

What is a GNED?

GNED stands for General Education and are a collection of courses required to graduate with a bachelor's degree or a diploma at MRU. Their purpose is to provide students with the opportunity to experience a broader range of subjects for the future, and to tailor your degree to your varying interests.

Communication students are required to complete 10 GNED courses by the end of their degree.

What is an elective?

Electives are 3-credit courses that do not fulfill a program or general education requirement. They provide you with more flexibility to pursue other classes of interest.

Communication students are required to complete 6 electives by the end of their degree.

What is a minor?

A minor is yet another chance to individualize your studies and learn about a different field or interest. Minors are completely optional and consist of a varying number of courses, depending on the minor you choose. MRU proudly offers 48 minors to choose from, including marketing, business and creative writing. If you choose to declare a minor, pay close attention to the prerequisites for each course. Your GNEDs, electives, and core courses may count towards your minor requirements as well.

For more information, please contact your advisor at commadvising@mtroyal.ca or visit mru.ca/commadvising

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School of Communication Studies

Understanding GNEDs, Electives and Minors

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GNEDs are divided into four thematic clusters:



Numeracy & Scientific Literacy

- Scientific and mathematical reasoning
- Acknowledge the successes of science and technology



Community & Society

- Explore complex intersections of interests and relations of social life
- Acquire knowledge and skills to help understand and act in the world



Values, Beliefs & Identity

- Critically explore the aspects that shape the human experience
- Study the various media and cultural expressions that take place



Communication

- Develop undergraduate level skills in written and verbal communication
- Develop a capacity for critical reflection

How to keep track:



Select the "My Program" tab at the top of your mymru page.



Select the "mruGradU8" link at the bottom of the page.



Scroll down to the "General Education Requirements" section.

Foundation

(Total 4 courses)



Cluster 1



Cluster 2



Cluster 3



Cluster 4

Select
four
clusters

Tier 2

(Total 3 courses)



Cluster 1

Mandatory



Cluster 2



Cluster 3



Cluster 4

Select
two
clusters

Tier 3

(Total 3 courses)



Cluster 1



Cluster 2



Cluster 3



Cluster 4

Select
minimum
two
clusters