

## Two Addendum's to the University Catalog

1. Under General Education Program, under Bachelor Degree requirements:
  - a. added ENG 100, Critical Reading and Writing, 3 credits
  - b. added UNV 100, GMercyU Success, 2 credits
2. The Writing Program

## GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

### The General Education Curriculum at Gwynedd Mercy University: Growth Through Mercy Connections

In order to prepare the distinctive Mercy graduate as a self-sufficient life-long learner who is an informed, responsible, caring citizen of a diverse global community, the University has established a common educational experience in its required curriculum of general education. This general education curriculum guides students toward the development of habits of thought and behavior that will serve them in the search for truth in all its complexity. This curriculum promotes the development of humane values that incorporate the ideals of integrity, compassion, and mercy. The Signature Seminar component of the general education curriculum offers students the opportunity to discover what is distinctive about Gwynedd Mercy University as a Catholic, Mercy institution committed to the Critical Concerns of the Sisters of Mercy: care of the earth, non- violence, anti-racism, immigration, and women.

### Associate Degree Requirements\*

General Education, Core Curriculum: Growth through Mercy Connections

<b>Skills for Exploring**</b>	
UNV 100- GMercyU Success	2 credits
UNV 101- GMercyU Service	1 credit
ENG 100 – Critical Reading and Writing	3 credits
ENG 101-College English	3 credits
<b>Signature Seminar</b>	
One Signature Seminar	3 credits
<b>Society and Global Diversity</b>	
HIS, SOC or PSY	3 credits
<b>Exploring the Natural World, Mathematics &amp; Technology</b>	
MTH	3 credits
CIS or Natural Science	3 credits
BIO, CHM, PHY or SCI	3 credits
<b>Exploring the Spiritual World</b>	
PHL or RS	6 credits
<b>Exploring the Arts and the Imagination</b>	
ENG	3 credits
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33 credits</b>

*\*These are the minimum requirements for General Education. Additional courses may be required by specific associate degree programs.*

*\*\* UNV courses are not required for students enrolled in Accelerated or Non-Term Programs.*

### **Bachelor's Degree Requirements\***

General Education, Core Curriculum: Growth through Mercy Connections

<b>Skills for Exploring**</b>	
UNV 100- GMercyU Success	2 credits
UNV 101- GMercyU Service	1 credit
ENG 100 – Critical Reading and Writing	3 credits
ENG 101- College English	3 credits
<b>Signature Seminar</b>	
One Signature Seminar	3 credits
<b>Exploring Society and Global Diversity</b>	
HIS	3 credits
PSY, SOC, POL or GEO	3 credits
HIS, PSY, SOC, POL or GEO	3 credits
<b>Exploring the Natural World, Mathematics &amp; Technology</b>	
CIS	3 credits
MTH	3 credits
BIO, CHM, PHY, or SCI	3 credits
<b>Exploring the Spiritual World</b>	
PHL	3 credits
RS	3 credits
RS or PHL	3 credits
<b>Exploring the Arts and Imagination</b>	
ENG 200***	3 credits
ENG	3 credits
ENG, MUSIC, ART or LANG	3 credits
TOTAL	48 credits

*\*These are the minimum requirements for General Education. Additional courses may be required by specific degree programs and approved by the General Education Committee.*

*\*\*UNV courses are not required for students enrolled in Accelerated or Non-Term Programs.*

*\*\*\* ENG-200 may be replaced with ENG, MUS, ART or language if it can be documented that the instruction, delivery, and assessment of oral communication skills is incorporated in another required part of the curriculum. This substitution must be approved by the General Education Committee.*

## The Writing Program

The Writing Program at Gwynedd Mercy University is informed by best practices in the Rhetoric and Composition field, as established by peer-reviewed, scholarly research. As such, the Writing Program aims to achieve the Learning Outcomes as set forth by the Council of Writing Program Administrators. The Writing Program course sequence is designed so students can achieve these outcomes.

Students at Gwynedd Mercy University encounter the writing program at several stages during their undergraduate careers. Students are expected to meet the following requirements:

1. Take and pass, or transfer in credit for, ENG100: Critical Reading and Writing, in either a Workshop or Traditional Format, depending on placement score
2. Take and pass, or transfer in credit for, ENG101: College English, in either a Workshop or Traditional Format, depending on placement score and/or ENG100 instructor recommendation.
3. Take and pass a writing-intensive Signature Seminar Course
4. Complete a major-specific Capstone course, which often includes a significant writing project