General Education Requirements for Undergraduates

The following General Education rules apply for all students admitted for September 1984 through Spring 2010. They also apply to transfers admitted for Fall 2010 and Spring 2011. The specific courses which may be used to fill the group requirements listed below are shown on the next page.

To be graduated from the University, students must fulfill four types of requirements: University (General Education), writing, degree, and major requirements.

BA candidates must also satisfy a foreign language requirement. No credit is awarded for elementary year college coursework if students have had two or more years of that language in high school.

In addition to the particular requirements for specific degrees, all candidates for a bachelor’s degree must obtain a passing grade in a minimum of 128 credits in courses numbered 400-799, must maintain a cumulative grade-point average of at least 2.00 for all courses taken at the University in which a grade is given, and must successfully meet, as soon as possible in their University careers, the following General Education Requirements:

1. One course in Writing Skills (satisfies Freshman Composition component of writing requirement)
2. One course in Quantitative Reasoning
3. Three courses in Biological Science, Physical Science, or Technology, with no more than two courses in any one area
4. One course in Historical Perspectives
5. One course in Foreign Culture (may also be satisfied by approved study abroad programs)
6. One course in Fine Arts
7. * One course in Social Science
8. * One course in Works of Philosophy, Literature, and Ideas

*Students admitted prior to September 1989 may take any two courses from a combination of Groups 7 and 8.

These courses cannot be taken on a Pass/Fail basis. No single course may be counted in more than one General Education category. Academic departments may or may not permit General Education courses to count toward requirements for a major; check with your adviser.

If you have questions or problems concerning your General Education Requirements, call a degree analyst at 862-1594 or 862-1592, or write c/o Degree Analyst, Registrar’s Office, or stop by the Graduation Department at the Registrar’s Office in Stoke Hall.

University Writing Requirement

As the cornerstone of any higher education, academic and disciplinary literacy is the concern of the entire faculty and the whole university curriculum. Understanding that literacy is a long-term development process, the university community is committed to the following goals for student writing and learning:

a) Students should use writing as an intellectual process to learn material, to discover, construct, and order meaning.

b) Students should learn to write effectively in various academic and disciplinary genres for professional lay audiences.

c) Students should learn to display competence with the generic features and conventions of academic language.

“Writing-Intensive” Courses

All undergraduates admitted as freshmen for Fall 1998 or Spring 1999, all undergraduates admitted as freshmen or sophomores for Fall 1999 or Spring 2000, and all undergraduates admitted for Fall 2000 or later will be required to complete four “writing-intensive” courses which must include English 401, First-Year Writing, and three additional “writing-intensive” courses, one of which must be in the student’s major, and one of which must be at the 600-level or above. Students with two or more majors must take one “writing intensive” course in EACH major. These courses cannot be taken on a Pass/Fail basis.

NOTE: WI and GN1-8 will be used in the Time & Room Schedule course-listings to identify “writing-intensive” and General Education courses respectively (the number 1-8 indicating General Education Category). For example:

ENGL 401 01 10021 First-Year Writing GN1 WRIT 4.0 TR 1110A-1230P KEND 310 Beemer
All sections of ENGL 401 are “writing-intensive” and General Education category 1.

ANSC 600W 01 11607 Field Experience WRIT Variable credits Hours Arranged Keim
ANSC 600W is “writing-intensive”.

ANSC 600 01 10856 Field Experience Variable credits Hours Arranged Burke
ANSC 600 not “writing-intensive”.