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GENERAL EDUCATION PLANNING GUIDE

This simplified Gen Ed Course Planning Guide is designed to help you plan your Gen Ed experience. Each General Education requirement has a special letter designation. To find out whether a course satisfies a General Education requirement (for students entering September 2005 and thereafter), consult SPIRE. To monitor your Gen Ed progress, go to your SPIRE homepage, click Academics, then Degree Progress Report. For further information about Gen Ed, visit the Gen Ed website at <http://www.umass.edu/gened>.

WRITING (1 course)

_____ One course (CW) or exemption (see department)

BASIC MATHEMATICS (1 course)

_____ One course (R1) or earning a passing score on the Tier 1 Math Exemption Exam.

ANALYTICAL REASONING (1 course)

_____ One course (R2)

BIOLOGICAL & PHYSICAL WORLD (3 courses)

_____ One course (BS)

_____ One course (PS)

_____ One course (BS, PS, or SI)

SOCIAL WORLD (6 courses)

_____ One course (AL)

_____ One course (AL, AT, SI, or I)

_____ One course (HS)

_____ One course (SB)

_____ One course (SB, SI, or I)

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CODES

AL Literature

AT Arts

BS Biological Science

CW Freshman Writing

G Diversity: Global

HS Historical Studies

I Interdisciplinary

PS Physical Science

R1 Basic Math Skills

R2 Analytical Reasoning

SB Social & Behavioral Sciences

SI Science Interdisciplinary

U Diversity: United States

SOCIAL & CULTURAL DIVERSITY (Can be combined with Social World requirements above. For example, a course that is labeled as ALU will count as an AL in the Social World category and as a U.S. diversity requirement.)

_____ One course focusing on **UNITED STATES** diversity (U, ALU, ATU, HSU, IU, or SBU)

_____ One course focusing on **GLOBAL** diversity (G, ALG, ATG, HSG, IG, or SBG)

Notes: a) One course from your major department may count toward General Education requirements, and one course may fulfill a Diversity requirement.

b) No more than three I, IU, SI or IG courses may count toward General Education requirements.

c) Gen Ed courses cannot be taken as pass/fail.



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