

J-3. General Education Curriculum and Learning Outcomes

First-year students (see Admissions Status) are to complete the University of Idaho General Education curriculum. A university education is a preparation both for living and for making a living. It offers an opportunity not only to lay the foundations of a career, but also to develop the mind to its highest potential, to cultivate the imagination as well as the power to reason, and to gain the intellectual curiosity that makes education a life-long enterprise. See the [University Learning Outcomes](#) for more information.

A student working toward a baccalaureate degree must complete the necessary course work in the seven categories described below (J-3-a through J-3-g). This requirement is to be satisfied by earning a total of **36 credits** and meeting the minimum number of credits specified for each category. Within the J-3-e, J-3-f, J-3-g categories, students must complete a total of 18 credits. Please consult with your advisor(s) to finish these requirements early in your academic career to avoid a delayed graduation.

J-3-a. Written Communication (3-6 cr., depending on placement)

J-3-b. Oral Communication (2-3 cr.)

J-3-c. Scientific Ways of Knowing (8 cr., from two different disciplines, which include two accompanying labs OR 7 cr. which includes a Core Science (CORS) course and one course with lab)

J-3-d. Mathematical Ways of Knowing (3 cr.)

J-3-e. Humanistic and Artistic Ways of Knowing (6 cr. from two different disciplines) and Social and Behavioral Ways of Knowing (6 cr. from two different disciplines)

J-3-f. American Diversity (One course) and International (One course or an approved study abroad experience)

J-3-g. Integrated Studies - [ISEM 101](#) (3 cr.), [ISEM 301](#) (1 cr.), and Senior Experience 91 to 6 cr.).