
Student Advising General Education and Tips for Registering for Courses

Spring 2024



General Education

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An AUA Undergraduate Degree

An **AUA undergraduate degree** consists of **two equally important components**:

The **Major** gives students **depth** and specialization in a field of study.

General Education gives **breadth** and a foundation of general knowledge, perspectives and skills for life.



To understand the requirements for your degree:

For the major:

- Your Program Chair
- Your Program Advisor
- The webpage for your major

For General Education:

- General Education webpage: <https://gened.aua.am/>
- General Education Advisors generaleducation@aua.am

Your General Education requirements include

Foundation Courses

Semester	Freshman Year (0-29 credits)	Sophomore Year (30-59 credits)	Junior Year (60 – 89 credits)
Fall	FND 101 Freshman Seminar 1 FND 110 Physical Education FND 152 First Aid FND 153 Civil Defense	FND 103 Armenian Language & Literature 1 FND 110 Physical Education	FND 221 Armenian History 1
Spring	FND 102 Freshman Seminar 2 FND 110 Physical Education	FND 104 Armenian Language & Literature 2 FND 110 Physical Education	FND 222 Armenian History 2

Breadth Courses in cohesive clusters

Physical Education

Students **must** complete **four** (4) semesters of Physical Education during their freshman and sophomore years.

All freshman and sophomore students must submit a medical document **directly and only** to the AUA health clinic at healthclinic@aua.am before the start of both academic years.

For questions about Physical Education contact phed@aua.am

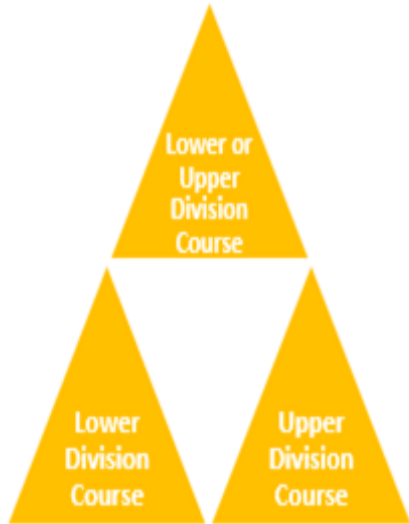
First Aid and Civil Defense

Students **must** complete First Aid and Civil Defense courses during the **fall** semester of the freshman year.

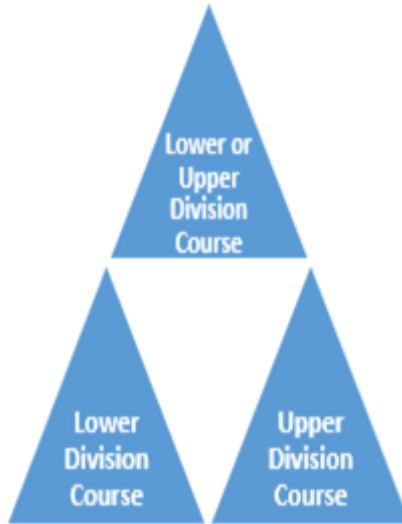


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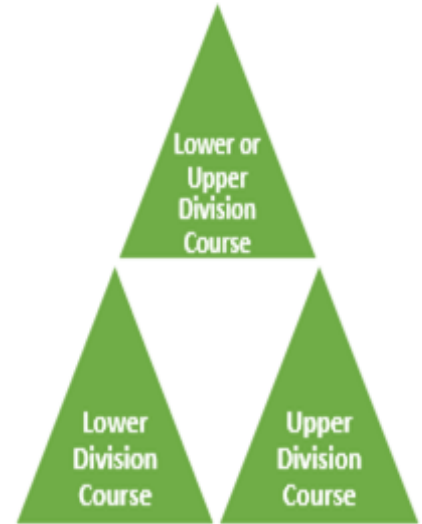
Breadth Courses: 9 courses in 3 cohesive clusters*



Arts and Humanities



Social Sciences



Quantitative Sciences

What is a Cohesive Cluster?

A cohesive cluster is a group of **three** courses connected thematically.

Each cluster must have three courses in **one theme.**

Choose the themes that most interest you.

Arts & Humanities Theme: 1, 2, 3	Social Sciences Theme: 4, 5, 6	Quantitative Sciences Theme: 7, 8, 9
1. The World of Human Symbols	4. Society and Culture	7. The Living World
2. The Diversity of Human Experience in Time and Space	5. Economics & Finance	8. The Physical World
3. Beliefs and Thought	6. Individual & Society	9. The Built World

Sample Complete Cohesive Clusters

Arts & Humanities 1, 2, 3	Social Sciences 4, 5, 6	Quantitative Sciences 7, 8, 9
CHSS 112 Logic and Rhetoric (<u>1</u> , 3) CHSS 130 Introduction to Art (<u>1</u>) CHSS 272 Comparative Religion (<u>1</u> , 2, 3, 4, 6)	PSIA 103 Intro to Armenian Government (<u>4</u>) CHSS 128 History of the Modern World (2, <u>4</u>) CHSS 290 Cultural Geography (2, <u>4</u>)	PH 101 Basics of Healthy Lifestyle (<u>7</u>) PH201 Global Health (4, <u>7</u>) CSE 264 Human Brain (3, <u>6</u> , <u>7</u>)

Although courses may apply to more than one cluster,
you can only apply one course to one cluster.

Cohesive Clusters:

Build yours in the areas that most interest you

Students will take at least three General Education courses in **Arts & Humanities**, **Social Sciences** and **Quantitative Sciences**, so make choices that reflect your interests.

If you are interested in **Human Symbols**, look at the descriptions of courses in Art, Music, Design, and Communications, and consider focusing your Arts & Humanities cluster in **Theme 1**.

If you are interested in **Society and Culture**, look at the descriptions of courses in Sociology, Political Science, Law, and Culture, and consider focusing your Social Science cluster in **Theme 4**.

If you are interested in the **Built World**, look at the descriptions of courses in Technology, Engineering, Entrepreneurship, and supporting fields, such as Math, Chemistry, and Statistics, and consider focusing your Quantitative Sciences cluster in **Theme 9**.

Some Ideas for Spring 2024

Have you thought about the justification for our moral judgments, or what might be considered morally right or wrong, just or unjust? **CHSS111 Introduction to Ethics (Themes: 3,6)** explores what is good for individuals and society.

Have you ever wondered what those numbers mean in the media, or in a report? Do you want to understand how data is used, and how it can be misused. **CSE 141 Understanding Data might be for you. (Themes: 7,8,9)**

Are you overwhelmed with an abundance of digital information? Do you want to understand the ethical challenges of Artificial Intelligence and digital media? If so, **CHSS 296 Special Topics in Social Sciences: Critical Thinking for the Digital Era might be for you (Themes: 1,4,6)**

Did you know that a still image can tell a story? Have you ever wondered what makes an effective image? Have you ever wanted to learn more about photography? **CHSS 268 Photography** might be for you. **(Themes 1, 2)**

Have you thought about the factors related to addiction and the experiences of addicted individuals, their families, and society. Have you thought about what can be done to prevent addiction? **CHSS 296 Special Topics in Social Sciences: Understanding Substance Use and Addictions. (Themes: 4,6)** might be of interest.

Minors at AUA: Expanding your learning

A **minor** is a set of thematically related courses intended to broaden and complement a student's learning and experience.

Choose a minor to expand your knowledge and follow your passions.

Minors at AUA: Expanding your learning

AUA offers the following minors:

- Environmental Studies
- Gender Studies
- Genocide Studies and Human Rights
- Philosophy
- Philosophy, Politics, and Economics

To learn more about minors, visit:

<https://gened.aua.am/minors/>

Complete a [Form to Declare Intent to Pursue a Minor](#) as early as possible to ensure appropriate advising.

For more information about General Education

- Visit the General Education web page at <https://gened.aua.am/>.
- Visit a General Education Advisor (PAB 118W or 132W) or email generaleducation@aua.am.
- Prior to visiting a General Education advisor, complete the [General Education Planning Form](#).

Plan ahead. Not all courses are offered every semester.



Tips for Registering for Courses

Build your schedule: You're in control

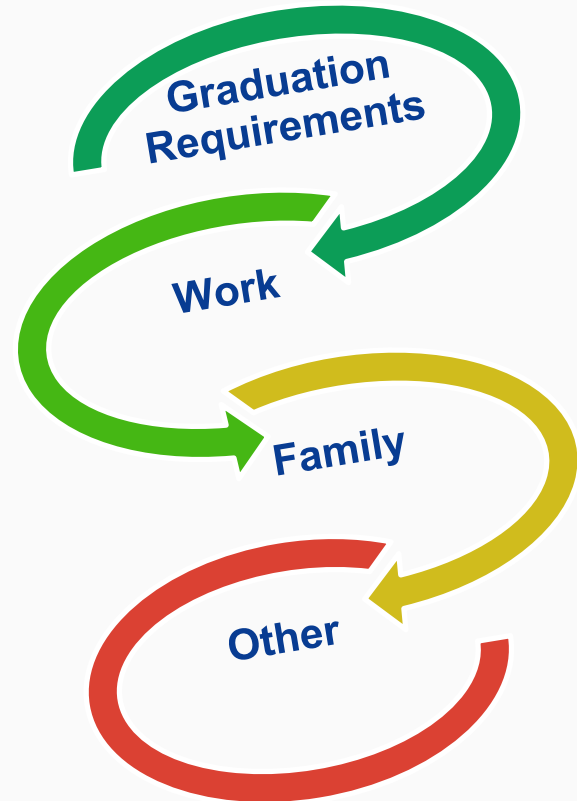


Only you can decide the priority you place on your classes, your job and other responsibilities.

You have to register for classes during course registration timeframes, so your work schedule will have to fit around your class schedule.

Building your schedule is your responsibility

You are responsible to register for required classes and build a class schedule that meets your graduation requirements.



Prepare for registration

- Review the [schedule of classes](#) being offered this term.
- Refer to the [course catalog](#) that has course descriptions, including prerequisites.
- Know the requirements in your major (check your program's webpage).
- Know the General Education requirements <https://gened.aua.am/>.
- Consider the themes that interest you to plan your General Education breadth courses in cohesive clusters.
- Check your status online or with the Office of the Registrar for possible holds that might prevent course registration.

Know when you will register

Registration is open based on your standing (senior, junior, sophomore, freshman)

Review the email you receive from the Office of the Registrar to know the dates and times that you are scheduled to register.

Some courses have prerequisites **and** are based on your standing (e.g., Armenian History 1 is open to students who have completed Armenian Language and Literature 2 **and** have reached sophomore status, which means having completed 60 credits).

System glitches

System glitches may happen during the registration process.

Be patient. Try again.

If you experience an ongoing technical problem,
email icts-support@aua.am

How to build your schedule



First. Select a section for each course required for your major.

Second. Select a section for General Education Foundation courses required for your level.

Third. Select courses to fulfill your General Education Breadth requirements.

Finally. Select free electives.

Frequently Asked Questions

What do I do if the class I need is full?

If the class you need is full, put your name on the waitlist for the course. Be patient. You will not be left without a full load of courses.

Can I swap a class with a friend?

No. Swapping doesn't work. When you drop a class, you are not guaranteed a spot in another class.

Can the instructor add a seat?

No. Instructors cannot add a seat. Class capacity is predetermined to best meet the learning needs.

What do I do if I have not yet registered for a full load and there is no room in classes?

Put your name on the waitlist for the course you need. If you are not able to complete registration by two working days before classes start, email generaleducation@ua.am for General Education courses and your program chair for courses in your major.

See more Frequently Asked Questions here: <https://gened.ua.am/frequently-asked-questions/>

Add/drop period (one week after classes begin)

Do not wait for the add/drop period to register for classes!

Adding/dropping many courses creates registration problems and may result in your not being able to register for the courses you need.



- It is your responsibility to complete the courses that meet your graduation requirements. Meet with your Program Chair and a General Education Advisor.
- All students must complete **four** semesters of Physical Education, and the online courses in First Aid and Civil Defense to be eligible for graduation!
- If you have a medical situation that prevents you from taking Physical Education, email healthclinic@aua.am.
- Courses in your major **cannot** be used to satisfy General Education requirements.
- Check the [academic calendar](#) for important dates.



For more information:

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