

# Gen Ed Course Planning Guide

## FOR STUDENTS ADMITTED AS FRESHMEN, *ENROLLING FALL 2018 AND LATER*

**NOTE: Students admitted as TRANSFERS use separate Planning Guides.**  
*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.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 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)** Within the Social World requirements, two courses must meet the Social and Cultural Diversity requirement. One course must focus on Diversity in the United States (DU); the other must focus on Global Diversity (DG). *Students are expected to take a DU or DG course in their first year.*

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

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

### Notes:

- From your major, one course may be applied to Junior Year Writing, one course may be applied to Integrative Experience, and one course may be applied to another Gen Ed requirement. In addition, one other course from your major may be used to fulfill a Diversity requirement. (Gen Eds will be reevaluated if you change your major.)
- Any course taken on a Pass/Fail basis will not fulfill Gen Ed requirements.
- No more than three Interdisciplinary (I) or Science Interdisciplinary (SI) courses may be applied to Gen Ed and Diversity requirements.
- 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 Transfer Services Staff in 213 Whitmore.