



The Foundation for Lifelong Learning

Fredonia Foundations is Fredonia's general education curriculum. It facilitates students' acquisition of the knowledge and skills required to be creative, responsible, and engaged global citizens. At Fredonia, general education integrates interdisciplinary skills, competencies, experiences, and perspectives that foster critical thought and form the foundation for lifelong learning.

General Education

Our general education curriculum is rooted in classical liberal arts traditions. These transferable skills and knowledge empower all individuals to face a complex, diverse, and ever-changing world. General education provides exposure to multiple disciplines and competencies that enhance and extend in-depth major and minor curricula. General education, majors, minors, together with co-curricular activities, help students develop intellectual and practical abilities for civic engagement (AAC&U).

COMPETENCIES

**ORAL
COMMUNICATION**

**WRITTEN
COMMUNICATION**

**MATHEMATICS AND
QUANTITATIVE
REASONING**

**INFORMATION
LITERACY**

THEMES

Critical Thinking & Analysis



- ▶ Read analytically and critically.
- ▶ Learn methods to solve open-ended, ill-defined or multi-step problems
- ▶ Identify, analyze, and evaluate arguments as they occur
- ▶ Synthesize information to arrive at reasoned conclusions.

Global Perspectives & Diversity



- ▶ Demonstrate knowledge of history, values, politics, communication styles, economy, or beliefs important to another culture
- ▶ Interpret diverse perspectives of complex problems in cultures other than one's own

Creative Thinking & Innovation



- ▶ Create, synthesize and/or transform ideas or solutions through a process of imagining, planning/experimenting, making, evaluating, revising, and presenting
- ▶ Consider alternate, divergent, or contradictory perspectives or ideas in the solution of a problem or question
- ▶ Articulate the rationale for and consequences of their solutions

Fredonia Foundations requires students to complete at least 30 credits.

Students must complete two courses in each of the three themes and may choose the theme for their 7th course.

5 COURSES

ONE FROM EACH CATEGORY:

- ▶ Arts
- ▶ Humanities
- ▶ Foreign Language
- ▶ Natural Sciences
- ▶ Social Sciences

2 COURSES

ONE FROM 2 OF THE 3 CATEGORIES:

- ▶ American History
- ▶ Western Civilization
- ▶ Other World Civilizations

3 COURSES, ONE FROM EACH COMPETENCY:

- ▶ Oral Communication
- ▶ Written Communication
- ▶ Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning

The Information Literacy competency is infused in courses in the Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning, Oral Communication, Critical Thinking and Analysis, and Written Communication categories and themes.

