

**Distribution Area: NS Natural Sciences**

**Course: ESCI 121 – Intro. to Earth Science**

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**This course is part of the GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM at NEIU. This sheet provides information about the Gen Ed Program, and function of this particular course in the Program.**

In the General Education Program, the University identifies five areas in which students gain some general knowledge to enrich their lives and enhance their academic experience. Every undergraduate student must take courses from a list of designated courses in each of these areas. The knowledge gained in these courses will provide an academic foundation that will help prepare students for the major and minor course areas and will encourage students to become life-long learners in many different and divergent fields of study. Students are required to take a minimum of 39 credit hours of General Education courses and are required to complete these courses during their first 75 hours of course work. Transfer students may fulfill General Education requirements with courses taken at other colleges or universities.

Distribution:

**Fine Arts FA** 2 courses, 6 credit hours from two of the following areas of study:

Art, Communication, Media, & Theatre (Mass Media & Theatre only), Music

**Humanities HU** 3 courses, 9 credit hours from at least two of the following areas of

study: Communication, Media, & Theatre (Communication only), English, Foreign Languages and Literatures, Linguistics, Philosophy, Women's Studies

**Behavioral/Social Sciences SB** 4 courses, 12 credit hours from at least two of

the following areas of study: African & African American Studies, Anthropology, Computer Science, Economics, Geography & Environmental Studies, History, Justice Studies, Latino & Latin American Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology

**Natural Sciences NS** 9 courses, 9 credit hours from at least two of the following

areas of study; one course must have a laboratory component: Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Physics

**Math/Quantitative Reasoning MA** 1 course, a minimum of 3 credit hours, that has Intermediate Algebra as a stated prerequisite OR is on the Limited List.

This course fits in the distribution area noted above in the course name and number.

The **goal of the General Education Program** is to assist students in developing the following abilities & skills. This course provides a background in the indicated areas (faculty member, please check all that apply):

- the ability to communicate both in writing and orally;
- the skills required to gather, analyze, document, and integrate information;
- an understanding of historical processes and cultural differences; aesthetic and literary sensitivity;
- an understanding of the modes of thought, concerns, and methodologies of the fine arts, the humanities, the social and behavioral sciences, and the natural sciences; and,
- the ability to use quantitative methods in the natural, social and behavioral sciences.