



General Education (GE) MyCore Frequently Asked Questions – *and* Answers

Purpose

Q: *What is the purpose of the General Education - MyCore program at BU?*

A: GE at BU has a set of 10 Goals that reflect the students' exposure to broad university experiences and skills.

Points

Q: *What are General Education Points (GEPs)?*

A: A Separate tracking system (other than academic credits) to mark student progress with the 10 GE Goals.

Credits

Q: *Are course credits different than GE points?*

A: Yes, a minimum of 120 academic credits are required for graduation and 40 GE points are needed to fulfill GE requirements. Credits and GEPs use complementary methods to either tally courses (credits) or to count GE Goal completion (points).

Approved GE Courses

Q: *Is there a list of approved GE courses and associated GEPs?*

A: Yes, click on the website link that shows GE-approved courses with the credits, GEPs, and department or program. This information is updated frequently, so be sure to use the most current list from the web, and not an older printed sheet.

Goals & Disciplines

Q: *Why do many GE Goals require more than one discipline?*

A: In order to achieve a broad general education experience, courses beyond one department or major are required while earning GEPs.

CLEs

Q: *Can GEPs be earned by completing extracurricular activities?*

A: Yes, some co-curricular learning experiences (CLEs) are approved for GE Points in certain Goals. A CLE is an approved activity or experience that generates GEPs for students (not academic credit hours) needed to meet graduation requirements.

GEP Progress

Q: *In addition to individual planning, is there another way to check GEP completion?*

A: Yes, within each student's Academic Requirements section from the Registrar is a Degree Audit. GEP totals are shown that include completed and in-progress points. Within this informal transcript are more details about fulfilling GEPs.



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Advisors

Q: *Why should advisors be consulted frequently about GEP completion plans?*

A: **Without planning, students may become overloaded in some GEPs and incomplete in others, since academic programs vary between majors. Advisement promotes timely graduation within four years.**

Units, Credits, Points

Q: *Why is the word Unit sometimes used instead of Credit or Point terms?*

A: **There are limited measurement labels in the software used by the Registrar, thus the term Units may refer to credits or points, depending on the context.**

Transfer GEPs

Q: *If a course is transferred to BU, will GEPs be awarded?*

A: **Yes, if the equivalent BU course has approved GEPs. No grade is recorded for transfer courses, but credits and GEPs are awarded.**

Transfer Equivalents

Q: *Is there a method for searching transfer course equivalencies?*

A: **Yes, go to www.bloomu.edu, A-Z Index, Transfer to BU**

Language GEPs

Q: *Are there two different ways to earn the Goal 8 Language GEPs?*

A: **Yes, students may take an approved course that awards GEPs, or take a language placement test with a score above the course 102 competency.**

Language & Transcript

Q: *How will a successfully completed language test be noted on the transcript?*

A: **The number “99” is designated as a language equivalency, but only GEPs are earned. No grade or course credit is given toward graduation.**

Language Test

Q: *Where is information located about taking a language test?*

A: **Go to www.bloomu.edu, A-Z Index, Languages and Cultures Placement Test, and then Foreign Language Placement Tests**