

Possible electives...

This is NOT a complete list of all courses available. During your academic career you have the opportunity to select courses not specified for your degree.

Electives: What Are They And Why Are They Important?

What are electives and how do they work? After completing University requirements, business core requirements and major field requirements you will need additional credits to reach 120, or 123 credits if MTH 1825 was taken at MSU.

Electives can serve in terms of function and skill. Think about your interests and explore the many possibilities available to you. Wouldn't it look great to have listed on your resumé that you are proficient in a foreign language? Maybe you would like to explore utilizing all your electives efficiently and consider pursuing a specialization outside the College. Specializations are the closest thing we have to a minor and are actually listed on your transcript. Perhaps you are a working student with no down time...wouldn't a bowling or a golf or social dance class be a great way to enjoy yourself and relieve a little stress? Or, maybe you are still unsure of your major — electives can help you get a taste of other areas of study that may interest you. The possibilities are endless. Explore them at your leisure and remember that electives are required to complete your degree.

Foreign Languages

Interested in courses with an international focus? Consider language, anthropology or geography courses for your elective. Foreign language skills are an asset for Business students. Placement tests are necessary if you have language experience.

- Arabic
- Chinese
- Chinese for Business
- French
- German
- Greek
- Hausa (African Language)
- Hebrew
- Italian
- Japanese
- Latin
- Polish
- Portuguese
- Russian
- Spanish
- Swahili

Four Credit Electives

ADV 205 Principles of Advertising

Principles and practices of advertising in relation to economies, societies and mass communication.

AMS 150 The Entertainment Society

Entertainment popular culture in America. Social, cultural, and historical impact of major entertainment popular culture, including dime novels, pulp magazines, comic books, comic strips, blockbuster films, story radio, and video game culture.

ANS110 Introductory Animal Agriculture

History of animal agriculture and its relationship to human needs, production systems, marketing, and environmental considerations. Current goals of and limitations affecting U.S. farm animal production.

COM 240 Introduction to Organizational Communication

Theories, systems, structures and processes of organizational communication. Organizational cultures. Communication in multinational organizations and in individual, leadership, supervisor-subordinate and small group situations.

HA 120 Perspectives on World Art: What Is Art?

World art history from multicultural and interdisciplinary perspectives. Thematic and comparative approach to the study of the arts, both ancient and modern, of Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Americas in cultural context.

HA 150 Monuments and Ideas in the History of Art

Key periods, styles, and monuments in the history of art from Stonehenge to contemporary art, through study of selected art works and their respective cultural contexts.

PRR 215 Recreation Program Management

Total Credits: 4 (3-2)

Programming and leadership principles for planning, management, and evaluation. Program design and conduct to service different clientele, using leisure education, program development, and small group processes. Field trips required.

PSY 101 Introductory Psychology

Mind and behavior from biological, individual, and social perspectives. Scientific and professional aspects of psychology.

SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology

Nature of sociological inquiry. Concepts and principles of sociology. Institutional features of modern society. Structure and dynamics of social organizations.

UP 201 The Role of Planning in Urban and Regional Development

Contemporary urban issues, historical contexts, and the role of planning in the solutions of the problems faced by cities and their surrounding regions.

Three Credit Electives

ABM 100/FIM 100 Decision-making in the Agri-Food System

Organization and operation of the agri-food system. Economic analysis of agri-food firms and consumers. Management functions and decision-making of agri-food firms.

ABM 130 Farm Management I

General farm management including record keeping, income tax management, farm finance, and operational management of agriculture.

ADV 260 Principles of Public Relations

Role and function of public relations in society. History of the field. Roles of practitioners and understanding of specializations within the field of public relations.

ANP 101 Introduction to Anthropology

Human culture worldwide and throughout human history. Major subfields, methods, theories, and issues. World cultural diversity. Culture and world problems.

ANP 201 Sociocultural Diversity

Origins and diversity of cultural systems. Theories of culture. Patterns of kinship. Religious, economic, and political institutions.

ANP 220 Gender Relations in Comparative Perspective

Gender relations in different cultures. Economic and domestic division of labor between the sexes as a factor underlying power differentials.

ANP 270 Women and Health: Anthropological and International Perspectives

Cross cultural perspectives on the health implications of differing life circumstances for women. Women as health-care consumers and providers. Health and women's life cycles.

ANR 187 Global Sustainability and You (Interim New)

Integration of balance among social equity, ecological integrity, economic vitality, civic engagement, aesthetic understanding, critical thinking, systems thinking, personal development, competency-based learning; portfolio assessment.

CEP 260 Dynamics of Personal Adjustment

Psychological theories of human adjustment. Implications for effective learning, self-development, and adaptation.

CEP 261 Substance Abuse

Effects of mood-altering chemicals. Treatment approaches and resources. Special emphasis on adolescent users.

CJ 110 Introduction to Criminal Justice

Description and analysis of agencies and processes involved in administration of justice in the United States.

COM 100 Human Communication

Process and functions of communication. Principles underlying communication behavior. Practice in analyzing communication situations and in speaking and writing.

COM 225 An Introduction to Interpersonal Communication

Principles and practices of interpersonal communication. Emphasis on effective and responsible interpersonal communication.

CSD 203 Introduction to Communicative Sciences and Disorders

Survey of research and practice regarding speech, hearing, and language disorders in children and adults.

CSS 101 Introduction to Crop Science

Principles of crop production including crop and soil management and improvement. International and sustainable agriculture. Water quality issues.

CSS 171 Operations Budgeting for Golf Course Managers

Budgeting. Financial analysis. Purchasing and materials management for golf course operations. Offered first ten weeks of semester.

CSS 202 The World of Turf

Role of turf in society and the environment. Principles underlying establishment and maintenance of turf on athletic fields, parks, home lawns, and golf courses. Aesthetic, safety, and economic aspects of turfgrass management practices.

EAD 315 Student Leadership Training (P/N)

Student leadership role, skills and technique, consistent with the principles and demands of a democratic multicultural society.

FCE 145 The Individual, Marriage and the Family

Development of the young adult in the human ecological context. Issues of sexuality, gender, parenting, work and family interface, communication, and resource use. Diversity in relationships and families.

FCE 212 Children, Youth and Family

An ecosystems perspective on development during childhood and adolescence emphasizing family and community contexts.

FCE 225 Ecology of Lifespan Human Development in the Family

Human development across the lifespan with an ecological perspective. Relationships between human resource professionals and family systems.

FCE 238 Personal Finance

Strategies, techniques and resources useful in the management of personal finance.

Three Credit Electives (cont.)

FIM 220 Food Product Marketing

(Prerequisite: ABM 100 or concurrently)

Structure of the food marketing system including food processors, manufacturers, retailers and food service. Impact of consumer behavior and buying patterns. International food product marketing. Strategic planning in food marketing.

FOR 101 Michigan's Forests

Ecological, social and economic roles of Michigan's forests in historic and contemporary context. Geographic similarities and differences in forest resources.

FOR 202 Introduction to Forestry

Historical development of forestry. Forest growth, protection, management, and products. Relationship of national and world economy and policy to forestry. Emphasis on multiple uses of forests.

FOR 204 Forest Vegetation

Nomenclature, classification, and identification of woody plants. Tree structure as it relates to growth and ecosystem dynamics.

FSC 211 Principles of Food Science

Scientific principles, historical perspective, and current status of technology related to food composition, safety, toxicology, processing, preservation, and distribution.

FW 101 Fundamentals of Fisheries and Wildlife Ecology and Management

Ecological and sociological concepts of fisheries and wildlife ecology and management. Career opportunities.

FW 110 Conservation and Management of Marine Resources

Marine environment, resource distribution, and human impacts on selected marine commercial fisheries. Conflicts in management goals between government and industry. Management goals and techniques in preserving and conserving marine resource biodiversity.

GEO 113 Introduction to Economic Geography

Spatial distribution of resources, population, enterprise, trade, consumption, and production. Interaction of those distributions at local to global scales.

GEO 151 Cultural Geography

Systematic approach to the spatial distribution of cultural features, processes, and relationships.

GEO 203 Introduction to Meteorology

Fundamentals of meteorology. Energy balance, adiabatic processes, horizontal motion, cyclogenesis, and severe weather.

GEO 204 World Regional Geography

In a time of increasing globalization of economic, political and technological processes, different societies on different continents are responding in various ways. This course explores the conditions that contribute to diversity in different world regions-including economic, social, political and environmental processes.

GEO 206 Physical Geography

Geographic and functional interrelationships within the physical environment: Earth-sun relationships, weather, climate, soils, vegetation and landforms (terrain characteristics).

HA 209 Ancient Art

The arts of antiquity: painting, culture, and architecture in Egypt, Mesopotamia, Greece, and Rome until Constantine the Great.

HA 210 Medieval Art

Major works of art in the medieval East (Byzantium, Russia, and the Islamic world) and West (Europe) in their cultural context.

HA 240 Modern Art

The rise of modernism and its domination over tradition in 19th and 20th century art. Romanticism, Realism, Impressionism, Cubism, Expressionism, Surrealism and Abstraction, and Post-Modern art.

HA 260 East Asian Art

Thematic introduction to East Asian civilization through selected masterpieces of visual arts. Main trends of East Asian arts throughout a range of time periods.

HA 271 African Art

Survey of visual arts from the continent of Africa including ancient to contemporary architecture, sculpture, textiles, painting, photography, performance, and body decoration. Structured geographically and thematically, artworks are considered through a variety of historical, social, political, philosophical, and cultural perspectives.

HNF 150 Introduction to Human Nutrition

Nutrition needs in life stages from a human ecological perspective. Domestic and international factors affecting the availability of a safe, nutritious food supply. Relationships of food choices to health and disease.

IDES 140 Design for Living

Interior design from the human ecological perspective. The reciprocal impact of the designed environment on human behavior, design terminology and the design process.

Three Credit Electives (cont.)

JRN 108 Introduction to Mass Media

History, function, economics and audience uses of mass media including newspapers, television, and magazines. News and content decision making. Special legal and ethical issues.

KIN 121 The Healthy Lifestyle

Cardiovascular risk factors, lifestyle habits and aerobic capacities and their relationship to optimal health and longevity. Individual physical activity required as part of the course.

KIN 125 First Aid and Personal Safety

Knowledge and application of first aid concepts relating to respiratory and cardiopulmonary disorders, shock, wounds, burns, fractures, drug poisoning, childbirth, litigation. Preventing trauma by recognizing and avoiding safety hazards.

LA 200 Introduction to Landscape Architecture

Environmental issues and problem-solving strategies within landscape architecture.

LIN 200 Introduction to Language

Linguistic structure of language. Applications of linguistics to other disciplines. Human and societal aspects of the nature, use, acquisition, and history of languages.

MKT 313 Personal Selling and Buying Processes

The nature of channel relationships. Buying behavior and sales processes. Applications to differing industries and kinds of channel relationships.

PHL 130 Logic and Reasoning

Deductive and inductive reasoning. Topics such as rational argumentation, fallacies, definition, meaning, truth and evidence. Techniques for critical reading and thinking.

PKG 101 Principles of Packaging

Packaging systems, materials and forms and their relationship to the needs and wants of society.

PLS 140 Government and Politics of the World

Comparative analysis of political systems in first, second, and third-world countries. Alternative methods for comparative cross-cultural analyses of political systems.

PLS 160 Introduction to International Relations

Dynamics of conflict and cooperation. Processes of foreign policy decision making. Major international economic issues. Basic future trends. Primary analytical approaches for studying world politics.

PLS 170 Introduction to Political Philosophy

Basic questions of political philosophy as considered from ancient to modern times. Primary focus on the origins, defense, and radical critiques of modern liberal democracy.

PRR 210 Our National Parks and Recreation Lands

Scope and history of federal recreation lands. Comparisons of national parks to other federal lands. Recreation land management in other nations. Future federal land management options.

PRR 211 Introduction to Natural Resource Recreation

History and providers of outdoor recreation. Careers in natural resource recreation.

PRR 213 Introduction to Parks, Recreation, and Leisure

The scope and management of recreation services and resources. Historical and philosophical foundations. Influence of recreation behavior on state, national, international, economic, political and social institutions.

PRR214 Introduction to Travel and Tourism

Travel and tourism industry. Principles, history of development, tourism marketing, planning and management.

PRR 272 Recreational Boating Systems and the Boating Industry

Boats and boaters, marinas, dealerships, boating agencies and organizations, emerging issues, and management methods.

REL 101 Exploring Religion

Religion and religions as historical phenomena. Non-textual and textual religions. Theories of the origins and functions of religion. Exemplary voices from various traditions examined in their historical and doctrinal settings.

REL 150 Introduction to Biblical Literature

A critical survey of biblical texts, including the Hebrew Bible, the New Testament, and writings found in the Apocrypha/Deuterocanon, that combine historical and literary analysis with attention to the ancient religious context of this literature.

REL 205 Myth, Self, and Religion

The mythic quest for meaning, identity, value, and transcendence as seen through religious biography and literary narrative. Myth in relation to religious symbols and life-cycle rituals. Cross-cultural perspective on religious world views and the interpretation of myth as sacred narrative.

REL 220 Religion in America

History, themes and issues of religions in America from pre-colonial times to the present.

RET 261 Introduction to Retailing

Retailing of goods and services. Retail industry structure, location, pricing, promotion and management.

Three Credit Electives (cont.)

SOC 131 Social Problems

The role of social movements, the legal system, public policy and opinion in the resolution of poverty, crime, racism, sexism, and ecological problems.

SOC 161 International Development and Change (Spring of every year).

Global issues of development and change. Population growth, poverty, structural inequalities, environmental degradation, social conflicts, social movements. Alternative development strategies and future perspectives.

SOC 215 Race and Ethnicity

Racial and ethnic problems in contemporary society. Prejudice, discrimination, conflict, and racial and ethnic identity and segregation in western and non-western societies.

TC 110 Understanding Media

Knowledge needed to critique and analyze various media. History of media content, basic research methods with practical applications, and the ethics of media production.

THR 101 Acting I

Improvisational exercises, creative exercises, monologue and scene study.

THR 110 Theatrical Play Analysis

Play study in relation to theatrical production.

Two Credit Electives

ANR 101A Academic and Career Decision Making

Exploration of the career possibilities in agriculture, natural resources and related areas.

CEP 341 American Sign Language and the Deaf Community

Orientation to the deaf culture. Essential signing for those expecting to have intermittent contact with deaf adults.

CMP 101 Principles of Building Construction Management

Historical developments and current issues and trends in commercial and residential construction industries.

CSS 202 The World of Turf

Role of turf in society and the environment. Principles underlying establishment and maintenance of turf on athletic fields, parks, home lawns, and golf courses. Aesthetic, safety, and economic aspects of turfgrass management practices.

HB 100 Introduction to Hospitality Business

Open only to freshman & sophomores. Open to juniors & seniors in the HB major.

Sectors, segments and disciplines of the hospitality and tourism industries. Impact of travel and tourism. Hospitality trends. Overview of accounting, marketing and sales.

MUS 175 Understanding Music

An active and creative approach to understanding the elements of music in a wide variety of music styles. No prior musical skills required.

One Credit Electives

KIN 101A Swimming I	KIN 106U Ice Skating I
KIN 101M Great Lakes Sailing	KIN 106V Self Defense
KIN 101T SCUBA Diving I	KIN 106W Yoga
KIN 101U Sailing	KIN 106X In-Line Skating
KIN 102A Judo I	KIN 106Z Intro to Mountain Biking
KIN 102C Karate I	KIN 107B Racquetball I
KIN 102K Tae Kwon Do I	KIN 107E Tennis I
KIN 102M Kendo I	KIN 108A Basketball I
KIN 103A Aerobic Exercise I	KIN 108C Ice Hockey I
KIN 103C Aerobic Exercise, Low Impact	KIN 108F Soccer I
KIN 103D General Conditioning I	KIN 108K Volleyball I
KIN 103G Power Walking	KIN 108P Softball I
KIN 103R Weight Training I	KIN 108R Soccer, Indoor
KIN 103S Swim Conditioning	KIN 108W Wheelchair Basketball
KIN 103T Distance Running	
KIN 103U Step Aerobics	
KIN 103V Boxing Conditioning	
KIN 105B Gymnastics I	
KIN 105D Tumbling & Floor Exercise I	
KIN 106C Bowling I	
KIN 106E Golf I	
KIN 106G Horsemanship I	
KIN 106N Track and Field	

KIN Departmental Attendance Policy:

For KIN 111-118: A **0.0** will be given the “5th hour” of absence.

KIN 111A Swimming II
KIN 111B Swimming III
KIN 111G SCUBA Diving II
KIN 111K Water Polo
KIN 111U SCUBA Open Water Certification
KIN 112A Judo II
KIN 112B Karate II
KIN 113A Aerobic Exercise II
KIN 113B General Conditioning II
KIN 113C General Conditioning III
KIN 113E Weight Training II
KIN 113F Weight Training III
KIN 113N General Conditioning IV
KIN 113P Weight Training IV
KIN 115B Tumbling & Floor Exercise II
KIN 116A Bowling II
KIN 116B Golf II
KIN 116C Horsemanship II
KIN 116D Ice Skating II
KIN 116F Triathlon Training
KIN 117A Raquetball II
KIN 117B Tennis II
KIN 118A Basketball II
KIN 118B Ice Hockey II
KIN 118C Soccer II
KIN 118E Volleyball II