
First-Semester Recommended Courses for First-Years

Be sure to consult the "Pre-Placement Courses and Department/Major Information" page on the [New Student Orientation Portal](#) to read more about individual areas of study and for important details about pre-placement (survey due July 10) and pre-registration (August 7-8). The information below is meant to provide 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. Please note that some courses listed below may be full. Check the "Seats Open" and "Status" columns when you are reviewing courses on the portal to see if there is room in the course.

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 and computer science courses can be taken at any of the Claremont Colleges. You can find these courses by using the course area "CMC Mathematics GE" on the [portal](#). Please note that some courses may be full.

- Calculus I (MATH030)
- Calculus II (MATH031)
- Calculus III (MATH032)
- Computing for the Web (CSCI040 CM)

Lab Science Courses

All students should complete the laboratory science GE requirement by the end of their sophomore year.

Students in the Classes of 2028 and 2029 (including transfer students) must take:

- The Codes of Life (SCI 010L CM)

Students in the Classes of 2026 and 2027 (including transfer students), should refer to the [Kravis Department of Integrated Sciences \(KDIS\) website](#) for information about options for fulfilling the science GE requirement.

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.

Students who have studied a foreign language not offered at The Claremont Colleges should contact the chair of the department to arrange for testing. Students with demonstrated native proficiency in a language which is not offered for testing at The Claremont Colleges may satisfy the foreign language requirement using one of the methods outlined in the [Catalog](#).

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

- Accelerated Intro to Classical Greek (GREK022 PO)
- Intermediate Greek (GREK033 PO)*

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

- Accelerated Introductory Latin (LATN022 PO)
- Intermediate Latin (LATN033 PO)*

Portuguese

- Introductory Portuguese (PORT001)
- Intermediate Portuguese (PORT033)*

Russian

- Elementary Russian 1 (RUSS001)
- Intermediate Russian (RUSS033)*

Spanish

- Introductory Spanish (SPAN001)
- Intensive Introductory Spanish (SPAN022)
- Intermediate Spanish (SPAN033)*

Social Science General Education Courses

All students must take a course in at least 3 social science disciplines outside their major.

Economics GE

- Principles of Economics Analysis (ECON050 CM)

Government GE

- Introduction to American Politics (GOVT020 CM)

History GE

You can find these courses by using the course area “CMC History GE” on the [portal](#). Please note that some courses may be full.

- The Middle East: From Muhamad to the Mongols (HIST055 CM)
- Civilizations of East Asia (HIST059 CM)
- The Amazon (HIST096 CM)
- Ancient Life in Letters (HIST106 CM)
- Race and Money (HIST109 CM)
- Recent United States History (HIST121 CM)
- London and Paris in the 19th Century (HIST129 CM)
- Coming of Russian Revolution: 1861-1917 (HIST133A CM)

Psychology GE (Course Area “CMC Psychology GE”)

You can find these courses by using the course area “CMC Psychology GE” on the [portal](#). Please note that some courses may be full.

- Introduction to Psychology (PSYC030 CM)
- Organizational Psychology (PSYC037 CM)
- Cognitive Psychology (PSYC040 CM)
- Community Psychology (PSYC051 CM)
- Behavioral Psychology (PSYC065 CM)
- Psychological Disorders (PSYC070 CM)
- Developmental Psychology (PSYC081 CM)
- Social Psychology (PSYC092 CM)

Humanities General Education Courses

All students must take a course in at least 2 humanities disciplines outside their major.

Foreign Literature GE

- Advanced French (FREN044)
- Advanced Greek (GREK044 CM)
- Advanced Latin Readings (LATN044)
- Advanced Spanish (SPAN044)

Literature GE

You can find these courses by using the course area “CMC Lit Humanities GE” on the [portal](#). Please note that some courses may be full.

- British Writers I (LIST 057 CM)
- Melville (LIT 081 CM)
- Special Topics in Literature – Kafka (LIT 099A CM)
- Special Topics in Literature – The Art of the Sonnet (LIT 099B CM)
- Exploring Poetry (LIT 102 CM)
- Dante (LIT 111 CM)
- Silly Novels by Lady Novelists? (LIT 120 CM)
- Special Studies in Film: Spy Films (LIT 134 CM)

Philosophy GE

You can find these courses by using the course area “CMC Philosophy GE” on the [portal](#). Please note that some courses may be full.

- Introduction to Philosophy: Philosophical Questions (PHIL030 CM)
- Introduction to Philosophy: Political Philosophy (PHIL033 CM)
- Introduction to Philosophy: Moral and Political Issues (PHIL034 CM)
- Introduction to Philosophy: Science, Technology, and Human Values (PHIL035 CM)
- Introduction to Philosophy: Happiness, Meaning, Morals (PHIL037 CM)
- Introduction to Philosophy: Reason and Reality (PHIL038 CM)
- Introduction to Philosophy: Special Topics in Philosophy: Ethical Theory (Honors) (PHIL039 CM)

Religious Studies GE

You can find these courses by using the course area “CMC Religious Studies GE” on the [portal](#). Please note that some courses may be full.

- History of World Christianity (RLST037 CM)
- African-American Religions (RLST082 CM)
- Hinduism and South Asian Culture (RLST102 CM)
- Special Topics in Religious Studies: Black Muslims in U.S. Society (RLST130 CM)