



# GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

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All students graduating with a bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts Amherst must satisfy a set of General Education requirements. These requirements are designed to give all students a broad background in the liberal arts and sciences. Each General Education requirement has a special letter designation. Course descriptions on SPIRE indicate whether a course satisfies a General Education requirement (for students entering September 2005 and thereafter).

## A. 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).

**B. 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.

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## C. 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.

**D. 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.

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## E. ANALYTICAL REASONING: 1 COURSE (R2)

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## F. WRITING: 2 COURSES

- \_\_\_\_\_ COLLEGE WRITING (CW): Completion of either EngIWP 112 (CW) or EngIWP 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.

### NOTES:

- A). No more than one course from your major department may count toward General Education requirements.
- B). No more than three I, IU, SI or IG courses may count toward General Education requirements. (rev.5/05)



# COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS

## ADDITIONAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

These requirements are in addition to the University's General Education Requirements and pertain only to students earning a B.A. degree from the College of Humanities and Fine Arts. (Students earning B.Mus. or B.F.A. degrees do not have the additional requirements.)

### A. FOREIGN LANGUAGE (FOR B.A. STUDENTS)

Completion of a foreign language at the fourth-semester (Intermediate II) level. Satisfaction of this requirement can be achieved in five different ways:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Satisfactory completion of a college foreign language course at the fourth-semester (Intermediate II) level.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Satisfactory completion **in high school** of either a fourth-level course in one language **or** completion of both
  - a). A third-level course in one foreign language, and
  - b). A second-level course in another foreign language.Submit high school transcripts to Elaine Ploof, E-22 Machmer Hall, University of Massachusetts Amherst, MA 01003.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Satisfactory completion of one year in a high school where English is not the language of instruction.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Successful completion of a semester's or year's study-abroad program that leads to foreign language proficiency at the fourth-semester (Intermediate II) level as approved by the appropriate language department.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Earning an appropriate score on a College Board Foreign Language SAT II Test, or on a College Board Advanced Placement Test deemed acceptable by a UMass foreign language department, or on a special test designed by a UMass language department.

### B. COURSES OUTSIDE OF HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS (FOR B.A. STUDENTS)

In addition to the General Education requirements, completion of two 3-credit courses from the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences and/or the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.