

**Example of Catalog Copy, Option 1 (31 credit minimum):****Liberal Arts Foundation – minimum of 31 credits**

- United States Multicultural Studies – 3 credits^{*}
- International Studies – 3-5 credits^{*†}
- Colorado Guaranteed Transfer Pathways (gtP) General Education Core – 31 credits

Semester Credit Hours	gtPathways Curriculum
6	Written Communication: GT-CO1: Introductory Writing course (minimum 3 credits) GT-CO2: Intermediate Writing course (minimum 3 credits) GT-CO3: Advanced Writing Course (minimum 3 credits) Students may take GT-CO1 and GT-CO2 or they may take GT-CO2 and GT-CO3. UNC recommends students consult their advisor to determine which sequence to take.
3	Mathematics: GT-MA1 (minimum 3 credits)
15	Arts & Humanities –2 courses (minimum 6 credits); courses can be from different sub-categories or from the same sub-category. UNC recommends that they be from different sub-categories unless the major specifies otherwise. GT-AH1: Arts and Expression GT-AH2: Literature and Humanities GT-AH3: Ways of Thinking GT-AH4: World Languages (must be 200 level) History – 1 course (minimum 3 credits) GT-HI1 Social & Behavioral Sciences –1 course (minimum 3 credits) GT-SS1: Economic or Political Systems GT-SS2: Geography GT-SS3: Human Behavior, Culture, or Social Frameworks Students must select one more course from any of the above categories/sub-categories to equal at least 15 credits.

^{*} Courses in the gtP core that satisfy U.S. Multicultural Studies and/or International Studies may be double-counted. If courses from both U.S. Multicultural Studies and International Studies are double-counted, the Liberal Arts Foundation can be completed with 31 credits.

[†] 100-level world language courses do not satisfy the gtP core. If a 100-level world language course is taken to satisfy the international studies requirement, the Liberal Arts Foundation will require a minimum of 36 credits.



7	Natural and Physical Sciences –2 courses, at least one of which must be GT-SC1; courses can be from different prefixes or from the same prefix. UNC recommends that they be from different prefixes unless the major specifies otherwise.* GT-SC1: Course with Required Laboratory GT-SC2: Lecture Course without Required Laboratory *Students may not take two courses with significant overlap in content, as determined by the department (e.g. Bio 100 and Bio 110)
31	TOTAL MINIMUM CREDITS

Example of Catalog Copy, Option 2 (34 credit minimum)**Liberal Arts Foundation – minimum of 34 credits**

- United States Multicultural Studies – 3 credits*
- International Studies – 3-5 credits*
- Additional Category – 3 credits [name TBD]
- Colorado Guaranteed Transfer Pathways (gtP) General Education Core – 31 credits
(see table in Option 1)

Comments

- The gtP categories correspond to UNC's current Areas 1-6 of the Core. UNC currently requires courses from two different subcategories in areas 3 and 5 and from two different prefixes in area 6. The CDHE does not allow this so the Council changed it to a recommendation.
- Written Communication: The Advanced Writing course would be focused on disciplinary specific writing.
- Each unit offering courses in area 6 would be asked to specify which courses are mutually exclusive and would add that information to the catalog.
- 120 credits for a degree is the absolute minimum required by the state and UNC's accrediting body, the Higher Learning Commission. Nursing and teacher prep programs have been given permission to go over 120 required credits but the state is pushing hard to decrease those credits to 120. By reducing the restrictions within the core, we will be assisting programs in lowering credit requirements to 120.

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