Overview of Degree Requirements

Core Skills

Writing 1: in first year ........................................... 3 units
Writing Intensive (WI)*: in Junior or Senior year, often in major .......... 3 units
Quantitative Analysis (QA)* .................................... 3 units

Social & Cultural Perspectives

Social Differentiation (SD)* ..................................... 3 units
Cultural Diversity (CD)* ....................................... 3 units

Coherent Course Work

Areas with clusters
Development of integrated, meaningful connections with breadth and depth in the academic experience: Within each of four Areas, students take 8-9 units, at least 6 of which are in coherent clusters of courses:

Natural Sciences & Mathematics (NS) ................................ 8-9 units
Social Sciences (SS) ........................................... 8-9 units
Language & the Arts (LA) ........................................ 8-9 units
Textual & Historical Studies (TH) .................................. 8-9 units

In addition to the requirements above, you must complete:

- A major with a minimum of 18 units numbered 300 or above, and the probable inclusion of a synthesizing capstone experience for seniors in most major departments.
- A total of 30 units at the 300/400/500 levels (including the minimum of 18 required for your major).
- A total of 90 units in Arts & Sciences.
- A total of 120 units required for graduation.

* Courses with one of these four designations may also partially fulfill the coherent course work requirements in the four Areas.

Overview of Revised Degree Requirements

Core Skills

Writing 1: in first year ........................................... 3 units
Applied Numeracy (AN)* ......................................... 3 units
Social Differentiation (SD)* ..................................... 3 units
Writing Intensive (WI)* .......................................... 3 units

Area Units Requirements

To achieve breadth, students take a minimum number of courses in each of four areas. In the first three areas, they take at three courses of at least three units each:

- The Humanities (HUM) ........................................... 9 units
- Natural Sciences & Mathematics (NSM) ........................ 9 units
- Social & Behavioral Sciences (SSC) ............................ 9 units

In the 4th area, students take either three sequenced courses of at least three units each in a single foreign language, or they take at least four courses of at least 3 units each:

- Linguistic & Cultural Diversity (LCD) .......................... 9-12 units

Integrations

To achieve depth and coherence, students complete three integrations in at least two areas of study (HUM, NSM, SSC, LCD). There are four types of integrations:

- Majors, second majors, and minors
- Focus and other two-semester first-year programs
- Designated Study Abroad programs
- Integrated Inquiries (IQs), a revised version of the current clusters

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- A total of 90 units in Arts & Sciences.
- A total of 120 units required for graduation.

* Courses with one of these three designations may also be counted toward the Area Units Requirement; i.e., they may “double-count.”