

GENERAL EDUCATION PROPOSAL FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE DESCRIPTION

The language requirement has been changed to Foreign Language and Culture reflecting the Senate's desire to eventually establish a foreign language requirement. Currently, the Department of Modern Languages and Literature does not have sufficient faculty resources to establish a language requirement. *The outcomes have been written to allow the Department of Linguistics to offer courses in this area but the plan articulates the goal of moving to a foreign language requirement by 2010 if the financial situation of the university allows.*

College Distribution Requirements

In addition to satisfying the university-wide general education requirements, students seeking the Bachelor of Arts degree must complete 16 additional credits distributed in four of the six categories listed below. Students seeking the Bachelor of Science degree need complete only 12 additional credits in three of the six areas listed below. These credit requirements may be lower for students with sufficient preparation in a foreign language (see Note 1 below). An approved interdisciplinary course may be used in lieu of one of the six distribution categories (see Note 2 below). Candidates for the Bachelor of Music degree must complete 4 credits in a modern foreign language at the 115 level or above. None of these requirements may be met by independent study courses, internships, field experience courses or teaching methods courses. Unless otherwise noted, courses in the major may be applied toward these requirements; restrictions apply only to students majoring in social science disciplines (see Note 3 below) and transfer students (see *Special provisions for transfer students* in college Policies and Procedures). Some courses may be used to satisfy both the college distribution requirements and the ethnic diversity requirement.

Distribution categories

1. Foreign language: 4 credits in a modern foreign language numbered 115 or higher.
2. Arts and literature: An additional 4 credits from either the university general education field category lists in arts and literature; literature courses at the 300 level or higher in a modern foreign language; or art or art history, cinema, dance, English, music or theatre courses at the 300 level or higher, except for writing courses AH 300, ENG 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 386, 410 and 411.
3. Civilization: An additional 4 credits from either history, philosophy or international studies courses listed in the university general education field categories of Western civilization or international studies; or history or philosophy courses at the 300 level or higher.
4. Social sciences: An additional 4 credits in anthropology, economics, political science, psychology or sociology from either the university general education field category list in social science, or courses at the 300 level or higher in any of these

disciplines or linguistics courses ALS 334, 335, 373, 374, 375 or 376. (See Note 3 below.)

5. Mathematics: An additional 4 credits in mathematical sciences courses (MTH, APM, STA, MOR but not MTE) numbered 118 or higher.

6. Science: An additional 4 credits in biology, chemistry, environmental health or physics.

Notes

1. Four credits in a modern foreign language course numbered 115 or higher may be used to satisfy two requirements at once: the general education requirement in language and the foreign language distribution category.

2. An approved interdisciplinary course may be used in lieu of one of the six distribution categories. Interdisciplinary courses which have been approved by the College of Arts and Sciences for this purpose will be listed in each semester's *Schedule of Classes*; they currently include AMS 300 and WS 200. Note: WS 200 may be used to fulfill this requirement or the general education requirement in the social science knowledge exploration area, not both. Additional information may also be obtained from the College of Arts and Sciences Advising Office (221 Varner Hall).

3. Majors in one of the social science disciplines who want to use social science courses to satisfy part of the distribution requirement must take these courses in a social science discipline different from the major.

NOTE: *As a general rule, no more than 8 credits of course work used to satisfy one major, minor or concentration may be applied toward another, but exceptions to this rule may be allowed with the written approval of the program coordinators.*