DEFINITIONS YOU NEED TO KNOW WHEN SELECTING YOUR PROGRAM AND COURSES

1. **Credit Hours (cr.)** - College work is measured in units called credit hours. A credit-hour value is assigned to each course and is normally equal to the number of hours the course meets each week. Credit hours may also be referred to as semester hours.

2. **Contact Hours** - The actual number of hours required in a class or lab.

3. **Lecture Hours (lec.)** - The number of clock hours in the fall or spring semester the student spends each week in the classroom. This time frame is different for the shorter summer sessions.

4. **Laboratory Hours (lab.)** - The number of clock hours in the fall or spring semester the student spends each week in the laboratory or other learning environment. This time frame is different for the shorter summer sessions.

5. **Prerequisite** - A course that must be successfully completed or a requirement such as related life experiences that must be met before enrolling in another course.

6. **Corequisite** - A course that must be taken during the same or earlier semester as the course in which one is enrolling.

7. **General Education Requirements** - A term which refers to courses that meet the eleven General Education Competencies. (See next page.)

8. **Electives** - Courses which may be chosen from items 9 10 or 11.

9. **Liberal Arts Electives** - All course subjects listed in the General Education Core, modern languages, ESL, and advanced courses with the same designations. Exceptions: Horticulture, Business, and Allied Health courses do not qualify.

10. **General Electives** - All credit courses numbered 100 or higher listed in the catalog. Students should consider transferability of courses when choosing general electives.

11. **Directed Electives** - Credit courses that satisfy specific program requirements. These courses are listed with each program area.

12. **Foreign Language Equivalencies** - The following equivalencies satisfy the modern language requirements:

   a) 3 years of high school work in a single foreign language ancient or modern or

   b) 2 years of high school work and an added semester of a college course at a more advanced level in a single foreign language or

   c) 2 semesters of a single foreign language in college.

   Note: Students may also take CLEP (College Level Examination Program) to satisfy the modern language requirements. Information on these tests is available from the Testing Center.

   Note: ESL students may use up to six credits of Intermediate and Advanced levels of ESL courses to fulfill the Modern Language requirements.

13. **Non-Credit** - A course of study that does not apply towards a college degree; college credit is not earned. Typically designed as short courses, workshops, and customized programs; non-credit programs focus on knowledge and skills that can be applied directly to the job or personal and professional growth.

14. **Continuing Education Unit (CEU) Certificates** - CEU certificates are awarded in conjunction with mandatory continuing education requirements across different fields including: teacher professional development real estate nursing allied health insurance appraisal. Prior approval from the learner’s Local Education Association must be obtained. Typically CEU’s are awarded on a 1:10 ratio (i.e. one CEU for every ten hours of qualified instruction).

*This College continues to add and adjust courses course designations and course numbers to its offerings. The General Education and the definitions will be adjusted accordingly.*
**OUR PHILOSOPHY AND REQUIREMENTS**

Naugatuck Valley Community College considers general education an important component of its degree programs. While an appropriate level of mastery in occupations and technologies is clearly essential students are better prepared to live in the world and use this mastery only if they are also capable of understanding fundamental theory weighing values and forming independent judgments.

The College defines General Education in terms of the following competencies and goals:

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<td>Students will identify ethical principles that guide individual and collective actions and apply those principles to the analysis of contemporary social and political problems.</td>
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<td>Continuing Learning and Information Literacy</td>
<td>Students will be able to use traditional and digital technology to access evaluate and apply information to the needs or questions confronting them throughout their academic professional and personal lives.</td>
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<td>Students will be prepared to develop oral messages of varying lengths and styles that communicate effectively and appropriately across a variety of settings.</td>
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<td>Students will learn to recognize, understand, and use the quantitative elements they encounter in various aspects of their lives. Students will develop a habit of mind that uses quantitative skills to solve problems and make informed decisions.</td>
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<td>Scientific Knowledge and Understanding 3-4 credits</td>
<td>Students will gain a broad base of scientific knowledge and methodologies in the natural sciences. This will enable them to develop scientific literacy the knowledge and understanding of scientific concepts and processes essential for personal decision making and understanding scientific issues.</td>
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<td>Students will develop an increased understanding of the influences that shape a person’s or group’s attitudes, beliefs, emotions, symbols, and actions and how these systems of influence are created, maintained, and altered by individual, familial, group, situational, or cultural means.</td>
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**GENERAL EDUCATION CORE COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

Focusing on the above competencies, course work in the General Education Framework ensures that NVCC students gain the fundamental skills, knowledge, and values needed for success in their academic, professional, and personal lives. A list of courses that fulfill each competency may be found under the “Approved Courses” link on the General Education website: [http://www.nv.edu/GEACC](http://www.nv.edu/GEACC) and in this catalog. Students will fulfill General Education Requirements by completing the requisite number of credits in courses associated with each competency. For competencies identified as “Across the Curriculum” students should adhere to program requirements in order to fulfill these areas.

**SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE OR REASONING REQUIREMENT**

Students must successfully complete at least one Scientific Reasoning or Scientific Knowledge course that contains a lab component.

**GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM OVERSIGHT AND ASSESSMENT**

The General Education Requirements are reviewed and assessed by the General Education Assessment and Curriculum design Committee (GEACC). This committee is composed of one library representative, and 10 faculty as well as non-voting members from the Registrar, Center for Academic Planning and Student Success (CAPSS), Curriculum and Educational Affairs (CEAC) and the Dean and Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, and the Dean of Academic Affairs. The committee must have at least one member with expertise in each competency area, and each academic division must have at least one and no more than 3 members.

The duties of the committee include identifying and approving college courses used to fulfill competency requirements. The committee is also responsible for researching, scheduling, and assisting in the implementation of assessment methods to determine if students are achieving competency outcomes.

**GENERAL EDUCATION FOR CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY TRANSFER STUDENTS**

In order to ease transfer between state colleges and universities within the Connecticut State Colleges and University system NVCC’s General Education program reflects the system’s General Education Framework. Based on this Framework students graduating with an Associate degree who complete NVCC’s General Education Requirements will be granted General Education credit upon transfer to any Connecticut State University or Community College.
NVCC General Education Requirements (including the TAP Framework 30)

With a few exceptions, all programs at NVCC will contain courses from all Core Competencies. See particular program requirements for program-specific requirements in how these competency areas will be met. Generally any given course can only be used to satisfy one competency area, even if it appears in multiple areas. If the program requirement is an “elective” from the competency, any course listed in that group may be used. Courses “taken sequentially” can be taken in any order as long as prerequisites are met.

Note: Letter H appears in all NVCC course numbers; it is the code letter for our college in the CT Community College system. Since it is redundant for our college, the H is not reproduced below. The * denotes the Common Course Numbering; courses with the * all have the same number as similar courses at other community colleges in Connecticut, though the other colleges will insert their appropriate code letter.

### Aesthetic Dimensions/Written Communication

**3 credits - Complete one course**

- ART*101 Art History I
- ART*102 Art History II
- ART*111 Drawing I
- ART* 121 Two-Dimensional Design
- ART* 122 Three-Dimensional Design
- COM*154 Film Study & Appreciation
- COM*157 American Film
- COM*158 International Cinema
- DAN*101 History & Appreciation of World Dance
- DAN*102 Ballet I: Renaissance to Romantic
- DAN*111 Jazz I: Afro-Caribbean/American
- DAN*113 Modern I: Pioneers of America
- DAT*102 Introduction to Photography
- ENG*102 Literature & Composition
- ENG*211 Short Story
- ENG*214 Dramatic Literature
- ENG*215 Children’s Literature
- ENG*221 American Literature I
- ENG*222 American Literature II
- ENG*231 British Literature I
- ENG*232 British Literature II
- ENG*241 World Literature I
- ENG*242 World Literature II
- ENG*251 African-American Literature
- ENG*269 Studies in Young Adult Literature
- ENG*277 Science Fiction & Society
- ENG*278 Contemporary Literature
- ENG*281 Creative Writing
- GRA*150 Intro to Graphic Design
- LAS*201 Latin/Latino American Studies
- MUS*101 Music History & Appreciation I
- MUS*103 History of American Music
- MUS*104 World Music
- PHL*101 Intro to Philosophy
- THR*101 Intro to Theatre
- THR*110 Acting I

**only ECE Program students can meet this requirement through**

**only HRT Program students can meet this requirement through**

### Continuing Learning and Information Literacy/Ethical Dimensions

**3 credits - Complete one course**

- CSA*105 Intro to Software Applications
- CSC*101 Introduction to Computers
- DAT*101 Intro to Digital Arts
- ECN*101 Principles of Macroeconomics
- ECN*102 Principles of Microeconomics
- RES*211 Mentored Research Project I
- TCN*101 Intro to Engineering Technology

**only ECE Program students can meet this requirement through**

**only EET Program students can meet this requirement through**

**only NUR Program students can meet this requirement through**

**only PTA Program students can meet this requirement through**

**only RSP Program students can meet this requirement through**

**only LAS majors need one more course in this list. Met through ENG*101**

### Critical Analysis and Logical Thinking

See specific degree program for requirements.
**GENERAL EDUCATION CORE**

**Historical Knowledge and Understanding**
3 credits - Complete one course
- BBG*231 Business Law I
- ENG*221 American Literature I
- ENG*222 American Literature II
- ENG*231 British Literature I
- ENG*232 British Literature II
- ENG*241 World Literature I
- ENG*242 World Literature II
- HIS*101 Western Civilizations I
- HIS*102 Western Civilizations II
- HIS*201 U.S. History I
- HIS*202 U.S. History II
- LAS*201 Latin/Latino American Studies
- POL*103 Intro to International Relations
- POL*111 American Government
- SOC*211 Sociology of Gender

**Quantitative Reasoning**
3 credits - Complete one course
- MAT*121 +Applications for Business & Other Careers
- MAT*122 +Statway II
- MAT*135 +++Topics in Contemporary Mathematics
- MAT*143 Math for Elementary Ed: Algebra, Number Systems
- MAT*144 Math for Elementary Ed: Geometry, Data
- MAT*146 Math for the Liberal Arts
- MAT*167 Principles of Statistics
- MAT*172 College Algebra
- MAT*185 Trigonometric Functions
- MAT*186 PreCalculus
- MAT*232 Applied Calculus
- MAT*254 Calculus I
- MAT*256 Calculus II
- MAT*268 Calculus III Multivariable
- MAT*285 Differential Equations
  +Not accepted as part of the CSCU TAP Pathways Agreement
  +++Will not transfer as math credit at CSU’s

**Social Phenomena**
3 credits - Complete one course
- ANT*101 Introduction to Anthropology
- ANT*121 Introduction to Archaeology
- ANT*205 Cultural Anthropology
- COM*101 Mass Communications
- COM*172 Interpersonal Communication
- COM*202 Intercultural Communication
- ECN*101 Principles of Macroeconomics
- ECN*102 Principles of Microeconomics
- GEO*102 Introduction to Human Geography
- GEO*111 World Regional Geography
- LAS*201 Latin/Latino American Studies
- PSY*111 General Psychology I
- PSY*201 Lifespan Development
- PSY*203 Psychology of Child Development
- PSY*245 Abnormal Psychology
- PSY*260 Psychology of the Exceptional Child
- SOC*101 Principles of Sociology
- SOC*201 Sociology of Contemporary Issues
- SOC*210 Sociology of the Family
- SOC*211 Sociology of Gender

**Oral Communications**
3 credits - Complete one course
- COM* 100 Introduction to Communications
- COM* 173 Public Speaking
- ESL*157 Oral Communication V

**Scientific Knowledge and Understanding**
3 or 4 credits - Complete one course
- AST*101 Principles of Astronomy
- AST*111 Introduction to Astronomy
- BIO*105 Intro to Biology
- BIO*110 Principles of the Human Body
- BIO*111 Introduction to Nutrition
- BIO*115 Human Biology & Lab
- BIO*121 General Biology I-Cellular Biology
- BIO*122 General Biology II-Organismal Biology
- BIO*126 Biotechnology
- BIO*155 General Botany
- BIO*171 Field Biology
- BIO*175 Intro to Marine Science
- BIO*180 Principles of Environmental Science
- BIO*181 Environmental Science & Lab
- BIO*211 Anatomy and Physiology I
- BIO*235 Microbiology
- CHE*111 Concepts of Chemistry
- CHE*121 General Chemistry I
- CHE*122 General Chemistry II
- GLG*121 Intro to Physical Geology
- HRT*102 Woody Plants
- PHY*110 Introduction to Physics
- PHY*122 General Physics II
- PHY*221 Calculus-Based Physics I
- PHY*222 Calculus-Based Physics II

**Scientific Reasoning**
3 or 4 credits - Complete one course
- BIO*105 Intro to Biology
- BIO*115 Human Biology & Lab
- BIO*121 General Biology I-Cellular Biology
- BIO*122 General Biology II-Organismal Biology
- BIO*155 General Botany
- BIO*171 Field Biology
- BIO*181 Environmental Science & Lab
- BIO*212 Anatomy and Physiology II
- BIO*235 Microbiology
- CHE*111 Concepts of Chemistry
- CHE*121 General Chemistry I
- CHE*122 General Chemistry II
- CSC*250 Systems Analysis and Design
- CSC*252 Information Systems Project Management
- DAN*175 Kinesiology for Dancers
- DAR*158 Biology of Addiction
- EET*252 Digital Electronics
- GLG*121 Intro to Physical Geology
- HRT*222 Greenhouse Management I
- HRT*224 Plant Propagation & Hybridization
- PHY*110 Introduction to Physics
- PHY*121 General Physics I
- PHY*122 General Physics II
- PHY*221 Calculus-Based Physics I
- PHY*222 Calculus-Based Physics II
- PSY* 258 Behavior Modification
- RES*212 Mentored Research Project II
**Written Communication**
6 credits - Complete two courses

- ENG*101 Composition
- ENG*102 Literature & Composition
- ENG*200 Advanced Composition
- ENG*202 Technical Writing
- ENG*211 Short Story
- ENG*214 Dramatic Literature ENG*215 Children’s Literature
- ENG*221 American Literature I
- ENG*222 American Literature II
- ENG*251 African-American Literature
- ENG*269 Studies in Young Adult Literature
- ENG*274 Graphic Novel as Literature
- ENG*277 Science Fiction & Society
- ENG*278 Contemporary Literature

**TAP-specific Gen Ed Competency Areas: Creativity and Global Knowledge**
(only required for certain TAP Transfer Ticket degrees; please see requirements for specific program)

**Creativity**
3 credits - Complete one course

- ART*111 Drawing I
- DAN*102 Ballet I: Renaissance to Romantic
- DAN*111 Jazz I: Afro-Caribbean/American
- DAN*113 Modern I: Pioneers of America
- DAN*221 Repertory/Ensemble I
- DAN*222 Choreographic Principles/Ensemble I
- DAT*104 Multimedia Authoring
- DAT*108 Digital Imaging I
- ENG*281 Creative Writing

**Global Knowledge**
3 credits - Complete one course

- ANT*101 Introduction to Anthropology
- ECN*102 Principles of Microeconomics
- ENG*242 World Literature II
- GEO*111 World Regional Geography
- POL*103 International Relations
- SOC*101 Principles of Sociology
- SOC*210 Sociology of the Family
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