
FIRST-SEMESTER RECOMMENDED COURSES FOR FIRST-YEARS

This is a general guide to the courses offered in the fall that first-years should consider taking. For each GE, we have listed courses being offered that will satisfy that requirement. This is not an exhaustive list, but it will help you decide which courses to take in your first semester.

First-Year Seminars

First-years must complete both during the first year – one in each semester.

- Freshman Humanities Seminar (FHS 010 CM)
- Freshman Writing Seminar (FWS 010 CM)

Math and Computer Science

Calculus can be taken at any of the Claremont Colleges. Computer Science can be taken at CMC, Pomona, or Harvey Mudd. You can find these courses by using the course area “CMC Mathematics GE” on the portal.

- Calculus I (MATH030)
- Calculus II (MATH031)
- Calculus III (MATH032)

Lab Science Courses

All students should take a lab science by the end of their sophomore year. You can find these courses by using the course area “CMC Lab Science GE” on the portal.

- Conservation Ecology & Management (BIOL067L KS)
- Basic Principles of Chemistry (CHEM014L KS)
- General Physics (PHYS030L KS)

CMS Varsity Sports

All varsity athletes playing a fall sport should register for their sport. Varsity athletes playing a spring sport should register for their sport in the spring. You can find these courses by using the course area “CMS Varsity Sports” on the portal.

- Basketball (Men) (PE 105 JP)
- Basketball (Women) (PE 107 JP)
- Cross-Country (Men and Women) (PE 110 JP)
- Football (PE 120 JP)
- Soccer (Men) (PE 135 JP)
- Soccer (Women) (PE 140 JP)

- Volleyball (Women) (PE 160 JP)
- Water Polo (Men) (PE 165 JP)

Language Courses

The foreign language GE can be satisfied at any of the Claremont Colleges. Any course marked with an asterisk (*) satisfies the foreign language GE. The results of your language placement exam will determine which course you should take.

Arabic

- Introductory Arabic (ARBC001 CM)
- Intermediate Arabic (ARBC033 CM)*

Chinese

- Elementary Chinese (CHIN001A PO)
- Elementary Chinese for Bilinguals (CHIN002 PO)
- Intermediate Chinese (CHIN051A PO)*

French

- Introductory French (FREN001)
- Intensive Intermediate French (FREN022)
- Intermediate French (FREN033)*

German

- Introductory German (GERM001)
- Intermediate German (GERM033)*

Italian

- Introductory Italian (ITAL001)
- Continued Introductory Italian (ITAL002)
- Intermediate Italian (ITAL033)*

Japanese

- Elementary Japanese (JAPN001A)
- Intermediate Japanese (JAPN051A)*

Korean

- Introductory Korean (KORE001)
- Intermediate Korean (KORE033)*

Latin

- Introductory Latin (LATN001)

- Intermediate Latin (LATN033)*

Portuguese

- Introductory Portuguese (PORT001)
- Intermediate Portuguese (PORT033)*

Russian

- Elementary Russian 1 (RUSS001)
- Intermediate Russian (RUSS033)*

Spanish

- Introductory Spanish (SPAN001)
- Intensive Introductory Spanish (SPAN022)
- Intermediate Spanish (SPAN033)*

Social Science General Education Courses

All students must take at least 3 outside their major.

Economics GE

- Principles of Economics Analysis (ECON050 CM)

Government GE

- Introduction to American Politics (GOVT020 CM)

Psychology GE (Course Area “CMC Psychology GE”)

You can find these courses by using the course area “CMC Psychology GE” on the portal.

- Introduction to Psychology (PSYC030 CM)
- Organizational Psychology (PSYC037 CM)
- Cognitive Psychology (PSYC040 CM)
- Abnormal Psychology (PSYC070 CM)
- Developmental Psychology (PSYC081 CM)
- Social Psychology (PSYC092 CM)
- Neuropsychology (PSYC096 CM)
- Sensation and Perception (PSYC097 CM)

History GE

You can find these courses by using the course area “CMC History GE” on the portal.

- Middle East: From Muhamad to the Mongols (HIST055 CM)
- Women and Politics in America (HIST119 CM)

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- Culture and Society in Weimar and Nazi Germany (HIST139E CM)
 - Modern Korean History (HIST161 CM)
 - Murder and Mayhem in Imperial China (HIST166 CM)

Humanities General Education Courses

All students must take at least 2 outside their major.

Literature GE

You can find these courses by using the course area “CMC Lit Humanities GE” on the portal.

- American Writers to 1900 (LIT 060 CM)
- Shakespeare’s Comedies (LIT 066 CM)
- Literary Theory Since Plato (LIT 100 CM)
- The Idea of Poetry (LIT 103 CM)
- The Romantic Revolution (LIT 118 CM)

Philosophy GE

You can find these courses by using the course area “CMC Philosophy GE” on the portal.

- Introduction to Philosophy: Philosophical Questions (PHIL030 CM)
- Introduction to Philosophy: Reason and Reality (PHIL038 CM)
- Introduction to Philosophy: Philosophy of Science (PHIL039 CM)

Religious Studies GE

You can find these courses by using the course area “CMC Religious Studies GE” on the portal.

- Religion, Race, and the Civil Rights Movement (RLST084 CM)

Foreign Literature GE

- Modern Arabic Prose and Poetry (ARBC130 CM)
- Arab/Islamic Cultural Histories (ARBT122 JT)
- Advanced French (FREN044)
- Advanced German (GERM044)
- Advanced Latin Readings (LATN044)
- Advanced Spanish (SPAN044)