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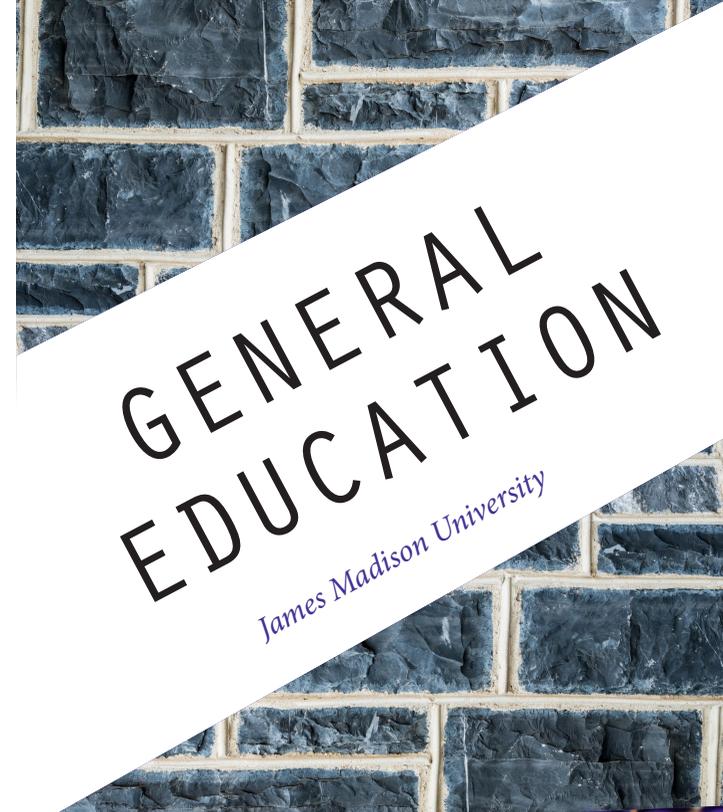
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**GENERAL EDUCATION**   
Engage, Educate, Enlighten



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## CLUSTER ONE: SKILLS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

*Since ancient times, reasoning, writing, and oral communication have been recognized as the fundamental skills of educated persons and responsible citizens.*

- Critical Thinking (C1CT\*\*)
- Human Communication (C1HC\*\*)
- Writing (C1W\*\*)
- Information Literacy Requirement (Test)

## CLUSTER TWO: ARTS AND HUMANITIES

*Establishing lives and mental processes enriched by reflection, imagination, and creativity.*

- Human Questions and Contexts (C2HQC\*\*)
- Visual and Performing Arts (C2VPA\*\*)
- Literature (C2L\*\*)



## CLUSTER THREE: THE NATURAL WORLD

*Scientific investigations into the natural world use analytical methods to evaluate evidence, build and test models based on that evidence, and develop theories. Mathematical studies of form and pattern can create a language that assists in these investigations.*

- Quantitative Reasoning (C3T1G1\*\*)
- Physical Principles (C3T1G2\*\*)
- Natural Systems (C3T1G3\*\*)
- Lab Experience



## CLUSTER FOUR: SOCIAL AND CULTURAL PROCESSES

*Engaged global citizens reflect on their own society and its relationship to the larger global community. These courses develop responsible and enlightened global citizenship by examining a wide variety of the processes that shape the human experience.*

- The American Experience (C4AE\*\*)
- The Global Experience (C4GE\*\*)

## CLUSTER FIVE: INDIVIDUALS IN THE HUMAN COMMUNITY

*Through studying the many variables that influence human behavior, students understand the relationship between the individual and a diverse community and develop a sense of responsibility for self and community.*

- Wellness Domain (C5W\*\*)
- Sociocultural Domain (C5SD\*\*)

## ABOUT GENERAL EDUCATION



Understanding how other people think, what they do, and how they do it is necessary for every career and lifestyle.

All James Madison University students are required to fulfill all “gen-ed” requirements (see clusters) prior to graduation to learn the skills they need to succeed in the real world and to become informed global citizens of the 21st century.

Our community is expected to engage in personal and collective reflection, development, and action, and it thrives in doing so.