

SPRING 2026 MSU CORE COURSE LIST				
Academic Advising Center -- 130 Gaines Hall -- 406-994-3532 -- As of October 14, 2025				
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Subject	Number	Course Title	Credits	Notes
UNIVERSITY SEMINAR (US)				
AGED	140US	Leadership Dev for Agriculture	3	Lecture & lab
BGEN	104US	First Year Business Seminar	3	Majors only
CLS	101US	Knowledge and Community	3	First Year Students Only
CLS	201US	Knowledge and Community	3	PRE: 30+ Earned Cr.; in-person & online sect.
COMX	111US	Intro to Public Speaking	3	
EDU	101US	Teaching and Learning	3	
HLD	121US	Leadership Foundations	3	
LS	101US	Interdisciplinary Ways of Knowing	3	Topics differ by section; in-person & online sections
US	101US	First-Year Seminar	3	First Year Students Only
COLLEGE WRITING (W)				
WRIT	101W	College Writing I	3	In-person & Online sections
QUANTITATIVE REASONING (Q) (please see your advisor or math flow chart for placement info)				
M	105Q	Contemporary Mathematics	3	PLEV: 290
M	121Q	College Algebra	3	PRE: M 090 or placement
M	133Q	Geometry & Measurement K-8 Teachers	3	PRE: M 132
M	151Q	Precalculus	4	PRE: M 121Q or placement
M	161Q	Survey of Calculus	4	PRE: M 121Q or placement
M	165Q	Calculus for Technology I	3	PRE: M 151Q or placement
M	171Q	Calculus I	4	PRE: M 151Q or placement
STAT	216Q	Intro to Statistics	3	PRE: M 105Q, M 121Q or placement
CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN SCIENCE (CS)				
ASTR	120CS	The Sun and Society	3	
BIOB	110CS	Plant Science	3	
BIOE	103CS	Environmental Science & Society	3	
BIOM	107CS	Molecules of Life	3	
BIOO	162CS	Insects and Human Society	3	
CHMY	102CS	Applying Chemistry to Society	3	
CSCI	215CS	Social & Ethical Issues in Computer Science	3	PRE: US & W Core; sect. 002 & 003 non-maj.
ECHM	205CS	Energy and Sustainability	3	
ENSC	272CS	Water Resources	3	Online only
HSTR	282CS	Darwinian Revolution	3	
NUTR	221CS	Basic Human Nutrition	3	In-person & Online sections
PHSX	111CS	The World of Quantum Physics	3	PRE: Level 400 math placement
TE	250CS	Technology and Society	3	
INQUIRY & RESEARCH NATURAL SCIENCE (IN & RN)				
ASTR	110IN	Intro to Astronomy	3	
BIOB	100IN	Organism Function	3	
BIOB	170IN	Principles of Biological Diversity	4	Lecture & lab
BIOM	103IN	Unseen Universe: Microbes	3	Lecture & lab
CHMY	121IN	Intro to General Chemistry	3	PRE: M 090 or PLEV 300 - Lect & lab
CHMY	122IN	Intro to General Chemistry Lab	1	
ERTH	101IN	Earth System Science	4	Lecture & Lab; In-person & Online sections
GEO	111IN	Dinosaurs	3	Lecture & Recitation
PHSX	103IN	The Physics of How Things Work	3	PRE: HS Algebra
PHSX	201IN	Physics by Inquiry	3	Elem Ed Majors only
INQUIRY HUMANITIES (IH)				
AMST	201IH	American Identity, American Dreams	3	Lecture & recitation
FILM	101IH	Understanding Film & Media	3	Non-majors contact Film Advisor to register
GH	100IH	Intro to World Cultures	3	
HONR	202IH	Texts & Critics: Imagination	4	RE: Honors Program
HSTA	102IH	American History II	4	Lecture & Recitation
HSTR	146IH	Silk Road-Religion & Globalization	3	
HSTR	221IH	God-Past, Puzzle, Present	3	Online only
JPNS	361IH	Japanese Text and Cinema	3	PRE: WRIT 101W or consent of instructor
LIT	110IH	Intro to Literature	3	Lecture & Recitation
LIT	169IH	Literature as Pop Culture	3	
MUSI	303IH	Music Hist 20th-21st Centuries	3	PRE: Soph. Standing
NASX	360IH	Native Americans and Cinema	3	
PHL	101IH	Intro to Phil: Reason and Reality	3	
PHL	110IH	Intro to Ethics: Good and Evil	3	
PHL	207IH	Philosophy of Sport	3	
PSCI	250IH	Intro to Political Theory	3	
RLST	223IH	Sacrifice, Rite & Ritual	3	Online only
SPNS	363IH	Spanish Cinema	3	Taught in Spanish
INQUIRY SOCIAL SCIENCE (IS)				
AGBE	210IS	Economics of Ag Business	3	PRE: ECNS 101IS
ANTY	215IS	Human Prehistory	3	
ANTY	223IS	Anth, Pop Cult, Everyday Life	3	
ANTY	225IS	Culture, Language & Society	3	
BGEN	105IS	Introduction to Business	3	
BMGT	240IS	Business Analytics	3	Pre: STAT 216 and BMIS 211
ECNS	101IS	Economic Way of Thinking	3	CO: ECNS 105 or PLEV 300 or above
ECNS	204IS	Microeconomics	3	PRE: ECNS 101IS or 251IS and M 121Q
ECNS	251IS	Honors Economics	4	RE: Honors or ECNS majors
EDU	222IS	Educ Psych & Child Development	3	
EDU	223IS	Educ Psych and Adolescent Dev	3	
HDFS	101IS	Individual & Family Dev: Lifespan	3	In-person, Blended, & Online sections
PSCI	210IS	Intro to American Government	3	
PSYX	100IS	Intro to Psychology	4	Lecture & lab
SOCI	101IS	Intro to Sociology	3	
SOCI	110IS	Honors Sociological Inquiry	3	RE: Honors Program
SOCI	221IS	Criminal Justice System	3	Online only

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INQUIRY ARTS (IA)				
ARCH	121IA	Intro to Design	3	
ARCH	152IA	Design Fundamentals II	4	Lecture & lab
ARTH	201IA	Art of World Civilization II	4	Lecture & recitation
ARTZ	105IA	2-Dimensional Design	3	Non-major sections available
ARTZ	109IA	Comprehensive Foundations	3	Art Majors or Minors Only
EDU	204IA	Arts & Lifelong Learning	3	
FILM	122IA	Acting for Non-Majors	3	
FRCH	255IA	French on Stage	3	PRE: FRCH 102D or 3 yrs HS French
HONR	319IA	Transformative Power of Music	3	RE: Honors PRE: HONR 201, 202 or 301
MUSI	101IA	Enjoyment of Music	3	
MUSI	108IA	Orchestra	1	
MUSI	112IA	Choir: Tenor Bass Choir	1	
MUSI	114IA	Band I: MSU University Band	1	
MUSI	130IA	History of Jazz	3	
MUSI	131IA	Jazz Ensemble I	1	
MUSI	203IA	American Popular Music	3	
MUSI	212IA	Choir II: University Chorale	1	
MUSI	307IA	World Music	3	Non-majors only; Online only
MUSI	308IA	Orchestra II: MSU Symphonic Orchestra	1	Audition Required
MUSI	312IA	Choir III: Voces Luminus	1	Audition Required
MUSI	314IA	Band III: MSU Wind Symphony	1	Audition Required
MUSI	331IA	Jazz Ensemble II: One O'Clock Jazz	1	Audition Required
MUSI	426IA	Montananas	1	Audition Required
PHOT	154IA	Exploring Digital Photography	3	Lecture & Recitation; In-person & Online
RESEARCH ARTS (RA)				
ARTZ	110RA	Ideation and Creativity	3	Non-major sections available
ARTZ	231RA	Ceramics I	4	Non-major sections available
CRWR	240RA	Intro to Creative Writing	3	PRE: WRIT 101 or WRIT Exempt
MART	145RA	Web Design	3	Lecture & lab
MUSI	103RA	Fundamentals of Musical Creation	3	
PHOT	113RA	The Magic of the Darkroom I	3	Non-major sections available
DIVERSITY (D)				
AMST	101D	Intro to American Studies	3	Lecture & recitation
ANTY	101D	Anthro and Human Experience	3	
BGEN	242D	Intro to International Business	3	
CHIN	211D	Chinese Culture & Civilization	3	Taught in English
EDU	211D	Multicultural Education	3	PRE: EDU 222IS or 223IS
FILM	202D	Film History II: 1960s-Present	3	PRE: FILM 101IH, 112 & PHOT 113RA
GPHY	141D	Geography of World Regions	3	
HLD	347D	Global Leadership & Culture	3	PRE: Soph Standing; HLD 121 recommended
HONR	204D	Great Expeditions	3	RE: Honors Program
HSTA	160D	Introduction to the Am West	4	Lecture & recitation
LIT	214D	Regional Literature	3	
LIT	285D	Mythologies	3	
LIT	343D	African American Lit	3	PRE: WRIT 101W & Soph Standing
NASX	105D	Intro to Native Amer Studies	3	Lecture & recitation
NASX	205D	Native Americans in Contemporary Society	3	
NASX	232D	MT Indian Cult, Hist, Current Issues	3	
PSCI	230D	Intro to International Relations	3	
RLST	203D	Buddhist Traditions	3	
SIGN	220D	Intermediate Sign Languages	3	PRE: SIGN 120
SOCI	150D	Social Difference	3	
SOCI	201D	Social Problems	3	
DIVERSITY (D) FOREIGN LANGUAGES <i>All require prerequisite language courses</i>				
ARAB	102D	Elementary Modern Arabic II	3	PRE: ARAB 101
CHIN	102D	Elementary Chinese II	3	PRE: CHIN 101
CHIN	202D	Intermediate Chinese II	3	PRE: CHIN 201D
FRCH	102D	Elementary French II	3	PRE: FRCH 101
FRCH	202D	Intermediate French II	3	PRE: FRCH 201D
GRMN	102D	Elementary German II	3	PRE: GRMN 101
GRMN	201D	Intermediate German I	3	PRE: GRMN 102
GRMN	202D	Intermediate German II	3	PRE: GRMN 201
JPNS	102D	Elementary Japanese II	3	PRE: JPNS 101; online section available
JPNS	202D	Intermediate Japanese I	3	PRE: JPNS 201D
SPNS	102D	Elementary Spanish II	3	PRE: SPNS 101; In-person & Online
SPNS	201D	Intermediate Spanish I	3	PRE: SPNS 102
SPNS	202D	Spanish Language & Culture	3	PRE: SPNS 201