



Tips & Tricks on How to Make the Most of Your Gen Eds

Tip 1

Explore the CGS General Education Catalog for Approved Course Options

Our catalog is organized by gen ed requirements, but you can also search with keywords of interest or by subject area. Bookmark this resource for reference and write down the courses that sound interesting to you and the requirements they fulfill.

Tip 2

Look for Opportunities to “Double Up”

Review the courses required for your major and consider if any can overlap with general education requirements.

Note: CGS has a limit on course overlaps. Please talk to your advisor to learn more.

Tip 3

Enhance Your Credentials

Consider using gen ed courses to build a minor or certificate to compliment your major. Speak to your advisor to explore ways on cusotmizing your degree.

Tip 4

Gain Important Job Skills

Some of the competencies you gain by completing gen eds include better communication, writing, analytical skills, and the ability to work in a team and problem-solve. If you cannot find a way to add a minor or certificate, look for courses that can help you gain valuable job skills.

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Tip 5

Identify Prerequisites

With more advanced gen ed courses, pay attention to any prerequisites as you will need to complete them before you can take the course you want.

Tip 6

Check Class Search for Current Offerings

There are various gen eds offered each term in many different disciplines. Use Pitt's course scheduling system (Peoplesoft/Highpoint CX) to see what courses are available each semester, and the times, days, and formats in which they are offered.

At CGS, you have the option to take gen eds online, learn in a smaller classroom environment, and add flexibility to your schedule.

Tip 7

Don't forget! Talk to your CGS advisor about degree requirements and your course selections.

Completing your gen eds can be fun.
Happy exploring!

CGS Gen Ed Webpage

Learn more about the General Education Requirements on the CGS webpage and download the newest version of the CGS Gen Ed catalog here.



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