

**Program Description Aligned to July 2010 SUNY Trustee Requirements
for the College Core Curriculum at SUNY Fredonia
December 2010**

Categories 1 to 11 of the CCC may be taken in the major.
Students must earn a minimum of 30 credit hours total in categories 1 to 11.

KNOWLEDGE and SKILL AREAS of GENERAL EDUCATION

1. Mathematics 3 credit hours

2. Natural Sciences 6 credit hours

Two courses from different disciplines; only one may be from Mathematical Sciences or Computer and Information Sciences. (Requirements for certification or licensure may be different; check with program Advisor.)

3. Social Sciences 6 credit hours

Two courses from different disciplines; only one may be from Business Administration, Education, History, Communication, or Communication Disorders.

4. American History 3 credit hours

Students who scored below 85 on the NYS American History and Government Regents Exam must take either HIST 105 or 106 or 133; all others may take any course approved in this category.

5. Western Civilization 3 credit hours.

6. Other World Civilizations 3 credit hours.

7. Humanities 3 credit hours

8. The Arts 3 credit hours

9. Foreign Language 0-3 credit hours

BA students must demonstrate a language proficiency at the 116 level or beyond; all other students must demonstrate a language proficiency at the 115 level. Students in professional programs should consult their Advisors for program specific details. To demonstrate proficiency, all students may do one of the following:

- a) score 85 or higher on a NYS Regents Foreign Language Exam,
- b) complete the externally-administered standardized test for foreign language of either the AP (3 or higher) or CLEP (50th percentile or higher),
- c) have native fluency,
- d) study abroad (and submit a Course Appeal/Substitution request to the GenEd Office),
- e) successfully complete a 3 credit course at SUNY Fredonia in this category at the appropriate level (115 or 116).

10. Basic Communication

Basic Written Communication 3 credit hours

11. Speaking-Intensive Requirement 0-6 credit hours

One course must be in the major, both may be. Courses satisfying any category above will also satisfy this requirement if they are approved and designated as Speaking Intensive.

12. Upper-Level Requirement 0-6 credit hours — *must be taken at Fredonia.*

Fulfilled by **one** of the following:

- a) 2 approved Upper Level Category 12 courses outside student's primary major (refer to Approved List of Upper Level Courses),
- b) completion of a primary major in a teacher certification program,
- c) completion of a declared second major, minor, or concentration, not in same discipline as primary major,
- d) credit hours in a Study Abroad Program sponsored by an accredited academic institution, as approved by CCC Director.

COMPETENCIES

The following two competencies should be infused throughout the General Education program:

1. Critical Thinking (Reasoning)

This is the ability to

- Identify, analyze, and evaluate arguments as they occur in their own or other's work; and
- Develop well-reasoned arguments.

2. Information Management

This is the ability to

- Perform the basic operations of personal computer use;
- Understand and use basic research techniques; and
- Locate, evaluate and synthesize information from a variety of sources.