

UC Merced Lower-Level General Education Courses for Fall 2026

Notes from the Bobcat Advising Center

GE courses may also satisfy major or minor degree requirements.

All courses are 4 units unless otherwise stated.

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Spark Seminar

No Prerequisites	Prerequisites or Major Restrictions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SPRK 001, 010 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SPRK 010H

Written Communication

No Prerequisites	Prerequisites or Major Restrictions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WRI 010, 010H

Quantitative Reasoning

No Prerequisites	Prerequisites or Major Restrictions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CSE 015 POLI 010 PH 010 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECON 010 MATH 005, 011, 021 PSY 010 SOC 010

Language

No Prerequisites	Prerequisites or Major Restrictions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BCME 021 BIOE 021 CSE 019 EE 021 ME 021 SPAN 010 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CSE 022 FRE 002 SPAN 002, 011

Approaches to Knowledge

Area A

Life Science

No Prerequisites	Prerequisites or Major Restrictions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ANTH 005 BIO 003, 005, 060 ESS 001, 002, 050 NEUR 001 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ANTH 005H BIO 011 & 011L, 012 & 012L

Physical Science

No Prerequisites	Prerequisites or Major Restrictions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ESS 001, 002, 050 PHYS 001 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CHEM 002 & 002L PHYS 008 & 008L, 009 & 009L, 018 & 018L, 019 & 019L

Area B

Social Science

No Prerequisites	Prerequisites or Major Restrictions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ANTH 005 COGS 001, 005 COMM 004, 018 ECON 001 PHIL 006 POLI 001, 003, 005, 010 PSY 001 PH 001, 005 SOC 001, 020, 060 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ANTH005H ECON 001H, 010 PSY 010, 015 SOC 010, 015 SPAN 050

Literary and Textual Analysis

No Prerequisites	Prerequisites or Major Restrictions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CRES 001, 020, 051 EH 001, 060 ENG 001, 010, 022, 031, 055, 060 HIST 016, 051, 070 PHIL 001, 002 SPAN 010 WRI 015 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCST 060 ENG 032, 064 SPAN, 011, 050, 060 WRI 025

Media and Visual Analysis

No Prerequisites	Prerequisites or Major Restrictions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> COMM 017, 051 CRES 001, 020 GASP 002, 003, 004, 006, 011, 012A, 014, 020, 036A, 036B, 065A WRI 015 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCST 060 ENG 032 SPAN 050, 060

Societies and Cultures of the Past

No Prerequisites	Prerequisites or Major Restrictions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ANTH 005 COGS 005 CRES 001, 051 ENG 031 GASP 006, 065A HIST 016, 051, 070 PH 001 PHIL 002 POLI 002, 003, 005 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCST 060 ENG 032 SPAN 050, 060

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<https://ge.ucmerced.edu/students/ge-requirements/current-ge-requirements>