
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 II-A (MATH031A CM)
- Calculus III (MATH032)
- Computing for the Web (CSCI040 CM)

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.

Students majoring in science:

- Introductory Biology (BIOL043L KS)
- Basic Principles of Chemistry (CHEM014L KS)
- General Physics for Life Sciences (PHYS030L KS)
- Principles of Physics (PHYS033L KS)

Students not majoring in science:

- Elementary Astronomy (ASTR066L KS)
- Conservation Ecology & Management (BIOL067L KS)
- Behavioral Neurobiology (BIOL080L KS)
- Science and the Environment (EA 030L 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)
- Continuing Introductory French (FREN002)
- **Intensive Intermediate French (FREN022)**
- Intermediate French (FREN033)*

German

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

Greek

- Intermediate Greek (GREK033)

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)
- Continuing Introductory Spanish (SPAN002)
- 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)
- Sensation and Perception (PSYC097 CM)

History GE

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

- Bread & Circuses in Ancient Rome (HIST054 CM)
- Middle East: From Muhamad to the Mongols (HIST055 CM)
- Museums and Leadership (HIST078 CM)
- Intro to Latin-American Culture (HIST095 CM)
- Cold War America (HIST099 CM)
- Ancient Life in Letters (HIST106 CM)
- Slavery: A World History (HIST116 CM)
- American Schools: Race, Citizenship, and Inequality (HIST122 CM)
- Genocide and Human Rights in Twentieth-Century Europe (HIST132 CM)
- Modern Russian History: 1917-present (HIST133B CM)
- Jane Austen’s Britain (HIST151 CM)
- Modern Korean History (HIST161 CM)
- Design Activism (HIST174 CM)
- Race and American Cities (HIST190 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.

- British Writers I (LIST 057 CM)
- Shakespeare’s Sonnets (LIT 069 CM)
- Melville (LIT 081 CM)
- American Poetry (LIT 091 CM)
- Literary Theory Since Plato (LIT 100 CM)

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- Poetry and Philosophy (LIT 108 CM)
 - The Romantic Revolution (LIT 118 CM)
 - African American Literature (LIT 129IOCM)
 - Introduction to Film (LIT 130 CM)
 - African Literature (LIT 162 AF)

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: Philosophy and the Arts (PHIL032 CM)
- Introduction to Philosophy: Reason and Reality (PHIL038 CM)
- Introduction to Philosophy: Science, Technology, and Human Values (PHIL039 CM)

Religious Studies GE

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

- Jewish Civilization (RLST021 CM)
- End of the World As We Know It (RLST058 CM)
- Islam in Motion (RLST064 CM)
- African-American Religions (RLST082 CM)
- Israel-Zionism and the Jewish State (RLST087 CM)
- Hinduism and South Asian Culture (RLST102 CM)
- American Religious History (RLST138 CM)
- Religion and American Politics (RLST153 CM)
- Religion, Politics and Global Violence (RLST166B CM)

Foreign Literature GE

- Modern Arabic Prose and Poetry (ARBC130 CM)
- Arab/Islamic Cultural Histories (ARBT122 JT)
- Advanced French (FREN044)
- Advanced German (GERM044)
- Korean through Pop Culture and Media (KORE090 CM)
- Advanced Latin Readings (LATN044)
- Intro to Brazilian Literature and Culture (PONT100 CM)
- Advanced Spanish (SPAN044)