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## GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ACADEMIC MAJORS AND MINORS

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The University's individual departments have set forth requirements that must be met in order to complete a major in a given area of study. For specific major requirements, students should consult the appropriate departmental section of this catalog and their academic advisors.

Each major and minor has its own minimum number of required hours. To fulfill a major generally involves a minimum of 36 credit hours of course work. To earn a minor in a subject, a minimum of 18 semester hours, according to departmental specifications, must be met. For courses completed outside the major or minor, an overall grade point average of "C" is necessary for graduation. PSYC 305 and HUEC 203 are similar courses, taught in different departments for their majors. Students may have credit for one or the other but not both courses.

### MAJOR CORE REQUIREMENTS

A grade of "C" or better is required in every course counted toward the major and/or minor.

### SUPPORTING AREA REQUIREMENTS

A grade point average of "C" or better is required for the group of courses representing the supportive area requirements.

### GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS<sup>1</sup> (GEN ED CURR AREA)

All students are expected to complete a common body of academic course work. The General Education Requirements are designed to promote the development of a comprehensive educational base which will effectively support a student's choice of a major concentration. Deviations from the General Education Requirements may occur in certain areas owing to specific requirements of the major. Therefore, students should consult with their freshman or departmental advisors when making course selections. See Course Descriptions for descriptions of courses in General Education. Fundamentals courses and MATH 101 do not meet the General Education Requirement and does not apply toward graduation requirements. General Education Requirements are distributed as follows:

#### Curriculum Area I Arts and Humanities

Credit 9

Students must select ENGL 203<sup>2</sup> plus one course in each of two disciplines.

##### Discipline A: ARTS

ARTS 101, ARTS 310, MUSI 100, MUSI 101, MUSI 109

##### Discipline B: HISTORY

HIST 101/101H, HIST 102/102H, HIST 201, HIST 202, PHIL 201

##### Discipline C: LANGUAGE

FREN 101 or FREN 102, SPAN 101 or SPAN 102, ASLS 203

##### Discipline D: LITERATURE

ENGL 204, ENGL 205, ENGL 206, ENGL 207

##### Discipline E: SPEECH

ENGL 203<sup>1</sup>

#### Curriculum Area II - SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Credit 6

Students must select one course in each of two disciplines.

##### Discipline A: SOCIAL SCIENCES

AGEC 213 or AGECE 213H

ECON 201 or ECON 201H

ECON 202 or ECON 202H

GEOG 201 or GEOG 202

HIST 101/101H, HIST 102/102H, HIST 201, HIST 202, PHIL 201

POLI 200 or POLI 200H,

POLI 220H or POLI 342

SOCI 101 or SOCI 111H

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<sup>1</sup>A minimum of 40 credits is required.

<sup>2</sup>Students must pass ENGL 101 and ENGL 102 with grade of "C" or above before taking ENGL 203

Discipline B: BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES  
CRJS 101  
HUEC 203, HUEC 220, HUEC 361  
PSYC 200  
SOC 201

**Curriculum Area III - BIOLOGICAL AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES**

**Credit 7-8**

Students must select from the following: Two science courses; one **must** be a laboratory course  
ANPT 114, ANPT 114H  
BIOL 101, BIOL 103 (lab),  
CHEM 101, CHEM 102, CHEM 103 (lab), CHEM 104 (lab)  
ENVS 101, NUDT 210  
PLSC 184, PLSC 185 (lab).

Students in Agriculture, **Engineering, Exercise Science, Human Ecology Physician Assistant and Rehabilitation Services** **only** must select from the following:

- Student must have a strong background in Chemistry and Biology to take CHEM 111 and CHEM 112 or BIOL 111 and BIOL 112.
- Students **CANNOT** take CHEM 111 if they are currently taking MATH 101.

ANPT 114, ANPT 114H  
BIOL 101, BIOL 103 (lab),  
BIOL 111, BIOL 113 (lab), BIOL 112, BIOL 114 (lab),  
CHEM 101, CHEM 102, CHEM 103 (lab), CHEM 104 (lab), CHEM 111, CHEM 113 (lab)  
ENVS 101, NUDT 210  
PHYS 121, PHYS 121H, PHYS 122, PHYS 161,  
PHYS 182H, PHYS 263, PLSC 184, PLSC 185 (lab).

**Curriculum Area IV – MATHEMATICS<sup>2</sup>**

**Credit 3-8**

One course at or above the level of College Algebra  
MATH 102, if student needs MATH 101<sup>3</sup>, he/she **must** take that before MATH 102;  
MATH 109, if students need MATH 101<sup>3</sup>, they **must** take that before Math 109;  
MATH 110, MATH 111H, MATH 112.

**Curriculum Area V - ENGLISH COMPOSITION<sup>1</sup>**

**Credit 9**

ENGL 101 or ENGL 101H  
ENGL 102 or ENGL 102H  
ENGL 305/H/Online or ENGL 310/H/Online

**Curriculum Area VI - EMERGING ISSUES**

**Credit 1-7**

Courses identified as being essential to a full program of general education for UMES students. This course is required of all students:

GNST 100 First Year Experience or Departmental orientation course

**Credit 1**

In addition, students must consult with their departmental advisor for any additional Emerging Issues course requirement (up to 6 additional credits). Students may select from the following three-credit courses:

EXSC 111 – Personalized Health Fitness<sup>4</sup>  
HUEC 230 - Multicultural Perspectives on Families in the U.S.  
TMGT 306 – Ecology and Cultural Tourism

**Credit 3**

**Total Required for General Education**

**Credit 40-43**

<sup>1</sup>Students must pass ENGL 101 and ENGL 102 with grade of “C: or above before taking ENGL 203

<sup>2</sup>Most majors require MATH 109 or Higher.

<sup>3</sup>MATH 101 does not satisfy the General Education Requirement or count towards graduation.

<sup>4</sup>EXSC 111 **cannot** be repeated for credit.