



Liberal Arts Council

Liberal Arts Curriculum Structure Effective Fall 2021

Rationale:

The curriculum streamlines the requirements in order to improve student retention and graduation rates and improve the Liberal Arts experience for all students. This curriculum accommodates the CDHE requirements and maintains UNC's commitment to Multicultural and International Studies and the Liberal Arts.

Changes from prior Core:

- Reduce minimum number of required credits from 40 to 31.**
- Change the name from Liberal Arts Core to the Liberal Arts Curriculum.
- Add the option of an Advanced Writing Course for students who have already completed the requirements for an Intermediate Writing Course.**
- Eliminate the requirement of taking courses from two different subcategories in Arts & Humanities.**
- Eliminate the requirement of taking courses from two different subcategories in Social & Behavioral Sciences (if more than one course is taken in that category).**
- Eliminate the requirement of taking courses from two different prefixes in Natural & Physical Sciences.**
- Eliminate the current electives category.
- Remove exceptions to ENG 122 and MATH requirements for students with high enough SAT/ACT scores**
- Change the multicultural and international studies requirements as follows:
 - Move United States Multicultural Studies and International Studies from their positions as separate categories into the Liberal Arts Curriculum.
 - Specify a “U.S. Multicultural and International Studies Requirement” that all students must take at least one course designated as U.S. Multicultural Studies and at least one course designated as International Studies.
 - Change the “Arts & Humanities, History and Social and Behavioral Sciences – 15 credits” heading to “Arts & Humanities, History, Social & Behavioral Sciences, U.S. Multicultural, and International Studies – 15 credits”.
 - Provide a list of courses designated as U.S. Multicultural Studies and a list of courses designated as International Studies before the *Arts & Humanities*, *History*, and *Social & Behavioral Sciences* categories. Mark all courses in those categories as having the [MS] or [IS] designation.
 - Note: This results in two independent requirements to satisfy the 15 credits from *Arts & Humanities*, *History*, and *Social & Behavioral Sciences*: (1) students must complete 6 credits in *Arts & Humanities*, 3 credits in *History*, 3 credits in *Social & Behavioral Sciences*, plus 3 credits in any of those categories; and (2) in completing these 15 credits, students must complete at least one course designated [MS] and at least one course designated [IS].

**Complies with state requirements.

NOTE: These changes will take effect in Fall 2021.

Liberal Arts Curriculum [State of Colorado Guaranteed Pathways (gtP) Curriculum] – Minimum of 31 Credits

Note: Transfer students with an Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, or a Bachelor's degree (regardless of date of completion) from an accredited institution will have their Liberal Arts Curriculum requirements waived.

Written Communication – 6 Credits

Introductory Writing Course and Intermediate Writing Course

OR

Intermediate Writing Course and Advanced Writing Course

Mathematics – 3 Credits

Arts & Humanities, History, Social & Behavioral Sciences, U.S. Multicultural, and International Studies – 15 credits

Select 2 courses from *Arts & Humanities*, 1 course from *History*, 1 course from *Social & Behavioral Sciences* and 1 additional course from any of these categories.

U.S. Multicultural and International Studies Requirement:

At least one course (3 credits) must carry a Multicultural Studies [MS] designation, and at least one course (3 credits) must carry an International Studies [IS] designation. Courses with these designations are listed below and marked where they appear in the Arts & Humanities, History, and Social & Behavioral Sciences categories.

Courses designated as U.S. Multicultural Studies:

Select one course to be used toward the state mandated minimum 15 credits required in the *Arts & Humanities, History, and Social & Behavioral Sciences* categories.

Courses designated as International Studies:

Select one course to be used toward the state mandated minimum 15 credits required in the *Arts & Humanities, History, and Social & Behavioral Sciences* categories.

Arts & Humanities – 2 Courses (Minimum 3 Credits each)

Arts & Expression
Literature and Humanities
Ways of Thinking
World Languages (must be 200-level)

History – 1 Course (Minimum 3 Credits)

Social & Behavioral Sciences – 1 Course (Minimum 3 Credits)

Economic or Political Systems
Geography
Human Behavior, Culture, or Social Frameworks

To reach a minimum of 15 credits, select 1 additional course (minimum 3 credits) in Arts & Humanities or History or Social & Behavioral Sciences.

Natural & Physical Sciences – 7 Credits

One Course with Required Laboratory
One Course with or without Laboratory