

GENERAL ELECTIVE RECOMENDATIONS FOR FIRST-YEAR APDESIGN STUDENTS

Following is a list of general elective courses that previous first-year APDesign students have found to work well with the demands of studio. Please refer to the KSU Course Schedule for a complete list of courses offered this fall: <http://courses.k-state.edu/fall2020/schedule.html>

All APDesign students must take one general elective in the K-State 8 Human Diversity in the US category. Students majoring in architecture will also need a course in the Global Issues & Perspectives area. The other K-State 8 areas are covered by required courses in your academic program. We encourage you to choose a Human Diversity in the US elective in your first semester.

You must complete MATH 100 College Algebra in your first semester (unless you already have college credit for MATH 100 or a higher level math; this could include AP Calculus or CLEP credit). You must complete PHYS 115 Descriptive Physics in the spring semester of your first year (unless you already have college or AP credit for PHYS 113 or higher).

You should complete COMM 105/106 Public Speaking and ENGL 100 Expository Writing before entering second year. Many students choose to take these courses over the summer (before or after first year).

Human Diversity in the US Electives:

AMETH 160 – Introduction to American Ethnic Studies (3 cr hrs) This course introduces students to the major concepts related to ethnicity and to some of the major American ethnic groups.

ENGL 270 – American Literature (3 cr hrs) Selected writers from various periods in American literary history. Designed for students not majoring/minoring in English.

GEOG 100 – World Geography & Globalization (3 cr hrs) Introduction to geography structured on a framework of major world regions and countries. Within the regional approach is an explicit discussion of the essential concepts rooted in historical, cultural, social, political, economic, religious, gender, urban geography, and globalization.

GWSS 105 – Intro to Gender, Women and Sexuality Studies (3 cr hrs) An interdisciplinary analysis of personal experiences and social and political institutions as they shape and are shaped by the intersections of gender, race, class, sex, sexuality, ethnicity, nation, citizenship, and ability on local, national and global levels. Topics include the roles of biology and social construction in shaping gender and sexuality sources of structural inequities; and feminist, queer, trans, anti-racist, and anti-colonial activisms.

HDFS 110 - Introduction to Human Development (3 cr hrs). A study of life span human development through an individual's awareness and understanding of his or her own physical, social, and psychological growth and relationships with family, peers, and others.

HIST 151 – History of the US to 1877 (3 cr hrs) Includes ethnic, social, military, political, economic, diplomatic, and ideological themes. The chronological emphasis varies with instructor. The aim of the course is to achieve a broad understanding of American civilization to 1877.

HIST 152 – History of the US Since 1877 (3 cr hrs) Ethnic, social, political, economic, and diplomatic history. The goal of the course is to achieve a broad understanding of American civilization since 1877.

LEAD 212 - Introduction to Leadership Concepts (2 cr hrs) This course is organized to provide students with a broad overview of leadership theories, an introduction to ethical decision making, identification of personal leadership styles, and current societal issues for leaders.

MUSIC 245 – Intro to American Music (3 cr hrs) An introduction to the functions of music in American society and the elements of music, including a survey of the development of various types and styles of music in America.

SOCIO 211 - Introduction to Sociology (3 cr hrs) Development, structure, and functioning of human groups; social and cultural patterns; and the principal social processes.

SPAN 302 – Spanish for Heritage Speakers (4 cr hrs) Designed for multilingual students who learn Spanish at home and wish to reactivate their use of the Spanish language, while expanding their academic Spanish language skills and cultural knowledge. Emphasis on speaking, reading, writing, and listening comprehension, in response to students' specific needs.

Other Popular General Elective Courses:

ANTH 204 - Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (3 cr hrs) Introduction to ethnology and ethnography; analysis and comparison of technological, social, and religious characteristics of cultural systems.

DAS 100 – First Year Seminar in K-State Culture (3 cr hrs) Orients first-year students to the K-State campus community. Students will attend university events, lectures, and learn about the various campus resources.

EDCEP 111 – The University Experience (2 cr hrs) Introduction to the university experience through participation in interactive seminar classes and co-curricular events. Study of topics such as academic skills, including communication and critical thinking, time management, academic and career planning and goal setting, and community building.

ENVD 200 – Student Success Seminar (1 cr hr) Addresses student success strategies and applications specific to the beginning design student. Topics such as developing self-awareness, self-motivation, employing interdependence, and accepting personal responsibility will be covered. May not be used as an elective for students majoring in architecture (can be used as an elective for students in landscape architecture, interior architecture & product design and planning).

GEOG 100 – World Regional Geography (3 cr hrs) Introduction to geography structured on a framework of major world regions and countries. With the regional approach is an explicit discussion of the essential concepts of certain systematic specialties, such as political, social, economic, and urban geography.

GEOG 200 – Human Geography (3 cr hrs) A geographical assessment of the way human activities shape landscapes throughout the world. The course is especially appropriate for students interested in the social and behavioral sciences.

GEOL 125 – Natural Disasters (3 cr hrs) Discussion of geological phenomena such as earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, landslides, and floods with particular emphasis on their causes, effects and significance as hazards.

MC 110 – Mass Communication in Society (3 cr hrs) A historical, social, legal, economic, and technological study of mass communication and its role and impact in society.

MC 120 – Principles of Advertising (3 cr hrs) An examination of the advertising field and its relationship to marketing and journalism.

MC 180 – Principles of Public Relations (3 cr hrs) Contemporary persuasive social science principles, processes, and issues involved in the management of communications between an organization and its publics. May not be used as an elective for students majoring in architecture (can be used as an elective for students in landscape architecture, interior architecture & product design and planning).

PFP 101 – Money 101 (1 cr hr) An introduction to resources and tools available to assist students in developing beginning personal finance skills that will assist them throughout their lifetime. Application exercises will allow students to apply personal finance knowledge in solving real-life problems. Online format. May not be used as an elective for students majoring in architecture (can be used as an elective for students in landscape architecture, interior architecture & product design and planning).

PFP 105 – Introduction to Personal Financial Planning (3 cr hrs) Fundamental principles for making financial decisions. Analysis and evaluation of personal and family money management strategies.

PHYS 101 – The Physical World I (3 cr hrs) The courses The Physical World I and II are designed to present an overview of the physical sciences for students who have little or no previous physical science. The Physical World I is principally physics and atomic theory.

PSYCH 110 – General Psychology (3 cr hrs) An introductory survey of the general content areas of psychology, including methods, data and principles.

A First Year Seminar course

A list of all first-year seminars can be found here:

<http://www.k-state.edu/fys/courses.html>.