GENERAL STUDIES - ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE (AA)*

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Z-Degree Pathway For General Studies Majors

The courses included in a Z-degree Pathway below offer at least one class section that uses one of the following types of course materials/textbooks:

Classification of Instructional Materials	Cost to Student
Open Education Resources (OER)	$0
Low-Cost Textbook	$30 or less

- **Open Education Resources:** According to the Idaho State Board of Education, Open Education Resources (OER) are "teaching, learning, and research materials that reside in the public domain or have been released under an intellectual property license, such as a Creative Commons license, that permits free use and repurposing by others." OER have no cost to students and are available on the first day of class.
- **Low-Cost Textbooks:** Required textbooks and/or other course materials that cost the student a total of $30 or less (excluding special course fees) per class and may be purchased at the CWI Bookstore.

*Please note that not all sections of a particular course will utilize OER, as noted in the table below. Students can verify that a specific section uses **OER** or **low-cost textbooks** by looking for the following symbol next to the section listing in Student Planning at the time of registration:*

IMPORTANT: There may be changes to the courses utilizing OER or low-cost textbooks throughout the academic year. Students should always refer to Student Planning in myCWI *for the most up-to-date Z-degree class information.*

Course	Course Title	Min Credits
General Education Requirements		
CWI 101	Connecting With Ideas	3
Global Perspectives course		3
	• Global Perspectives OER Options: AGRI 120[1], COMM 160, FREN 102, GEOS 105, or PHIL 111	
	• Global Perspectives Low-Cost Textbook Option: BUSA 256 (some sections - see Student Planning) or EDUC 200	
GEM 1 - Written Communication course		3
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	• Multiple OER sections are offered each semester - see Student Planning	
GEM 2 - Oral Communication course		3
GEM 3 - Mathematical Ways of Knowing course		3
	• GEM 3 OER Options: MATH 118 & MATH 118L (some sections - see Student Planning), MATH 123 (some sections - see Student Planning), MATH 143 (some sections - see Student Planning), MATH 147 (some sections - see Student Planning), or MATH 170 (some sections - see Student Planning)	
GEM 4 - Scientific Ways of Knowing course		4
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	• GEM 4 OER Options: FERM 120, GEOS 104 & GEOS 104L, GEOS 105, GEOS 170, PHYS 100 & PHYS 100L, PHYS 101 & PHYS 101L, or SCIE 101	
GEM 5 - Humanistic & Artistic Ways of Knowing course		3
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	• GEM 5 OER Options: ARTS 101, ENGL 175 (some sections - see Student Planning), ENGL 215, ENGL 277, ENGL 278, FREN 101, FREN 102, FREN 201, PHIL 101[1], PHIL 103[1], SPAN 111, or THEA 101	
GEM 6 - Social & Behavioral Ways of Knowing course		3
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	• GEM 6 OER Options: HIST 111, HIST 112 (some sections - see Student Planning), POLS 102 (some sections - see Student Planning), PSYC 101 (some sections - see Student Planning), PSYC 140, PSYC 250[1], SCIE 102[1] (some sections - see Student Planning), SOC 101, or SOC 102	
	• GEM 6 Low-Cost Textbook Option: SCIE 102[1]	
Major Requirements		
CWI 290	General Studies Capstone	1
Select 3 credits from the General Studies Research and Writing course list (see Requirements tab for full list)		3
	• General Studies Research and Writing OER Options: ENGL 201, PHIL 211, or SOC 230	
	• General Studies Research and Writing Low-Cost Textbook Option: ENGL 211 or HIST 220	
Select 6 credits of 200-level elective credits [2]		6
Select 12-13 additional elective credits to bring the total credits earned to 60 [2]		12-13
Minimum Credit Hours Required		**60**

[1] This course fulfills the Ethical Reasoning requirement for an associate degree from CWI.

[2] Students can select from OER or Low-Cost Textbook options listed above or search Student Planning for additional course options.

IMPORTANT: Unless otherwise noted, all of the courses required for this degree are taught using OER.