First-year experience courses for transfer students

NOTE: Goshen College is generous in granting transfer credit for Core courses, but after matriculation, students must complete all Goshen Core requirements with Goshen College Core courses.

FALL SEMESTER:

CORE 106  Culture & Community  MWF 12 - 12:50 a.m. or 1-1:50 p.m.  3 credit hours
This course for transfer students and spring semester first-time students combines course content from the CORE 100 and Learning Community courses. Students will explore identity and culture, specifically the question: How do people with diverse identities live together in a vibrant community? Course content will also include an introduction to the Goshen Core, campus resources for career development and spiritual growth, student development theory, and electronic portfolio formation.

Transfer equivalent: cultural anthropology or similar first-year identity and culture class.

CORE 110  The Academic Voice: Speaking & Writing  Various times  3 credit hours
In this course, students practice crafting and presenting speeches and essays using the tools of critical reading, analysis, active listening, rhetoric and research, with the purpose of developing their voices to participate in academic conversations.

Transfer equivalent: one college composition or public speaking course. Students without transfer credit may need to take Engl 105 in fall and this course in spring. See “Goshen Seminar Selection” page for details, including AP and IB equivalent.

FALL OR SPRING SEMESTER:

CORE 115  Wellness for Life  Various times  1 credit hour
Explores the importance of exercise and nutrition in college life and physical activity as a spiritual experience. Students will develop and implement a personal fitness program. Meets twice a week for ten weeks. One day of classroom work and one day of exercise each week.

Transfer equivalent: holistic health and fitness course.

Goshen Seminar Course

Transfer equivalent: two college composition courses or one composition and one public speaking course. See separate “Goshen Seminar Selection” page for details. Students who need Engl 105 take a Goshen Seminar in 2nd year.

Quantitative Literacy

Transfer equivalent: 100-level college mathematics course. See “Goshen Seminar Selection” page for details, including SAT, ACT, AP and IB equivalents. To be completed by fall of second year at Goshen College.

FALL, SPRING, AND MAY TERM:

Foundation courses in your major or exploratory classes to aid in selecting a major

Goshen Core Perspectives courses
One course is required in each of five areas below by graduation. Goshen Seminar meets one of the Perspectives requirements. Nursing and elementary education students meet NW, SW and PX requirements through courses in their major.

Artistic World (AW) – Transfer equivalent: literature; art, music or theater appreciation; history of art, music or theater
Religious World (RW) – Transfer equivalent: Bible, religion or philosophy
Natural World (NW) – Transfer equivalent: biology, chemistry, physics, geology or astronomy
Social World (SW) – Transfer equivalent: history, psychology, political science, economics, sociology or anthropology
Peacemaking (PX) – Transfer equivalent: ethics, course focused on a peacemaking topic

See list of “Goshen CORE Perspectives Courses.” More Perspectives courses will be available in future years.
Variation for transfer students who have completed an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science Degree (not AAS)

Because associate degree requirements at other schools include areas of study different from Goshen’s unique Core program, we offer a reduced list of requirements for students who transfer to Goshen with a completed associate degree in arts or science.

CORE 106  Culture and Community  (waived for Hesston graduates)  3 credit hours

Choice: one of these three options  (must be taken at Goshen College or Hesston)  3 credit hours

CORE 120  Engaging the Bible

- Religious World Perspectives Course
- Peacemaking Perspectives Course

Intercultural Study - See separate information page for this Core requirement.