

# IMPACT GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM: REQUIREMENTS

The IMPACT general education program went into effect for students newly enrolled at GCU in fall 2025. For students following the BRIDGE general education requirements (students enrolled prior to fall 2025), Categories and Courses for the BRIDGE program are located here <https://catalog.georgian.edu/archives/2024-2025/undergraduate/academic-programs/bridge-general-education-program-categories-courses/> (GCU home page, About GCU, publications and policies, 2024-2025 undergraduate catalog).

## The IMPACT General Education Program (34–39 credits):

Note 1: No course can satisfy more than one IMPACT / general education requirement.

Note 2: A student cannot fulfill more than three IMPACT categories with courses from the same discipline. Example: There is at least one CM course in at least five categories. Students cannot use a CM course to fulfill more than three of the IMPACT categories.

Note 3: Each academic department can limit or restrict double-counting of courses for its program requirements and for the IMPACT curriculum. Consult individual program requirement pages for any policies that may be in place.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>MERCY CORE: THE BRIDGE</b>		
<b>First Year Seminar</b>		
GEN101	Pathway to the Bridge <sup>1</sup>	2.0
<b>Cornerstone Course</b>		
GEN199	WI:Discovering Self in the Universe <sup>2</sup>	3.0
<b>Capstone Course</b>		
GEN400	WI:Visioning a Future	3.0
<b>MERCY CORE: COMMON INTELLECTUAL EXPERIENCE</b>		
Select one approved course from each of the following:		9.0
Religious Studies		
Ethics		
Power & Society		
<b>IMPACT COMPETENCIES</b>		
Select one approved course from each of the following areas:		22.0
Academic Writing, Information Literacy, & AI Proficiency (EN111 or EN221)		
Creative Thinking & Expression		
Critical Reading & Analysis		
Mathematical Reasoning		
Intercultural Understanding & Intercultural Communication		
Understanding Human Behavior & Social Systems		
Scientific Thinking		
<b>Experiential Learning (two are required; one of these is in GEN400)</b>		
GEN400	WI:Visioning a Future (includes service learning)	
Select one of the following:		
Service learning project <sup>3</sup>		
Internship/practicum/field placement		
Approved global education experience		

Approved research experience	
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>39.0</b>

- <sup>1</sup> Requirement only for first time in college students (see definition of first time in college student in admissions section of catalog).
- <sup>2</sup> Students entering GCU with 45 or more credits will be waived from GEN199 WI:Discovering Self in the Universe but may take the course as an elective.
- <sup>3</sup> In a course other than GEN101 Pathway to the Bridge or GEN400 WI:Visioning a Future