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General Education/Distribution Requirements: Class of 2013

Summary

I. ENG 101 and a GRW Seminar

II. One or Two Courses in a Foreign Language

III. Three Courses in the Natural Science and Quantitative Areas

IV. Three Courses in the Humanities and Fine Arts Areas

V. Three courses from two different departments in the Social Sciences

I. ENG 101 and a Global Perspectives Seminar

(Students must complete both courses in their first year; both are offered each semester)

A. ENG 101 helps students develop their capacity for intelligent reading, critical analysis, and writing through the study of literature, frequent writing assignments, and individual conferences with the professor on the student's writing. Students must earn a grade of C- or higher in ENG 101 to fulfill this requirement.

B. Global Perspectives Seminars address topics best understood from global or multinational perspectives, encourage thinking beyond national boundaries and introduce students to library resources, information literacy and presentation techniques; topics vary widely and reflect diverse disciplinary and multidisciplinary perspectives.

II. Foreign Language Requirement

(Students must complete one or two courses)

A. For students starting a new language or students placed on the 101 or 102 level, two semesters in the new or placement language or one semester of study abroad in a non-English-speaking country, including appropriate language instruction.

B. For students placed on level 201 or above in French, German or Spanish, one semester of study or one semester of study abroad in a non-English-speaking country, including appropriate language instruction.

C. Students whose native language is not English may be exempted from this requirement.

D. Students with learning differences may apply for an accommodation through the Office of Academic Skills. If an accommodation is granted, these students will fulfill the Foreign Language Requirement by replacing language courses with two courses from a list of eligible courses. For more information about accommodations and substitutions, refer to the website for the Office of Academic Skills.

III. Natural Science & Quantitative Requirement

(Students must complete three courses – at least one must meet the quantitative requirement and at least one must meet the natural science requirement.)

A. Natural Science Requirement: To fulfill this requirement with one Natural Science course and two Quantitative courses, complete any one course in Biology, Chemistry or Physics.

To fulfill this requirement with two Natural Science courses and one Quantitative course, complete either of the following Natural Science options:

1. Students who: (a) plan to major in Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Studies, Physics or Psychology, or (b) plan to attend medical school must satisfy the Natural Science Requirement by taking one of the following two-course sequences. These sequences are also recommended for students who have a strong interest in the sciences:

- BIO 111, 112 General Biology
- CHE 111, 112 General Chemistry
- PHY 111, 112 General Physics

2. Students who do not plan to participate in any of the programs listed in "1" above may complete any one of the courses listed in "1" above and one of the following courses or any two of the following courses:

- BIO 100 Current Topics in Biology
- BIO 104 Society, Ecology & the Chesapeake
- CHE 100 Introduction to Contemporary Chemistry
- CHE 110 Chemistry of the Environment
- PHY 100 Introduction to Gravity & Space-Time
- PHY 110 Astronomy
- PHY 140 Exploring the Solid Earth
- PHY 141 Atmosphere, Ocean & Environment

B. Quantitative Requirement: To fulfill this requirement with one Quantitative course and two Natural Science courses, complete any of the following Quantitative courses:

- MAT ___ Any Mathematics course
- CSI ___ Any Computer Science course
- BUS 203 Quantitative Methods I
- ECN 215 Data Analysis I
- MUS 131 Elementary Music Theory I
- MUS 231 Advanced Music Theory I
- PHL 108 Logic
- PSY 209 Statistics & Experimental Design

Note: PHL 108 & PSY 209 may not be paired and may be used to fulfill the Natural Science & Quantitative Requirement only by those taking one Quantitative course.

To fulfill this requirement with two Quantitative courses and one Natural Science course, complete any of the following two-course Quantitative sequences:

- Any combination of two Math and/or Computer Science courses
- BUS 203, 204 Quantitative Methods I, II
- MUS 131, 132 Elementary Music Theory I, II
- MUS 231, 232 Advanced Music Theory I, II

IV. Humanities and Fine Arts Requirement

(Students must complete three courses – at least one that meets the fine arts requirement and at least one that meets the other humanities requirement.)

A. Humanities Requirement: To fulfill this requirement with one course in the Humanities, complete any one of the Humanities courses listed below. To fulfill this requirement with two courses in the Humanities, complete any two of the courses listed below from any one department.

- ENG Any two 200-level English courses (except ENG 204)
- PHL Any two Philosophy courses (except PHL 108)
- ILC Any two ILC courses
- Foreign Language Any two literature courses in the same foreign language.

B. Fine Arts Requirement: To fulfill this requirement with one Fine Arts course and two Humanities courses, complete any Fine Arts course selected from:

- Art (all courses)
- Drama (all courses except DRA 105 and DRA 200)
- Music 100, 203, 204, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, or 311
- Dance 203, 204, 213, 214, 227, 228, 233, 314, or two two-credit courses

To fulfill this requirement with two Fine Arts courses and one Humanities course, complete any of the following Fine Arts pairs:

- Any combination of two courses from the Art Dept.
- Any combination of two courses from the Drama Dept. (except DRA 105 and DRA 200).
- Any combination of two four-credit courses in Music history/literature listed above.
- Any combination of one four-credit course in Music listed above plus two two-credit courses in applied music (two semesters of voice or of the same instrument).
- Any combination of one four-credit course in Music listed above plus four one-credit courses in the same music ensemble.
- Any combination of one four-credit course in Dance listed above plus two two-credit courses in Dance.

V. Social Science Requirement

(Students must complete three courses -- selected from two departments as outlined below.)

To fulfill the Social Science requirement for two courses in the same department, any of the following sequences may be taken:

- ECN 111, 112 Macro. and Microeconomics
- ECN 111 **OR** 112 Macro. **OR** Microeconomics, plus any one of the following:
  ECN 117 Environmental Economics
  ECN 218 Economic Development
  ECN 219 Human Resources Economics
- EDU 301, 302 Principles of Ed./Educational Psych
- HIS 101, 102 Early Origins of Western Civilization
- HIS 103, 104 Modern World History
- HIS 201, 202 History of the United States
- POL 101, 102 Intro. to Political Science/American Government & Politics
- POL 101, 104 Intro. to Political Science/Intro. to World Politics
- PSY 111,112 General Psychology
- SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology, plus any one of the following:
  SOC 212 The Family
  SOC 213 Gender
  SOC 221 Social Inequalities
  SOC 240 Criminology
  SOC 250 City and Suburb
  SOC 341 Variant Behavior
- ANT 105, Introduction to Anthropology, plus any one of the following:
  ANT 215 Sex, Gender and Culture
  ANT 235 Cultures of Latin America
  ANT 320 Race and Ethnicity
  ANT 355 Myth, Ritual and Symbolism
  CRS 242 Society and Estuary
- ANT 107 Introduction to Environmental Archaeology, plus either of the following:
  ANT 137 Culture & Environ./Chesapeake
  ANT 208 Doing Archaeology
  CRS 242 Society and Estuary

Note: Sociology and Anthropology courses are offered by the same department; students who complete one of the two-course sequences offered by that department must complete one course offered by a different department to fulfill the Social Science Requirement.

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