



# SHAPE YOUR FUTURE WITH GENERAL EDUCATION



## Your degree is more than a piece of paper. It tells a story! What do you want your story to say?

The General Education Program, which all students participate in, provides a great opportunity to explore and develop key skills that will:

- Help diversify your foundations
- Set yourself apart from the crowd
- Set yourself up for lifelong success in a changing world

The courses in our General Education Program are the foundation of a **distinctively Wayne State education.**

Take advantage of the opportunity to try new things, explore your passions, or get outside of your comfort zone!

### If you don't know what you want to do yet...

It's okay! You have time and opportunity to figure it out (and still graduate on time!). Gen Ed courses are a great way to explore new things and find your path.

There's a lot of opportunities out there that you've probably never been exposed to before. Try something new! It might be your thing. In the process, you'll be developing key skills that will set you up for any future career path.

### If you know what you want to do, but you have other passions that extend outside of your major...

You can expand on some of the knowledge that you develop in major courses by learning about perspectives from other academic disciplines.

You can develop skills, knowledge, and passion outside of work – work isn't the only part of our life that is important, and our other interests deserve nurturing!

### If you are focused on your career prospects...

Surveys of employers show that they are looking for people who have the skills that you develop through gen ed courses. Employers want to hire people who can:

- Effectively communicate
- Creatively solve problems
- Work collaborative in teams
- Think critically
- Work in and understand diverse and global environments

Studies show that students who take a wider range of courses during their university education make significantly more money over the course of their lifetime. Being able to understand things from multiple perspectives and having a broad base of knowledge and experience helps you be innovative, setting you apart from the crowd and allowing you to excel in the workplace by answering different questions and seeing different kinds of possible solutions.