction to Geopolitics
POL213 - Introduction to International Relations
RIN205 - Anthropology of Travel
SOC225 – Work Ready Now

History of Lebanon³

HIS234 - History and Message of the Lebanese Philosophy
HIS215 - Lebanon in the Ancient Period

³ mandatory for all students



HIS220 - Lebanon in the Medieval Period
HIS225 - Lebanon in the Modern Period
HIS230 - Lebanon in the Contemporary Period
HIS235 - Phoenician Language and Civilization
MUS243 - History of Lebanese Music (MU specific course)
Entrepreneurship & Innovation ⁴
MGT225 - Foundations of Entrepreneurship
ECO222 – Macroeconomics (BS specific course)
GEN303 - Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Engineers 2 credits (FI specific course)
GEN410 - Engineering Projects Management 2 credits (FI specific course)
GCV460 - Management and Site Organization 2 credits (FI specific course for Civil Engineers)
ECO350 - Engineering Economics 3 credits (FI specific course)

Sciences & Health | 3 to 9 credits⁵

Everyday Biology
BIO211 or BLG211 - Cellular Biology
Everyday Chemistry & Physics
CHM210 or CHE210 - Fundamentals of Chemistry
CHM212 or CHE212 - General Chemistry
PHY210 or PCS210 - General Physics
Nutrition
NTR211 - Introduction to Nutrition
Environment / Agriculture
BIO228 - General Botany
GAG303 - Introduction to Ecology and Environment
First Aid and Emergency Care
SIN244 - First Aid and Emergency Care

⁴ Students who do not have entrepreneurship course in their curricula should complete a minimum of 3 credits in entrepreneurship & Innovation

⁵ Specific Business programs take 0 credits of Science and Health, check program catalogue