

Liberal Education Requirements



An explanation and set of recommendations
for fulfilling the Liberal Education Program at
Whittier College

Core Requirements



The goals of the Liberal Education Program are met by a set of core requirements that are contained in a framework of four categories. The selection of these four categories is a reflection of what we value most here at Whittier College:

- Community
- Communication
- Cultural Perspectives
- Connections

Community



You will be fulfilling this requirement with your Freshman Writing Seminar (INTD 100).

- ❧ Remember that the FWS is paired with a Link class.
 - ❧ The pairings are predetermined and must be taken together.
 - ❧ Both courses will be academically rigorous, so consider both courses when selecting the INTD 100-LINK pair.
 - ❧ Neither of these classes has to be related to your intended major
 - ❧ The list of INTD 100-LINK class pairs can be found in the Academics section of the Moodle New Student Orientation Check List

Communication



While there are 4 requirements in the Communication category a student must take before graduation, you should only consider taking 1 or 2 of these requirements during your first semester.

- ✧ The first requirement you should consider is Communications 1 (COM1) Quantitative Reasoning.
- ✧ The second requirement you can consider taking is Communications 3 (COM3) Creative and Performing Arts.

Communication:

Quantitative Reasoning



This requirement (COM1) is fulfilled by courses that focus on the development of quantitative skill.

- ✧ Your score on your Math Placement Exam will determine which courses you are allowed to enroll into to fulfill this requirement.
- ✧ We recommend that students weaker in Math take this requirement in the Fall semester. Math will be fresher in your mind after high school.
- ✧ Math, Business, and many of the sciences also recommend that students start their math sequences early.
- ✧ Certain classes from Physics, Psychology, and Sociology also fulfill this requirement.

Communication:

Creative and Performing Arts



In the Creative and Performing Art (COM3) requirement students must actually be creating art, not just studying it.

- ✧ Many students actually opt to take the COM3 requirement during Jan term, a 3-week academic term in January when students only take one class.
- ✧ If you are interested in taking a COM3 course during the Fall the courses that would satisfy this requirement can be found in the Art, English, Music, and Theater departments.

Additional Communications Requirements



Communications 2

This is the Writing Intensive requirement (COM2).

- ✧ This course can only be fulfilled once students successfully complete INTD 100 FWS.

Communications 4

This is the Senior Presentation requirement (COM4).

- ✧ You will not need to complete this requirement until your senior year.

Cultural Perspectives



A student must take 4 classes for the Cultural Perspective requirement. There are 7 Cultural Perspectives areas to choose from. Each of the 4 classes that a student takes must be from a different cultural perspective area.

❧ CUL1: African

❧ CUL5: European

❧ CUL2: Asian

❧ CUL6: Crosscultural

❧ CUL3: Latin America

❧ CUL7: Languages

❧ CUL4: North America

We highly recommend taking 1 or 2 courses from this Liberal Education category during your Fall 2016 semester.

Connections



There are two Connections requirements. It is recommended that you wait until at least your second semester to attempt to fulfill these requirements. *It is recommended incoming freshman DO NOT register for Connections courses.*

- ☞ Connections 1: This requirement is fulfilled by taking two courses; a “Pair Course” selection or a sequence, “team-taught” selection. You can access the listing of these courses by using the “Print Paired Courses” button at the bottom of the Online Schedule of Classes. Lib Ed code: CON1 for both courses.
- ☞ Connections 2: Courses that fulfill this requirement integrate Math and Scientific knowledge with their cultural and social impact. Lib Ed code CON2.

Breadth Requirements



In addition to the Lib Ed requirements, students must all take at least 2 courses (in two different academic departments) from each of the 3 major academic divisions of the school.

Humanities/ Fine Arts

- ❧ Art
- ❧ English
- ❧ Modern Languages
- ❧ Music
- ❧ Philosophy
- ❧ Religious Studies
- ❧ Theater

Natural Sciences

- ❧ Biology
- ❧ Chemistry
- ❧ Environmental Science
- ❧ Mathematics
- ❧ Physics and Astronomy

Social Sciences

- ❧ Business
- ❧ Economics
- ❧ Education & Child Development
- ❧ Kinesiology
- ❧ Political Science
- ❧ Psychology
- ❧ Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work

Evaluation of Liberal Education Requirements Document



Evaluation of Liberal Education Requirements For those students entering Fall 2005 or later (as modified Spring 2008)

Name: _____ ID# _____

| Core Requirements | Dept. | Course Number | Title | Semester Taken | Credit | Grade |
|---|-------|---------------|-------|----------------|--------|-------|
| I. Community (12 credits): | | | | | | |
| Community 1: FWS + Linked Course (Fall Freshman Year) | | | | | 3 | |
| | | | | | 3 | |
| II. Communication (9 credits): | | | | | | |
| COM1: Quantitative Literacy | | | | | 3 | |
| COM2: Writing Intensive Course | | | | | 3 | |
| COM3: Creative & Performing Arts | | | | | 2 | |
| COM4: Senior Presentation | | | | | 1 | |
| III. Cultural Perspectives—One course from four of the following six areas (12 credits): | | | | | | |
| CUL1: African | | | | | (3) | |
| CUL2: Asian | | | | | (3) | |
| CUL3: Latin American | | | | | (3) | |
| CUL4: North American | | | | | (3) | |
| CUL5: European | | | | | (3) | |
| CUL6: Crosscultural | | | | | (3) | |
| CUL7: Languages | | | | | (3) | |
| IV. Connections (10 credits): | | | | | | |
| CON1: Pair Course #1 | | | | | 3 | |
| CON1: Pair Course #2 | | | | | 3 | |
| CON2: Science & Math Meth/Ideas w/Analysis of Cul & Soc Iss | | | | | 4 | |

A minimum of 120 credits is required for graduation. Within that minimum, not more than 48 credits from any one department may be offered to satisfy this requirement. In those departments composed of two or more disciplines, not more than 60 credits may be applied toward graduation, with not more than 48 credits to be counted in a single discipline.

Breadth Requirement: (18 credits) Complete 120 units of coursework (Major courses, Core courses and elective courses). Out of these 120 units, six units, from at least two departments, must come from each of the three Divisions (Natural Science, Social Science and Humanities/Fine Arts). Please note that courses taken to satisfy the CON2 requirement cannot double count in the Natural Science area.

| Humanities/Fine Arts | | | Natural Science | | | Social Science | | |
|---|--------|--------|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|--|--------|--------|
| Department | Number | Credit | Department | Number | Credit | Department | Number | Credit |
| ART, ENGL, HIST, MOD LANG, MUS, PHIL, REL, THEA | | | BIOI, CHEM, ES&ENVS, MATH, PHYS&ASTR | | | BSAD, ECON, EDUC&CHDV, KLS, PLSC, PSYC, SOC&ANTH | | |
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Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Advisor Signature: _____ Date: _____