How to Choose Your General Education (GE) Courses

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Writing and Communication II*:

- CompStd 2367.07 – Religious Diversity in America
- Philos 2367 – Contemporary Social and Moral Problems in the U.S.

Physical Science**:

- Astron 1141 – Life in the Universe
- Astron 1143 – Cosmology: History of the Universe
- EarthSc 1110(H) – History of Life on Earth- Global Change in the Biosphere

Biological Science**:

- Biology 1350 – The Biology of Hope and Belief

Social Science:

- ESCFE 2241 – Body Mind Goes to School

Literature:

- CompStd 2102.01(H) – Literature and Religion
- CompStd 2102.02 – Comparative Sacred Texts
- Philos 2120 – Asian Philosophies
- Philos 3210 – History of Ancient Philosophy
- Philos 3220 – History of Medieval Philosophy
- Philos 3230 – History of 17th Century Philosophy
- Philos 3240 – History of 18th Century Philosophy
- Philos 3250 – History of 19th Century Philosophy
- Philos 3261 – Fundamental Concepts of Existentialism
- Philos 3262 – Contemporary Continental Thought

Visual & Performing Arts:

- Philos 2450(H) – Philosophical Problems in the Arts
- Philos 2470H – Honors Philosophy of Film

Cultures & Ideas:

- CompStd 2370(H) – Introduction to Comparative Religion
- CompStd 2670 – Science and Religion
- CompStd 3677 – South Asian American Religion and Culture
- ENR 3470 – Religion and Environmental Values in America
- German 3451H – Religion in Modern German Literature and Philosophy

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NELC 3201 – Islam in the United States
NELC 3205 – Women in the Muslim Middle East
Philos 1100(H) – Introduction to Philosophy
Philos 1330(H) – Introduction to Ethics
Philos 1850 – Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion

Historical Study:

Philos 1101H – Mind and Its Place in Nature
Philos 1102H – Mind and Its Place in Nature II
History 2045 – History of American Religion to the Civil War
History 3045 – American Religious History
History 3275 – Religion and its Critics in Modern Europe
History 3306 – History of African Christianity

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