

# Gen Ed Course Planning Guide

## FOR STUDENTS ADMITTED AS FRESHMEN, *FALL 2010 AND PRIOR TO FALL 2018*

**NOTE: Students admitted as TRANSFERS for Fall 2010 and prior to Fall 2018: use separate Planning Guide. Consult your Academic Requirements Report and/or an advisor for clarification.**

This detailed General Education Course Planning Guide is designed to help you plan your Gen Ed experience. Each Gen Ed requirement has a specific letter designation. To find out whether a course satisfies a Gen Ed, consult SPIRE. To monitor your Gen Ed progress, go to your SPIRE homepage, and from the blue menu on the left, first click on "Academics," and then click on "Academic Requirements." For further information about Gen Ed, visit the Gen Ed website at <http://www.umass.edu/gened>.

### WRITING: 2 courses

- \_\_\_\_\_ COLLEGE WRITING (CW, 0-3 credits): Completion of either EnglWrit 112 (CW) OR a satisfactory score on the Writing Placement Test, combined SAT I Critical Reading and Writing Tests, or Advanced Placement Exam (Language and Composition *only*).
- \_\_\_\_\_ JUNIOR YEAR WRITING (No letter designation): To be taken in the student's major.

**BASIC MATHEMATICS and ANALYTICAL REASONING: 2 courses** Students must complete one course in Basic Math Skills (R1) or get a satisfactory score on the Basic Mathematics Skills Exemption Test. This requirement can also be satisfied with a higher level course that presupposes knowledge of basic math skills. See the [R1 and R2 requirements](#) page for more details. Both the R1 and R2 requirements can be satisfied by taking an R2 course.

- \_\_\_\_\_ BASIC MATHEMATICS (R1, 0-3 total credits)
- \_\_\_\_\_ ANALYTICAL REASONING (R2, 3 credits)

**BIOLOGICAL AND PHYSICAL WORLD: 2 courses (8 total credits)** Each 4-credit course requirement may also be satisfied by two 3-credit courses with the appropriate designation.

- \_\_\_\_\_ BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE (BS)
- \_\_\_\_\_ PHYSICAL SCIENCE (PS)

**SOCIAL WORLD: 4 courses (16 total credits)** Each 4-credit course requirement may also be satisfied by two 3-credit courses with the appropriate designation. NOTE: The Social World requirements can be combined with Social & Cultural Diversity requirements (see below).

- \_\_\_\_\_ LITERATURE (AL) or ARTS (AT)
- \_\_\_\_\_ HISTORICAL STUDIES (HS)
- \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (SB)
- \_\_\_\_\_ ADDITIONAL SOCIAL WORLD (AL, AT, or SB) or INTERDISCIPLINARY (I or SI)

**SOCIAL AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY: 2 courses, minimum 3 credits each.** Undergraduate students need to take one Diversity class which focuses on Diversity in the United States (designated by "U" or "DU"); the other must focus on Global Diversity (designated by "G" or "DG").\* The "U" or "DU" and "G" or "DG" designations may be combined with other Social World designations (e.g. ALU, ALDU, SBDG, HSG, IG, etc.).

UNITED STATES (U or DU) \_\_\_\_\_ GLOBAL (G or DG) \_\_\_\_\_

**INTEGRATIVE EXPERIENCE: 3 credits** (code TBA) Part of major requirements; to be taken at UMass Amherst.

### Notes:

- From your major department, only one course may count toward General Education requirements, and one additional course may fulfill a Diversity requirement.
- No more than three I or SI courses will count toward Gen Ed and Diversity requirements.
- Gen Ed courses completed after enrollment cannot be taken on a pass/fail basis.
- Freshmen who enter (F10 and beyond) with 9 semester hours or more of college course (not exam) credits taken prior to enrollment may switch to Transfer Gen Ed requirements via the Student Records Office.

\* Beginning Fall 2018, the designations DU and DG replaced U and G for all courses meeting the Social and Cultural Diversity requirement.