



UMASS AMHERST

GENERAL EDUCATION PLANNING GUIDE

This detailed 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. For further information about Gen Ed, visit the Gen Ed website at <http://www.umass.edu/gened>.

A. WRITING: 2 COURSES

_____ COLLEGE WRITING (CW): Completion of either EnglWP 112 (CW) or EnglWP 113 (CW) OR a satisfactory score on the Writing Placement Test II, combined SAT I Verbal and SAT II Writing Test, OR Advanced Placement Exam (Language and Composition).

_____ JUNIOR YEAR WRITING (No special letter designation): To be in the student's major department.

B. BASIC MATHEMATICS: 1 COURSE in Basic Math Skills (R1) or a satisfactory score on the Basic Mathematics Skill Exemption Test. This requirement can also be satisfied with some higher level courses that presuppose knowledge of basic math skills. A student who takes an R2 course from this list can satisfy both the R1 and R2 requirements with the same course.

C. ANALYTICAL REASONING: 1 COURSE (R2)

D. BIOLOGICAL AND PHYSICAL WORLD: 3 COURSES

_____ Biological Science (BS)

_____ Physical Science (PS)

_____ A third science course. Undergraduate students entering the University in Fall 2005 or thereafter can also satisfy this requirement with a BS, PS or Science Interdisciplinary (SI) course. Students who entered the University before Fall 2005 can satisfy this requirement with a BS, PS, Interdisciplinary (I) or Science Interdisciplinary (SI) course.

E. SOCIAL WORLD: 6 COURSES

_____ One course in Literature (AL/ALG/ALU)

_____ One course in Arts/Liberal Arts (AL/ALG/ALU, AT/ATG/ATU) or Interdisciplinary (I/IG/IU/SI)

_____ One course in Historical Studies (HS/HSU/HSG)

_____ One course in Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB/SBU/SBG)

_____ One course in Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB/SBU/SBG) or Interdisciplinary (I/IG/IU/SI)

_____ One additional course in any of the areas within the Social World (AL/ALG/ALU, AT/ATG/ATU, HS/HSU/HSG, or SB/SBU/SBG) or Interdisciplinary (I/IG/IU/SI)

F. SOCIAL AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY: 2 COURSES Undergraduate students entering the University in Fall 2002 or thereafter need to take one Diversity class which focuses on Diversity in the United States, designated by "U"; the other must focus on Global Diversity, designated by "G". Students who entered the University before Fall 2002 can fulfill their two-course Diversity requirement through any combination of "D" or the new "U" or "G" designations. The "U" and "G" designations may be combined with Social World courses with designations such as ALU, ALG, ATU, ATG, HSU, HSG, SBU, SBG, IU or IG/SI.

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.