

Union's General Education Curriculum

The Gen Ed Curriculum is comprised of three basic parts:

Part A. Promotes skills in reading, writing, research, analyzing texts, and reflecting on the interpretive move from primary sources to secondary texts.

Part B. Promotes breadth of knowledge about the social and natural world, and key skills in analysis, literacy, and numeracy.

Part C. Prompts awareness of interdisciplinary connections.

It totals 10-13 classes depending on doublecounting

Part A: Core: (2 courses)

- First Year Preceptorial (FYP)
- Sophomore Research Seminar (SRS)

Part B: Distribution requirements: (8 courses)

- One (1) Social Sciences course
This category includes courses in any discipline covering:

- Anthropology
- Economics
- History
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology

- Two (2) Humanities courses (one class must be a literature course)
This category includes courses in any discipline covering:

- Classics
- English
- Modern Languages & Literatures
- Performing Arts (**Note:** Performing Arts is now the Theater & Dance Dept. and the Music Dept.)
- Philosophy
- Visual Arts

- Two (2) courses in Linguistic and Cultural Competency.
This category includes courses in any discipline covering:

- Term Abroad courses that deal with a cultural tradition outside the US
- Cross-cultural comparison and theories about cultural complexity
- One or more cultural traditions outside of the US

- One or more cultural traditions in the United States from historically unrepresented populations
- A sequence of two courses in a foreign language at level 102 or higher.

For example, consider courses in the following Programs and Departments: Africana Studies, East Asian Studies, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Modern Languages & Literatures or Russia and Eastern Europe

- Three (3) courses in quantitative and mathematical reasoning (QMR), natural and applied science, engineering, and the impact of science and technology on society (S/T).
You will need to take:

- One course in natural sciences, with lab
- One course in quantitative and mathematical reasoning (QMR): includes courses in math and a few in other departments, listed under QMR. **NOTE: This fall only mathematics (MTH) courses are available.**

A third course from the following:

- One course in natural sciences, with or without lab
- One course selected from certain engineering or computer science courses (such as ES 100)
- A team-taught Interdisciplinary course with significant science or engineering content, about the impact of science and/or technology on the human world.

Part C: Clusters: Making Connections across Disciplines (3 courses)

In these clusters you will need to take 3 courses from at least 2 different departments, and you will need to follow any other requirements as outlined in individual clusters. You should not concern yourself at all with this requirement at this point in time.

Some Aspects to Consider:

- In the new core curriculum you will take between 10-13 courses.
- You can double count courses taken in Part B with Part C but you are required to take at least 10 courses total to complete the core curriculum.
- You may also satisfy any of the requirements in Parts B and C with appropriate courses taken on Terms Abroad.
- At this point you do not need to worry about clusters. Many of the courses you will take will count towards a cluster. You will receive information about these when you arrive in the Fall.
- If you are interested in taking a language, most introductory language courses are only offered in the fall. If you are interested in languages you

should start taking courses early and not wait until your junior or senior year. Because language courses are taught sequentially, you may find, if you wait, that you will not have enough room in your schedule to complete the desired major.