



The General Education program is divided in 10 Core areas of 3 credits each which aim at meeting the Institution Learning Outcomes as well as the Job Market needs for a better immersion and engagement of USEK students in personal, social, professional, national, and international life. Moreover, the 10 core areas contribute to the implementation of the UN-SDGs.

INSTITUTIONAL LEARNING OUTCOMES

Through USEK General Education, students will be able to:

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

DESCRIPTION OF CORE AREAS

English Communication (3 cr.)

GE courses in English Communication aim at developing students' aptitude and mastery in English Language and information literacy skills.

Intercultural and Religious Fluency (3 cr.)

GE courses in Intercultural Religious Fluency rubric aim at widening students cultural and religious perspectives by promoting intercultural dialogue. Moreover, this rubric's courses intend promoting human and Christian values, and respect of cultural and religious pluralism by engaging students in fundamental questions of faith and justice.

Lebanese History and Legacy (3 cr.)

GE courses in Lebanese History and Legacy rubric aim at spreading the main components of the Lebanese history and beliefs. Courses widen knowledge, understanding, and analysis of historical and ideological concepts and develop the spirit of discussion and debate.

Humanities, Ethics and Civilizations (3 cr.)

GE courses in Humanities, Ethics and Civilizations rubric introduce students to different forms of cultural questions and expression. Courses seek to widen students' knowledge of cultural, philosophical, and ethical areas to enhance their understanding of large enduring existential issues. Moreover, courses in this category will allow students apprehend the complex dynamics, problems and challenges the world is facing for a better seizure of our contemporary world. Civilizations courses help students explore the great diversity of world's cultures with a focus on increasing the knowledge and understanding of the geography, history, and traditions of a country or civilization.

Artistic Discovery (3 cr.)

GE courses in Artistic Discovery rubric help students discover their artistic potential and communicate



their thoughts through representation of ideas or creation. Courses aim at developing students' critical thinking and stimulating their artistic tendencies.

Psychology and Social Behavior (3 cr.)

GE courses in Psychology and Social Behavior rubric promote individual and social responsibility through actions meant to develop civic commitment and involve students in personal, political, and public activities. Courses from this rubric tackle several fields – social, community, environment, psychology – that are life enriching and socially beneficial to the community and to the world.

Career Management (3 cr.)

GE courses in Career Management aim at providing students with the foundational “soft skills” and work-based learning experiences to prepare them for success in the workplace. Students will be provided opportunities to practice and enhance new skills and gain the self-confidence necessary to secure and maintain work related to their professional goals.

Effective Thinking and Quantitative Reasoning (3 cr.)

GE courses in Effective Thinking and Quantitative Reasoning rubric enhance the ability to identify, understand and solve problems based on quantitative reasoning schemes. While developing intellectual and practical skills, courses engage students in everyday situations and real-world critical thinking problems.

Digital Literacy and Information Technology (3 cr.)

GE courses in Digital Literacy and Information Technology rubric introduce fundamental skills students are expected to develop to better understand the growing weight of digital technology and its major impacts on human modern practices. Teaching aims at the appropriation of methods that envisions the application of technologies for/in learning and development.

Sciences and Health (3 cr.)

GE courses in Sciences and Health rubric help students understand the contribution of sciences in every day's life situations. While introducing knowledge related to natural sciences, courses lead students to understand scientific components and apply their knowledge in empirical situations.



General Education Courses

English Communication (3 credits)

ENG240	English Communication Skills
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Intercultural and Religious fluency (3 credits)

GERE200	The Eastern Churches and the ecclesial and social interculturality
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GERE205	Religious and Cultural Pluralism
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GERE210	Moral issues through the lens of Christianity
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GERE299	Intercultural and Religious fluency (used for transfer cases only)
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Lebanese History and Legacy (3 credits)

GEHS205	Topics in Ancient and Medieval History of Lebanon
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GEHS210	Topics in Modern and Contemporary History of Lebanon
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GEHS215	Phoenician Language & Civilization
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GEHS220	History and Message of Lebanese Philosophy
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GEHS299	Lebanese History and Legacy (used for transfer cases only)
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Humanities, Ethics, and Civilizations (3 credits)

GEHU200	Law & Religion
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GEHU205	Philosophical questions
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GEHU210	Ethics and Values / Ethical issues
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GEHU299	Humanities, Ethics, and Civilizations (used for transfer cases only)
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Artistic Discovery (3 credits)

GEAD200	Contemporary cinema
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GEAD205	Artistic technics of the icons
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GEAD210	Musical listening and appreciation
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GEAD215	Conservation and Restauration of Cultural Property
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GEAD220	Appreciation of theatre and acting
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GEAD299	Artistic Discovery (used for transfer cases only)
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Psychology and Social Behavior (3 credits)

GEPS200	Youth and Society
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GEPS205	Civic Engagement Journey
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GEPS210	Positive Psychology
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GEPS220	Human Rights
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GEPS299	Psychology and Social Behavior (used for transfer cases only)
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Career Management (3 credits)

GEMG210	Foundations of Entrepreneurship
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GEMG205	Work Ready Now
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GEMG299	Career Management (used for transfer cases only)
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Effective Thinking and Quantitative Reasoning (3 credits)

GEQR200	Basics of Critical Thinking
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GEQR205	Applied Statistics for everyday decisions
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GEQR210	Concrete Mathematics in real-life Applications
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GEQR299	Effective Thinking and Quantitative Reasoning (used for transfer cases only)
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Digital Literacy and Information Technology (3 credits)

GEIT200	Data Use and Visualization
GEIT205	Digital Humanities and Numerical Identity
GEIT210	Information Technology & Networking
GEIT299	Digital Literacy and Information Technology (used for transfer cases only)

Sciences and Health (3 credits)

GESH205	Health, Sport and wellbeing
GESH210	Chemistry in daily life
GESH215	Applied Biology
GESH220	Practices in Nutrition and Health
GESH225	First Aid and Emergency Care
GESH299	Sciences and Health (used for transfer cases only)