

College of Letters and Science

General Education Program: General Subject Areas Objectives

Area A: English Reading and Composition

Objective: To learn to analyze purposes, audiences, and contexts for writing through study of and practice with writing.

Area B: Foreign Language

Objective: To display basic familiarity with a written and/or spoken foreign language appropriate to the discipline.

Area C: Science, Mathematics, and Technology

Objective: To understand methods and applications of science and mathematics, apply them to problems, and describe solutions using appropriate to the disciplines. Courses should be in a single discipline and should be significantly broad to provide a base of knowledge about the discipline.

Area D: Social Sciences

Objective: To apply perspectives, theories, and methods of social science research to understand what motivates, influences, and /or determines the behaviors of individuals, groups, and societies. Area D courses are based upon systematic studies of human behavior, which may include observation, experimentation, deductive reasoning, and quantitative analysis.

Area E: Culture and Thought

Objective: To use specific methods and frameworks to develop perspectives and abilities that enable the study of culture and thought within specific contexts, and to recognize the role of human agency in defining, maintaining, and adapting cultures.

Area F: Arts

Objective: To develop and appreciation of fine and performing arts, popular arts, and visual culture and to express relationships between arts and historical or cultural contexts.

Area G: Literature

Objective: To learn to analyze texts using methods appropriate to literary study and to situate contexts where texts circulate.