



## General Education Requirements: A Faculty & Staff Guide

### GOLD PLAN (STUDENTS BEGINNING IN/PRIOR TO FALL 2022)

For students who began at Emory (or Oxford College) in or prior to Fall 2022, there is no change to their overall GER plan. We will refer to their plan as the **GOLD** plan. (**GOLD** is old. The **BLUE** plan is the new GER.)

As we transition courses to the new GER and change course tags to reflect the new system, students will encounter both sets of tags in Course Atlas. Only current students can use both sets of tags shown below (as they fulfill their required Gold GERs) for each area.

GER Area	GOLD GER	BLUE GER
First-Year Seminar	FSEM	FS
First-Year Writing	FWRT	FW
Continued Writing (3 courses)	W on the Course Number	W on the Course Number
Math & Quantitative Reasoning	MQR	QR
Science, Nature Technology (no Lab)	SNT	NS
Science, Nature, Technology (with Lab)	SNTL	Select NS Courses*
History, Society, Culture (2 courses)	HSC	SS
Humanities, Arts, Language (2 courses)	HAL	IC
Humanities, Arts, Performance (2 courses)	HAP [or HAL (if one language course is at or beyond the 200-level)]	HA [or IC (if one language course is at or beyond the 200-level)]
Health	HTH	HTH
Physical Education	PE	PE
Race and Ethnicity	ETHN	ETHN

\* See Appendix A for list.

## BLUE PLAN (STUDENTS BEGINNING IN/AFTER TO FALL 2023)

Students who begin at Emory (or Oxford College) in or later than Fall 2023 will undertake the full new GER plan. We will refer to their plan as the **BLUE** plan (**BLUE** is new).

The new GER is broken into five categories with various course requirements that are timed as milestones on the journey to degree.

Area	Completion Date	Eligible Tag
<b>Success at Emory</b>		
ECS 101	Fall of 1 <sup>st</sup> Year	ECS 101
HLTH 100	Fall of 1 <sup>st</sup> Year	HTH
Physical Education	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Year	PE
<b>Exploration</b>		
Humanities and Arts	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	HA
Natural Science	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	NS
Quantitative Reasoning	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	QR
Social Science	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	SS
<b>Expression and Communication</b>		
First Year Seminar	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Year	FS
* First Year Writing	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Year	FW
Continuing Communication (2 courses)	By graduation	W on course number
<b>Belonging and Community</b>		
* Intercultural Communication (2 courses)	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	IC
Race and Ethnicity	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	ETHN
<b>Experience and Application</b>		
^ Experience and Application	By graduation	XA

*Requirements marked with an asterisk (\*) may be satisfied by AP/IB or other college credit. Only one intercultural communication course can be satisfied with AP/IB or other college credit.*

*Please note that students under the **BLUE** plan **may not** use courses with Gold Plan GERs to satisfy their requirements.*

*^ The XA requirement may be satisfied by a 3-credit hour class (or equivalent not-for-credit experience), or via a repeated course sequence totaling 3 credit hours (e.g., Applied Music).*

## Appendix A: Natural Science Course List for Current Students

Students who are completing the **GOLD** GER Plan are required to complete two Science, Nature, Technology (SNT) courses. One of these courses must include a laboratory component (SNTL).

As we transition our GER Plan, SNT and SNTL courses may now carry the new NS (Natural Science) tag. While all NS courses will satisfy the SNT (no lab) requirement, they do not all satisfy the SNTL requirement.

Students may complete their SNTL requirement via any course which retains the SNTL tag or a course from the list below which has received an updated NS tag:

- **Anthropology:** ANT 201
- **Biology:** BIOL120 + 120L, BIOL141 + 141L, BIOL142 + 142L
- **Chemistry:** CHEM125, CHEM150 + 150L, CHEM202 + 202L, CHEM202Z + 202ZL  
CHEM 203 + 203L
- **Environmental Sciences:** ENVS 222, ENVS 229, ENVS 230, ENVS 232
- **Neuroscience and Behavioral Biology:** NBB 120
- **Physics:** PHYS 116 + 116L, PHYS 131, PHYS 141 + 141L, PHYS 142 + 142L,  
PHYS 151 + 151L, PHYS 152 + 152L, PHYS 253 + 253L

*Please note this list only contains courses that have revised their GER tag. Courses retaining the SNTL tag can be searched in Course Atlas.*