What is General Education?
The General Education curriculum at the University of Arizona is designed to give students a broad introduction to a variety of academic disciplines. All students at the University of Arizona are required to fulfill the General Education Requirement. As an Honors Student you have more flexibility in the courses that you take and there are many opportunities to earn Honors Credit.

What do I have to take?
Depending on your major(s) and credit that you bring with you (AP/IB/Dual Enrollment) you will likely take General Education classes in the social sciences, humanities, natural sciences, and arts. Although all students take Gen Ed, the requirements do vary slightly from major to major. For example, most majors in the sciences do not require that students take Natural Sciences (NATS) classes.

Talk to your Academic Advisor about major specific General Education Requirements and any AP/IB/Dual Enrollment Credit that you have completed!

• At the University of Arizona we have our own language for Gen Ed

General Education classes fall into 4 categories:
Social Sciences = Individuals & Societies, also called INDV
Humanities = Traditions & Cultures, also called TRAD
Natural Sciences, also called NATS
Arts, just ARTS!
• Within each of these categories, courses are broken down into Tier I and Tier II.

TIER I classes
are designed as a broad introduction to a subject.
• Tier I classes have specific course numbers:
  Tier I INDV – 150
  Tier I TRAD – 160
  Tier I NATS – 170
• If you choose to take two Tier I courses in a single General Education area (ex. two 160 classes), then the second class must have a different letter (ex. Traditions & Cultures: Class 1 - ENGL 160A, Class 2 - CLAS160D).

TIER II classes
are still introductory, but will be narrower in their scope.
• Tier II classes can be found in almost all departments and do not have a specific course number.
• The ARTS requirement is always a Tier II class.

• You will take up to three classes in each General Education area (INDV, TRAD, NATS), and just one 3-unit ARTS class.
• You will take both Tier I and Tier II General Education classes in the INDV, TRAD, NATS.
• As an Honors Student, you have more flexibility – you can take more Tier II classes!

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