GELS 2020–2021
General Education/Liberal Studies/Minnesota Transfer Curriculum
2020–2021 Course List

This course list is current as of Jan. 13, 2021. For the most current information view the Current GELS/MnTC list on the Class Schedule page at www.metrostate.edu. This is the official list of Metropolitan State University courses that meet the General Education and Liberal Studies (GELS) requirements for all undergraduate students admitted to the university. To meet the university’s General Education and Liberal Studies (GELS) requirements, students must complete each of the 10 goal areas of the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) and complete 48 unduplicated credits.

Eight (8) of the 48 credits must be upper division (300-level or higher) to fulfill the university’s Liberal Studies requirement. Each course title is followed by a number in parenthesis (4). This number indicates the number of credits for that course. Course titles followed by more than one number, such as (2-4), indicate a variable-credit course.

Superscript Number:
- Superscript number (10) indicates that a course meets more than one goal area requirement. For example, NSCI 20410 listed under Goal 3 meets Goals 3 and 10. Although the credits count only once, the course satisfies the two goal area requirements.
- Separated by a comma (3,LS) indicates that a course will meet both areas indicated.
- Separated by a forward slash (7/8) indicates that a course will meet one or the other goal area but not both.

Superscript LS (LS):
- Indicates that a course will meet the Liberal Studies requirement.

Asterisk (*):
- Indicates that a course can be used to meet goal area requirements, but cannot be used as General Education or Liberal Studies Electives.

Goal 1: Communication (six or more credits in writing; three or more credits in oral and visual communication)

Introductory Writing (one course required)
Note: students must place at the intermediate level on the university’s writing assessment essay to be exempt from this requirement.
WRIT 121 Writing I Intensive (5)
WRIT 131 Writing I (3)
WRIT 132 Written and Visual Communication (3)
Intermediate Writing (one course required)
WRIT 231 Writing II (3)
WRIT 232 Research Writing in the Digital Age (5)
WRIT 261 Business Writing (3)
WRIT 271 Technical Writing (3)
WRIT 331LS Writing in Your Major (4)

Oral and Visual Communication
COMM 103 Public Speaking (3)
COMM 231 Introduction to Interpersonal Communication (3)
COMM 320LS Individual Rights and Public Discourse (4)
COMM 321LS Gender, Sport and Communication in the U.S. (4)
COMM 331LS Intermediate Interpersonal Communication (4)
COMM 351LS Communication in Work Groups (4)
COMM 352LS Organizational Communication (4)
COMM 361LS Managerial Communication (4)
COMM 372LS Health Communication (4)

Goal 2: Critical Thinking

Students who complete the university’s general education requirements will have met this goal.

Goal 3: Natural Sciences
(seven or more credits including a laboratory; + indicates the needed lab for previous listed course)

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Goal 3: Natural Sciences courses without associated labs

BIO 108  Introduction to Brain (4)
CHEM 108  The Science of Cooking (4)

Goal 4: Mathematical/Logical Reasoning (three or more credits)

Note: This requirement is waived for students placing above the college algebra level on the university's higher level math assessment.

MATH 110  Math for the Liberal Arts (4)
MATH 115  College Algebra (4)
MATH 120  Pre-calculus (4)
MATH 210  Calculus I (4)
MATH 211  Calculus II (4)
MATH 215  Discrete Mathematics (4)
MATH 301  Mathematical Modeling (4)
MATH 304  Ordinary Differential Equations (4)
MATH 305  Modern Geometry (4)

Goal 5: History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences (six or more credits from two or more disciplines)

ANTH 321  Anthropology of Immigrants and Refugees (4)
ANTH 329  Race and Ethnicity: Sociological and Anthropological Perspectives (4)
CJS 101  Introduction to Criminal Justice (3)
CJS 318  Women and Crime (3)
CJS 340  Comparative Criminal Justice (3)
CJS 350  Citizenship: Community Involvement (3)
CJS 354  Restorative Justice (4)
CJS 360  Diversity Issues in Criminal Justice (3)
ECON 200  Intro to Economics for Non-business and Non-economics Majors (3)
ECON 201  Macroeconomics (3)
ECON 202  Microeconomics (3)
ECON 311  Economics of the Environment (4)
ECON 313  Labor Economics (4)
ECON 314  International and Comparative Economics (4)
ECON 315  Economics of Diversity (4)
ECON 316  Health Economics (4)
ECON 315  Intermediate Macroeconomics (4)
ECON 352  Intermediate Microeconomics (4)
ETHS 270  Global Blackness (4)
ETHS 303  Politics of Racial Resistance and Protest in the United States (4)
ETHS 304  Environmental Justice and Public Policy (4)
ETHS 305  Major Issues in U.S. Race Relations (4)
ETHS 306  Politics of Mixed Racial Identity (4)
ETHS 309  Race and Public Policy (4)
ETHS 318  Trauma and Traumascapes (4)
ETHS 326  Race and Work in American Life (2-4)
ETHS 332  Topics in Contemporary Native North America (4)
ETHS 335  American Indian Nations: Law, Power and Persistence (4)
ETHS 342  Contemporary Issues in Black America (4)
ETHS 352  Latino/o Cultural Politics (4)
ETHS 363  Asian American Women: Myths and Realities (4)

MATH 310  Calculus III: Multivariable Calculus (4)
MATH 315  Linear Algebra and Applications (4)
MATH 320  Introduction to Probability and Statistics (4)
MATH 340  Mathematical Modeling (4)
MATH 350  Ordinary Differential Equations (4)
MATH 370  Modern Geometry (4)
ETHS 375  Anthropology of Immigrants and Refugees (4)
ETHS 380  Introduction to Geography (3)
ETHS 404  U.S. Economic Life: Working People (4)
ETHS 405  U.S. Economic Life: Technology (4)
ETHS 409  American Indian History (4)
ETHS 410  African American History (4)
ETHS 411  Beginnings of American Society: Colonial and Revolutionary History (4)
ETHS 413  The American Presidents (4)
ETHS 415  The Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s (4)
ETHS 420  History of Asian Americans (4)
ETHS 425  American History at the Movies (4)
ETHS 428  Women in Modern U.S. History (4)
ETHS 429  Legacies: History of Women and the Family (4)
ETHS 431  Religion and Politics in America (4)
ETHS 433  The Greening of America: Environmental History since 1900 (4)
ETHS 434  The Great Depression of the 1930s (4)
ETHS 437  U.S. Foreign Relations, World War I to the Present (4)
ETHS 439  History of Sexuality: Modern Perspectives (4)
ETHS 440  Small Topics and Issues in History (2-4)
ETHS 441  The Vietnam War (4)
ETHS 442  The Sixties Experience (4)
ETHS 445  From Reagan to Obama: America Since 1980 (4)
ETHS 447  Minnesota History (4)
ETHS 448  U.S. Legal History: A Survey (4)
ETHS 450  Europe: Creation and Conflict, 1500–1789 (4)
ETHS 451  Europe: The Global Power, 1789–Present (4)
ETHS 453  Topics in European History (4)
ETHS 454  History of the Holocaust (4)
ETHS 455  Problems of Contemporary Europe in Historical Perspective (4)
ETHS 457  Gender in Early Modern Europe (4)
ETHS 461  Africa: From Ancient Times to 1800 (4)
ETHS 462  Africa: From Colonialism to Independence (4)
ETHS 463  World Environmental History (4)
ETHS 470  Behind the Great Wall: The Real China (4)
ETHS 471  Understanding Modern Japan (4)
ETHS 472  History of Japanese Popular Culture (4)
ETHS 473  U.S.-Japanese Relations from a Racial and Ethnic Perspective (4)
ETHS 482  Latin American History I: To 1910 (4)
ETHS 483  Latin American History II: 1910 to Present (4)
ETHS 491  The Crusades: Origins and Global Perspectives (4)
ETHS 494  Comparative Women's History (4)
ETHS 495  The Rise and Fall of Communism (4)
ETHS 498  World War II: A Global History (4)
HRM 330  Personal and Industrial Psychology (4)
HSDS 307  Blind, Deaf Blind and Deaf Culture, History and Resources (4)
HSDS 399  The Disability Experience in Television and Film (4)
HSER 300  Violence: Origins and Explanations (4)
HSER 301  Violence: Individual, Community and Global Responses (4)
HSER 415  Spirituality and Helping (4)
HFS 338  Family: Racial, Gender and Class Dimensions (4)
HFS 339  Issues and Actions in Family Policy (4)
HFS 341  Work and Family (4)
HFS 342  Children in U.S. Society (4)
HFS 343  The Family: A Social/ Psychological Exploration (4)
HSG 374  Aging in America: A Personal Challenge (4)
IDST 323  Reimagining and Sustaining Sense of Place (4)
IDST 327  Mapping Judaism, Christianity, and Islam (4)
ARTS 300.5 Topics in Fibers (2-4)
ARTS 301.5 Intermediate Drawing (4)
ARTS 302.5 Intermediate Painting (4)
ARTS 303.5 Photography: History of a Visual Artform (4)
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**Goal 7: Human Diversity (three or more credits)**

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| ANTH 328.5 | Anthropology of Immigrants and Refugees (4) |
| ANTH 329.5 | Race and Ethnicity: Sociological and Anthropological Perspectives (4) |
| CJS 360.1S | Diversity Issues in Criminal Justice (3) |
| COMM 233 | Introduction to Intercultural Communication (3) |
| COMM 372 | Health Communication (4) |
| ECON 315.5 | Economics of Diversity (4) |
| EDU 451.5 | Refugees and Immigrants in Urban Schools (3) |
| ETHS 100 | Introduction to Ethnic Studies (4) |
| ETHS 200 | Theories of Race, Ethnicity and Culture (4) |
| ETHS 232 | American Indians in Minnesota (2) |
| ETHS 244 | African Americans in Minnesota (2) |
| ETHS 250 | Social and Cultural Ecologies of Latinas/os in the United States (4) |
| ETHS 252 | Latinas/os in Minnesota (2) |
| ETHS 262 | Asian Americans in Minnesota (2) |
| ETHS 302.5 | Immigrant Communities and the Trajectories of Othering (4) |
| ETHS 303.5 | Politics of Racial Resistance and Protest in the United States (4) |
| ETHS 305.5 | Major Issues in U.S. Race Relations (4) |
| ETHS 306.5 | Politics of Mixed Racial Identity (4) |
| ETHS 311.5 | Understanding Racial and Ethnic Groups in the United States (4) |
| ETHS 315.5 | Color of Incorporation in the United States (4) |
| ETHS 316.5 | Race and Religion (4) |
| ETHS 318.5 | Trauma and Traumascapes (4) |
| ETHS 332.5 | Topics in Contemporary Native North America (4) |
| ETHS 334.5 | American Indian Spirituality (4) |
| ETHS 342.5 | Contemporary Issues in Black America (4) |
| ETHS 352.5 | Latina/o Cultural Politics (4) |
| ETHS 354.5 | Comparative Latinx and Latin American Gender and Sexuality (4) |
| ETHS 361.5 | History of Asian Americans (4) |
| ETHS 362.5 | Asian American Women: Myths and Realities (4) |
| ETHS 370.5 | Black Thought (4) |
| ETHS 375.5 | Black Life in Wealth and Poverty (4) |
| ETHS 380.5 | Special Topics in Ethnic Studies (2-4) |
| ETHS 499.5 | Ethnic Studies Capstone (4) |
| ETHS 499T.5 | Ethnic Studies Capstone Theory Seminar (4) |
| GNDR 201 | Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies (4) |
| GNDR 220 | Introductory Topics in Gender Studies (2-4) |
| GNDR 270 | Gender, Race and Popular Culture (3) |
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| GNDR 365.5 | The Cultural Politics of GLBT Sexuality (4) |
| GNDR 367.5 | Transgender Identities (4) |
| GNDR 369.5 | GLBT Issues in Literature and Film (4) |
| GNDR 375.5 | Intersectionality (4) |
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| HIST 310.5 | American Indian History (4) |
| HIST 311.5 | African American History (4) |
| HIST 312.5 | Beginnings of American Society: Beginnings of American Society (4) |
| HIST 315.5 | Colonial and Revolutionary History (4) |
| HIST 320.5 | Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s (4) |
| HIST 321.5 | History of Asian Americans (4) |
Goal 8: Global Perspective (three or more credits)

ANTH 301** Approaches to Cultural Anthropology (4)
ANTH 302** Gender and Culture (4)
ANTH 304** Anthropology of Religions (4)
ANTH 310** Anthropology of Masculinity (4)
ANTH 320** Anthropology in the Global Age (4)
ANTH 321** Cultural Anthropology: Focus on Mexico and Central America (4)
CJS 340** Comparative Criminal Justice (3)
CJS 40A** Comparative Criminal Justice (3)
COMM 333** Intermediate Intercultural Communication (4)
COMM 33A** Intermediate Intercultural Communication (4)
ECON 314** International and Comparative Economics (4)
ETHS 231** Global Native and Indigenous Studies (4)
GNDR 345** Global Perspectives on Gender (4)
HIST 341** The Vietnam War (4)
HIST 351** Europe: the Global Power, 1789–Present (4)
HIST 354** History of the Holocaust (4)
HIST 361** Africa: From Ancient Times to 1800 (4)
HIST 362** Africa: From Colonialism to Independence (4)
HIST 370** Behind the Great Wall: The Real China (4)
HIST 371** Understanding Modern Japan (4)
HIST 372** History of Japanese Popular Culture (4)
HIST 373** U.S.-Japanese Relations from a Racial Perspective (4)
HIST 382** Latin American History I: To 1910 (4)
HIST 394** Comparative Women's History (4)
HRM 585* International Human Resource Management (4)
HSCI 309LS Global Health Issues (3)
HUM 316** Romanticism (4)
HUM 317** Modernism (4)
HUM 327** Convivencia (2-4)
IBUS 311* International Business Environment and Operations (4)
IDST 327** Mapping Judaism, Christianity, and Islam (4)
LING 316** The Nature of Language (4)
LING 326** Language and Culture (4)
LIT 364** Literature by Immigrants of Color (4)
LIT 365** Asian Women Writers (4)
LIT 372** English Literature: 1800–Present (4)
MDST 370** World Cinema (4)
MKTG 480* International Marketing (4)
OJB 100 Ojibwe Culture and Language (4)
PSYC 356** Early Childhood Development within a Social/Cultural and Historical Context (3)
PSYC 368** Psychology of the LGBT Community (4)
RELS 306** The Spiritual Journey (4)
RELS 322** American Indian Spirituality (4)
RELS 333** Race and Religion (4)
RELS 377** Women and Religion (4)
RELS 390** Zen Buddhism in American Culture (4)
SOCI 101* Introduction to Sociology (4)
SOCI 301** Contemporary Sociology (4)
SOCI 306** Deviance and Social Control (4)
SOCI 317** Women in Minnesota Life: Education, Politics and Social Change (4)
SOCI 311** Food, Culture, and Society (4)
SOCI 325** The Body in Society (4)
SOCI 329** Race and Ethnicity: Sociological and Anthropological Perspectives (4)
SOCI 330** Introduction to Social Science (4)
WRIT 300** Creative Writers, Identity and Race in the Twin Cities (4)

Goal 9: Ethical and Civic Responsibility (three or more credits)

ARTS 200* Creating Change Through Communication, Writing, and the Arts (4)
CJS 375** Criminal Justice Ethics (3)
COMM 200* Creating Change Through Communication, Writing and the Arts (4)
COMM 320** Individual Rights and Discourse (4)
ETHS 309** Race and Public Policy (4)
ETHS 326** Race and Work in African American Life (2-4)
ETHS 333** American Indian Nations: Law, Power and Persistence (4)
HIST 309** Women and Public Activism (4)
HIST 311** Religion and Politics in America (4)
HIST 348** U.S. Legal History: A Survey (4)
HIST 351** Principles of Civic Engagement (4)
HIST 352** Human Rights and the Educated Citizen (4)
PHIL 102* Philosophy, Film and the Meaning of Life (4)
PHIL 301** Ethical Inquiry (4)
PHIL 302** Philosophy Now (4)
PHIL 320** Business Ethics (4)
PHIL 321** Medical Ethics (4)
PHIL 325** Criminal Justice Ethics (4)
PHIL 327** Ethics in the Information Age (4)
PHIL 352** Borders, Walls, Us and Them (4)
POL 101* Introduction to American Government and Politics (3)
POL 301** Citizenship in a Global Context (4)
POL 302** Political Ideas (4)
POL 305** Elections and Political Parties (4)
POL 311** Community Organizing and Social Action (4)
POL 312** Advocacy for Policy Change (4)
POL 319** Politics, Markets and Society (4)
POL 333** Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (4)
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### General Education and Liberal Studies (GELS) Electives

The following courses will not meet goal area requirements, but can be used as General Education Electives to meet the 48-credit requirement. Any course numbered 300 or higher may be used to meet the Liberal Studies requirement. Courses listed for goals 1–10 (except for courses marked with an asterisk [*]) may also be used as electives.

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