

**What is General Education?** “The purpose of General Education in the Ontario college system is to contribute to the development of citizens who are conscious of the diversity, complexity, and richness of the human experience, who are able to establish meaning through this consciousness, and, who, as a result, are able to contribute thoughtfully, creatively, and positively to the society in which they live and work. General Education curriculum is intended to strengthen students’ skills, such as critical analysis, problem solving, and communication, in the context of an exploration of topics with broad-based personal and / or societal importance.” (*Binding Policy Directive: Framework for Programs of Instruction*, Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, 2005)

**Sheridan offers a variety of General Education courses focusing on one or more of five themes:**

- Civil Life
- Arts in Society
- Personal Understanding
- Science and Technology
- Social and Cultural Understanding

**Sheridan’s General Education Policy:**

- ✓ General Education courses (whether Open or Mandated) must be non- vocational and non-skills based.
- ✓ Courses are intended to provide students with opportunities to explore areas of interest outside of their fields of study while broadening their general knowledge and deepening their transferrable and generic skills
- ✓ Courses must be of an introductory nature and cannot have any pre-requisite(s) of knowledge.
- ✓ Sheridan General Education courses are eligible for Block Transfer to degree (breadth) electives.
- ✓ Open General Education courses that are identified as being too closely aligned with program or course-level learning outcomes (as determined by the Academic Faculty/Program) will be deemed Course Exclusions. This means that students cannot take these to satisfy their Open General Education requirements.

At Sheridan, there are two general types of General Education Courses:

- **Open General Education Courses:** General Education courses which are chosen by students outside of their field of study to meet their General Education requirements.
- **Mandated General Education Courses:** General Education courses which are identified and determined to be required by the Academic Faculty for students registered in a specific program(s).

**Minimum General Education Requirements:**

Sheridan requires the following minimum number of General Education courses for each credential level in order to ensure compliance with the *MTCU Binding Policy Directive: Framework for Programs of Instruction*.

Ontario College Certificate	Ontario Diploma	Ontario Advanced Diploma
Minimum 1	Minimum 3 Maximum 1 Mandated	Minimum 4 Maximum 2 Mandated

Locally approved Recognition of Achievement and Sheridan Certificates in addition to Postgraduate Certificates do not have mandated General Education requirements.

**NOTE:** The principle of academic integrity requires that all work submitted for evaluation and course credit be the original, unassisted work of the student. Cheating or plagiarism including borrowing, copying, purchasing or collaborating on work, except for group projects arranged and approved by the faculty member, or otherwise submitting work that is not the student’s own violates this principle and will not be tolerated. Instances of academic dishonesty, including assisting another student to cheat, will be penalized as detailed in Sheridan’s Academic Integrity Policy: <http://policy.sheridanc.on.ca/dotNet/documents/?docid=673&mode=view&public=true>

**Applying for Advanced Standing**

Students who have completed courses at other institutions may apply for Advanced Standing.

**Criteria for GenEd Advanced Standing:**

A course must meet all of the criteria listed below in order to be granted Advanced Standing as per Sheridan’s *General Education Policy & Procedure* (2017).

- Must have earned at least a C (60%) grade
- Must be at least 42 hours of instruction
- Must be at least 3 credits (or equivalent) from accredited institution
- Must address at least one of the 5 listed themes
- Must NOT be career-focused
- Must NOT be skills-based
- Must NOT overlap with core course content

N.B.: If you have multiple courses, from an accredited post-secondary institution, that meet the criteria above but are less than the required credit value (3 credits and 42 hours) please consult with the General Education Coordinator.

**Applying Online via MyStudent Centre:**

When applying online, students must include

- number of credits & grade earned
- course description
- course outline (scanned attachment or link)
- original transcript (scanned by Sheridan Employee at the Welcome Desk, Registrar’s office or submitted at time of Admissions)
- accreditation document (for International Students; see *Transfer Credit Policy & Procedure*)

N.B. If possible, please order EDI (electronic) transcripts through OCAS. Original paper transcripts will not be returned. It is recommended that students keep an extra copy.

All Advanced Standing Requests should be submitted online *unless* a student is

- part-time or completing studies via FCAPS, or
- has outstanding fee payments.

For additional help, please head to the MyPathways link through the OTR:

<http://myotr.sheridaninstitute.ca/mypathways.html>

**FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

The Accreditation document must include an evaluation of the individual courses, grades and credit values. (N.B. if a student has already submitted this to the Registrar, an extra copy is not required.)

## Summary List of General Education Electives Offered for Winter 2020

Please note that changes to this document may occur. For the most up-to-date version, please refer to our website:  
<https://www.sheridancollege.ca/academics/faculties/humanities-and-social-sciences/general-education/general-education-electives-currently-offered.aspx>

Course Code	Course Offerings	Campus Offering			Exclusions: Students in listed programs cannot use this course toward an <b>Open</b> General Education requirement.
		Davis	Traf.	HMC	
SCIE10386G	Addictions: Agony and Ecstasy	✓		✓	PSSWK-G
HUMN18888G	Aging Matters ( <i>online</i> )	✓	✓		PSSWK
MEDA14099G	Art of Cinema	✓	✓	✓	
HIST19936G	Canada in the Making: Understanding Canadian History	✓		✓	
LITT19798G	Classical Mythology	✓	✓	✓	
HUMN14857G	Creative Thinking	✓	✓	✓	
SOCI13454G	Cybernation ( <i>online</i> )	✓		✓	
LITT15436G	Detective Fiction	✓	✓	✓	
MEDA10036G	Documentary Film	✓	✓	✓	
PHIL10025G	Environmental Philosophy	✓	✓	✓	
HUMN18448G	Folk & Fairy Tale	✓	✓	✓	
LITT11234G	Graphic Novel	✓	✓	✓	
HIST14310G	History of Chocolate ( <i>online</i> )	✓		✓	
SOCI19754G	History of Science and Technology	✓			
MEDA18291G	Introduction to International Cinema	✓			
HIST16367G	Introduction to Politics	✓	✓	✓	
SOCS16039G	Introduction to Sociology	✓	✓	✓	PARAL, PCAJS, PCWOD, PGASU/PGAUC
CULT14579G	Introduction to Spanish Culture	✓		✓	
CULT10102G	Issues in Social Media ( <i>online</i> )			✓	
CULT13796G	Languages of the World		✓		
MEDA18621G	Media and Current Events	✓	✓	✓	
LITT14310G	Memoir: Life in Story ( <i>online</i> )	✓	✓	✓	
HIST14998G	Modern War: A Global History ( <i>online</i> )	✓		✓	
CULT15738G	Multicultural Voices ( <i>online</i> )	✓	✓	✓	
NUTR19207G	Nutrition for Wellbeing	✓	✓	✓	
RELG12403G	Paths of Faith ( <i>online</i> )	✓	✓	✓	
HUMN11713G	Perspectives on World Issues	✓	✓	✓	
PHIL17545G	Philosophy of Love & Sex ( <i>online</i> )	✓		✓	
PHIL18147G	Philosophy of Religion	✓		✓	
SOCI10264G	Profiles in Crime	✓	✓		PARAL, PCAJS, PIPAP, PPOLF
PSYC15065G	Psychology: Core Concepts	✓	✓	✓	PCAJS, PCEAD, PCEAD, PCEAD, PCEAD, PCYCK, PIPAP, PPOLF, PPSWK, PGASU/PGAUC
PSYC10932G	Psychology of Human-Animal Relationships <b>New!</b>	✓			
SOCS10261G	Scams, Fraud and Identity Theft ( <i>online</i> )	✓			PIPAP
NUTR14310G	Science of Popular Diets ( <i>online</i> )	✓	✓		
SOCS10206G	Social & Behavioural Sciences	✓		✓	
LITT15586G	Sport in Film and Literature	✓		✓	
PSYC15892G	Stigma: Understanding Prejudice	✓			PPSWK-G
HUMN16859G	The Undead in Literature and Popular Culture	✓	✓	✓	
PSYC19599G	Understanding Cults	✓		✓	
HUMN19250G	Villains in Literature and Film	✓	✓	✓	
HEAL13271G	Wellness & Healthy Living	✓	✓	✓	PCAJS, PPOLF, PPSWK
LITT10918G	World Mythology	✓	✓	✓	
LITT18748G	World War Narratives ( <i>online</i> )		✓		

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A list of **approved** General Education courses offered via **Continuing Studies** can be found at <https://caps.sheridancollege.ca/products/general-education-electives.aspx>