Our General Education curriculum consists of diverse course offerings that will provide you with a broad knowledge base and essential communication skills.

Not only will you gain exposure to knowledge, you will also explore new perspectives, ways of thinking, arguing, and being. The GE program can help you choose a major and will prepare you to specialize in one academic field. Each category must be complete by the time you graduate.
Have you earned an AS or AA degree?

If so, then you have also completed the SUNY General Education Requirement (GER) and do not have to take any additional GE courses at New Paltz.
General Education Category I: Foundational Skills

This category ensures that students can use words and numbers. These courses require a placement level. Placements are used to determine which courses you will take to satisfy these requirements:

• Math
• Basic Communication
• Foreign Language
  Options include Spanish, Chinese, Hebrew, French, Kiswahili, Japanese, German and American Sign Language
General Education Category II: Exposure to the Disciplines

By taking classes in these disciplines, you will come to understand how artists, humanists, natural and social scientists answer questions about the world, the universe, and ourselves:

- Art
- Humanities
- Natural Science
- Social Science
General Education Category III: Regions of the World

By studying regions of the world, you will explore questions about identity including who you are and how you may differ from others. This GE category will help you become an informed, engaged, and thoughtful citizen of the world:

• United States
• Western Civilization
• World Civilizations
Some GE courses satisfy major requirements. For example:

BIO201 - General Biology and BIO211 - General Biology Lab satisfy GE Natural Science (4 Credit with Lab) and Biology major requirements.

For more information about the General Education curriculum, visit newpaltz.edu/ge