

ADDITIONAL UNIVERSITY GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

I. INTRODUCTION

These Additional University Graduation Requirements are designed to complement the GE requirements. It is the policy of California State University, Fresno (Fresno State), that all students will cultivate and refine their affective, cognitive, and physical faculties through studying great works of the human imagination; be equipped for lifelong understanding and development of themselves as integrated physiological, social, and psychological beings; and be prepared to understand and live in a multicultural and international world through their undergraduate education. This will be accomplished through Arts/Humanities (A/H), Lifelong-Understanding and Self-Development (L/S), and Multicultural/International (M/I) courses.

II. ARTS / HUMANITIES (A/H) GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

This graduation requirement is in addition to the GE Area 3 (Arts and Humanities) requirements in the Cal-GETC pattern. That is, students must complete 12 units in total (6 units for Cal-GETC Area 3, 3 units for Area I3, and 3 additional Area 3 units for the A/H university graduation requirement).

General Course Requirements

While A/H courses in different departments will have specific requirements that are unique to their disciplinary contexts, the following general requirements will be met by all GE Area 3 courses:

- A. Arts courses within A/H courses will include the following learning outcomes:
 - Respond orally and in writing to aesthetic experiences, both subjectively and objectively, validating the integrity of both emotional and intellectual responses,
 - Recognize and explain the relationship between the self and the arts in a given cultural context, and
 - Recognize, describe, and interpret works of art and performance; students may engage in skill development and/or participate in artistic creation.
- B. Humanities courses within A/H courses will include one of the following learning outcomes:
 - Objectively review and explain important philosophical, historical or linguistic findings and developments.

or

 - Recognize, describe, and interpret works of the human imagination or intellect in their cultural context, either subjectively or objectively.

or

- Demonstrate basic competence with a language (not English) and interpret texts or speech produced in that language from a relevant cultural perspective.

C. Students may take courses in languages other than English in fulfillment of this requirement. If the course is taught in a language other than English, it must include both skills acquisition and a substantial cultural component. This may include literature, among other content.

D. Courses in the humanities must:

1. Promote an understanding of the development of contemporary civilization through studies of its historical and cultural roots in humanistic endeavors, e.g., literature, philosophy, and languages other than English.
2. Include exposure to diverse cultural perspectives.
3. Reflect critically and systematically on questions concerning beliefs, values and the nature of existence;

or

Include a survey of the various types and styles of literature from a variety of historical perspectives and cultures, including instruction in the techniques of literary criticism;

or

Foster skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing a language other than English within a cultural and artistic context.

III. LIFELONG-UNDERSTANDING AND SELF-DEVELOPMENT (L/S) GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

All students are required to take a lifelong understanding and self-development course as a requirement for graduation at the bachelor's degree level. L/S courses at Fresno State meet this graduation requirement.

General Course Requirements

While L/S courses in different departments will have specific requirements that are unique to their disciplinary contexts, the following general requirements will be met by all L/S courses offered at Fresno State:

- A. L/S courses will include the following student learning outcomes: "Explain how, during the course of a lifetime, humans are physiologically, socially, and psychologically integrated." and "Explain, model, or practice activities, skills, and behavior that promote lifelong learning and development."
- B. Student learning in this area shall include selective consideration of content such as human behavior, sexuality, nutrition, physical and mental health, stress management, financial literacy, social relationships and relationships with the environment, as well as implications of death and dying and

avenues for lifelong learning. Physical activity may be included, provided that it is an integral part of the study elements described herein.

- C. Physical activity or skills acquisition alone cannot meet this requirement. Such content should be integrated into courses with broader purpose or the amount of such credit applicable to the requirement should be limited.

IV. MULTICULTURAL / INTERNATIONAL (M/I) GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

All Students are required to take a multicultural / international course at Fresno State as a requirement for graduation at the bachelor's degree level. M/I courses at Fresno State are intended to meet this graduation requirement.

General course requirements

- A. While M/I courses in different departments will have specific requirements that are unique to their disciplinary contexts, the following general requirements will be met by all M/I courses offered at CSU Fresno:
- B. M/I courses will include the following student learning outcomes: "Students completing courses in M/I will be prepared to function in an international multicultural world, or one that addresses the roles of specific ethnic or gender groups in contemporary America."
- C. M/I courses should be grounded in multicultural / international research. Subject area content (e.g., Anthropology, Economics) provides a framework for the class so students and instructors can engage in academic conversations as a means of performing academic literacy.
- D. All M/I courses are at the upper-division level.
- E. All M/I courses can be double counted for major requirements if a course is both M/I and a major required course or elective. Departments with an M/I course may require an M/I course to be taken outside of the major department.
- F. All M/I courses are worth 3 units of credit.
- G. All students in an M/I course must complete a writing requirement of at least 2,000 words. Faculty are free to meet this writing requirement in whatever manner they believe best suits the class (including the possibility of multiple assignments totaling at least 2,000 words), but it must provide an opportunity for meaningful feedback to students regarding their writing.
- H. M/I courses can be taken no sooner than the term in which 60 units of coursework are completed, including completion of GE Foundation and Area D courses.

V. APPROVAL OF NEW AND REVISED L/S, M/I, and A/H COURSES

Requests for approval of new or substantially revised L/S and M/I courses shall be submitted to the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. A/H courses are from GE Area 3, and approved through the General Education Committee.

VI. EXCEPTIONS TO ADDITIONAL UNIVERSITY GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To address accreditation requirements for high-unit majors, any high-unit majors may be exempted from these additional University Graduation Requirements with appropriate University approval.¹

- A. Requests for exceptions to the additional university graduation requirements submitted by high-unit degree programs will be received and considered by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.
 - a. Academic justifications for such requests are to be presented to the Committee.
 - b. The Committee's recommendations, with complete documentation, will be forwarded to the Provost.
 - c. Colleges that may be academically affected by any exception will be notified prior to a decision by the committee.
- B. Individual student requests for exemptions or substitutions shall be received and acted upon by the Student Academic Petitions Committee.

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¹ Exemptions existing prior to implementation of this policy will be honored.