

## FOUNDATIONS CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

Students must have 42 semester hours of foundations curriculum (FC) in order to graduate. Transfer hours that are listed in Banner with the ECU prefix followed by 0000 carry foundations curriculum (FC) credit. For example, a HIST 0000 fulfills a foundations curriculum social science requirement—except for history majors. Students who have completed, in transfer, a fraction of the final hour required in a distribution area of the FC requirements will have satisfied that distribution requirement. For example, a student with 2.75 Math Elective in transfer will have met the FC requirement for Math (3 credit hours) but will only have 2 hours of credit toward graduation for that transfer course. If a student has fractional credit for more than one course, the credit is added together first before rounding up. For example, a student with 2.67 HIST Elective and 3.33 POLS elective would have  $2.67+3.33=6$  hours of social science credit and 6 hours of credit towards graduation—*not*  $2+3=5$  hours.

1. **English Composition:** 6 semester hours
2. **Natural Science:** 8 semester hours (at least one laboratory course must be completed)
3. **Social Science:** 12 semester hours from three different disciplines including certain courses from anthropology, communication, economics, geography, history, political science, psychology and sociology. Prefixes INTL, HNRS, and RCLS may **not** be used to satisfy one of the three discipline areas, but may carry social science credit as indicated in the undergraduate catalog. All other prefixes for courses carrying social science credit may count toward the three different discipline requirements.
4. **Mathematics:** 3 semester hours. This requirement must be met in most degree programs by a college-level mathematics course equal to or greater than MATH 1065 (College Algebra). MATH 1050, 1066, and 2127 are other courses which may be used to meet the FC mathematics requirement. PHIL 1500 may also be used to meet the mathematics FC requirement; however, PHIL 1500 may **not** serve as **both** a humanities and a mathematics course. Check catalog degree programs for specific requirements.
5. **Humanities and Fine Arts:** 10 semester hours with at least one course in each area. Humanities and fine arts majors must meet the humanities and fine arts requirements outside their major field. Select at least one course in humanities and one course in fine arts from the following areas:
  - a) Humanities include literature (English or American), literature in a foreign language or in translation, philosophy, classics, and selected linguistic courses (see departments of English and foreign language literatures listings in the catalog).
  - b) Fine Arts includes courses in art, dance, music, public speaking (COMM 2410, 2420), and theatre arts.
  - c) Foreign language courses 1001-1004 **will not** meet either the humanities or fine arts requirements.
  - d) Other courses which meet humanities and fine arts requirements are identified in the course descriptions in the catalog and in the foundations curriculum newspaper.
6. **Health and Exercise Sport Science:** 3 semester hours with at least one course in health (HLTH 1000) and one course in physical education (EXSS 1000 or EXSS 1001). *The exercise sport science requirement is rarely waived. Students unable to complete the regular exercise sport science classes are referred to the Department of Exercise and Sport Science where a program of adapted physical education activities will be developed. Military service may waive the HLTH 1000 and EXSS 1000. See Military Credit for more information.*