

UC Merced Lower-Level General Education Courses for Summer 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 010 	

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"> PHIL 005 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECON 010 MATH 005, 011, 021 PSY 010

Language

No Prerequisites	Prerequisites or Major Restrictions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BIOE 021 CSE 019 ME 021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CSE 022

Approaches to Knowledge

Area A

Life Science

No Prerequisites	Prerequisites or Major Restrictions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ANTH 005 BIOE 002 BIO 003, 005, 060 ESS 001, 002 	

Physical Science

No Prerequisites	Prerequisites or Major Restrictions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ESS 001, 002 	<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 003, 005 COGS 001 COMM 018 ECON 001 POLI 001 PSY 001 SOC 001 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECON 010 PSY 010, 015

Literary and Textual Analysis

No Prerequisites	Prerequisites or Major Restrictions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> COGS 013 COMM 001, 003 ENG 059 HIST 016 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WRI 025, 030, 090

Media and Visual Analysis

No Prerequisites	Prerequisites or Major Restrictions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> COGS 013, COMM 017, 051, CRES 052 GASP 002, 003, 004, 011, 060A, 064B, HIST 052 	

Societies and Cultures of the Past

No Prerequisites	Prerequisites or Major Restrictions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ANTH 003, 005, 011 CRES 012, 052 GASP 064B HS 001 HIST 012, 016, HIST 052 	

For more information visit:
<https://ge.ucmerced.edu/students/ge-requirements/current-ge-requirements>

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