

Course List:

- **Economics 101:**
- **Classical Studies 372:**
- **History 383:**
- **Sociology 235:**

Taking general education courses throughout your college career is important to a wholistic college education. They allow you take classes outside of the sphere of engineering and gain a different overall look on the world. Gaining this perspective allow students to learn lessons and information that could not have been learned in engineering courses. During my time at Iowa State University I took four general education courses: ECON 101, CL ST 372, HIST 383 and SOC 235

In ECON 101, I learned about basic economic concepts, such as supply& demand, the prisoner's dilemma, etc. Even though I did enjoy this class and learned a lot it did not really impact my engineering education. The subject matter was too far from things that could directly relate to my engineering education. One thing that I could take away from the class that may apply later in my life is understanding the market and supply and demand or a product. Later in life I would like to start my own music platform and thinking about the demand for a product in a specific market will help me tailor my platform to fit a need that I believe is missing in the hip-hop community.

In CL ST 372, I read a lot of tragedy and comedies from famous Greek and Roman authors, and learned about the origin of the genres as well as what made a tragedy and what is the structure of comedy in those regions. As this relates to my engineering education, it had very little impact. It was a nice break from engineering courses and I learned a lot about Greek and Roman authors as well as some mythology.

HIST 383 was a European science, technology and culture class, which covered all the way from the Scientific revolution to the creation of the atomic bomb and a little bit into the present. I took a lot from this class since I learned about the innovations that were made to get to the point we are now. The main thing I took away was seeing how big of an impact the innovations you make can have on the world. It was inspiring in a way to invent, and create something of my own.

SOC 235 was an elective that I took second semester of my sophomore year. The course covered social problems within America, like crime, discrimination, race relations, etc. This course shed light on some social problems that I may face when I enter the workplace as an engineer. Some were things that I have been exposed too, but it was great to share my point of view and to hear others while discussing in class.

Through the general electives that I have taken, the main thing that I have gained is perspective. When it comes to evaluating engineering solutions, I can use this perspective of outside the world of engineering to see how solutions could be made to specifically fit the user. I can see problems as more than just technical, but I can see the personal impact the solution may have and how to approach it to ensure it can make that impact, whether that be from a societal, economic or global standpoint. The general electives I have taken, mainly SOC 235, and HIST 383 provided me a look on engineering that is beyond just creating, but how it involves

interacting with people from a vast amount of backgrounds and I got a glimpse into some of the prejudice that I could face in the work place. All of these things are outside the realm of just innovating, but they are things that will be seen after college and may have been a shock if not for seeing engineering from another angle

My Next Steps

After college I am going to be working at C.H Robinson in Minneapolis as a Software Engineer I. It is a great place to start a career and I am very excited to get the ball rolling. My overall goal is to work there for 2 to 3 years while simultaneously working on my own music platform, and then move to either Los Angeles, Seattle, Washington D.C or New York, to move onto a new company while also trying to launch my platform that will hopefully fill a hole that I believe is there in the Hip-Hop community.

I will use the technical skill provide by Iowa State University as well as the different perspective gained from my general education classes to innovate and hopefully create an impact in the tech industry.