

Faculty Senate Resolution #13-61

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Revisions to the *University Undergraduate Catalog*, Section Undergraduate Studies: Academic Advisement, Progression and Support Services, Subsection Student Progression

(Deletions are noted in ~~strikethrough~~ and additions in **bold**)

Liberal Arts Foundations Program

~~The Liberal Arts Foundations program consists of the freshman- and sophomore-level courses that satisfy the requirements in foundations curriculum for baccalaureate degrees. In some majors, notably music, art, and the sciences, sequence course work which must be taken in the freshman and sophomore years requires that some Liberal Arts Foundations requirements be postponed until the junior year. Suggested course sequences and other advising information may be found at www.ecu.edu/advising.~~

~~The Goals of the Liberal Arts Foundations Curriculum~~

The overarching goal of the Liberal Arts Foundations curriculum is to provide students with the fundamental knowledge and abilities essential to their living worthwhile lives both private and public. The curriculum is based on the faculty's belief that the best way to prepare students for living worthwhile lives is to provide them with a solid foundation in the core disciplines in the liberal arts (the humanities, arts, natural sciences, and social sciences), in conjunction with a multidisciplinary education in the specific areas of health promotion and physical activity and mastery of writing and mathematics competencies. The foundations curriculum provides a common, unified knowledge and skills base to students who will major in different subjects and who come from diverse cultural backgrounds. Foundations courses give students the shared knowledge and abilities necessary to integrate their foundational education with their major. Taken from the perspective of students' personal, private interests, this foundation and its integration with specialized learning in the students' majors enables students to live broadly informed, responsible, worthwhile lives. From the public perspective, this integration is essential to good citizenship in an increasingly global yet culturally diverse and conflicted world.

Fundamental Goal Areas

The foundations curriculum is divided into four basic, core disciplinary areas (humanities, arts, natural sciences, social sciences), one multidisciplinary area in health promotion and physical activity, and two areas of competence: writing and mathematics.

All foundations courses in the core liberal arts disciplines must meet the three fundamental goals of a foundational liberal arts education:

- Students must learn the subject matter of one or more of the disciplines in each of the four core areas (humanities, arts, sciences, and social sciences).
- Students must learn the fundamental concepts and research methods utilized in one or more of the disciplines in each core area.
- Students must learn the relevance of scholarship in the discipline and in its core area to the student's overall education.

All courses in the required multidisciplinary area (health promotion and physical activity) and competency areas (writing and mathematics) must meet the goals specific to each of these areas.

Goals for the humanities, arts, sciences, social sciences, health promotion and physical activity, writing, and mathematics are available at www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/fsonline/as/liberalartsfoundation.cfm.

Courses that Carry **Liberal Arts** Foundations Curriculum (FC) Credit

~~Many~~ Courses that carry **Liberal Arts** foundations curriculum credit are identified in the course listings using the FC designation. ~~; however, there may be other courses that also carry foundations curriculum credit.~~ Many majors have specific foundation course requirements ~~(see requirements under specific major listing in section).~~ **and** ~~S~~students should check **the requirements** for their intended **major degree requirements** prior to selecting foundation courses. For example, some majors may require specific science, math, social science, fine arts, and/or humanities courses. Courses in the student's major prefix area may not count toward foundations curriculum requirements.

English 1100, 1200 (FC:EN) - 6 semester hours

Health (FC:HL) and Exercise and Sport Science (FC:EX) - 3 semester hours

{Select at least one course with the **FC:HL designation** and **one course with the FC:EX designation** in each area.}

Humanities (**FC:HU**) and Fine Arts (**FC:FA**) - 10 semester hours

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Select at least one course in humanities **with the FC:HU designation** and one course in fine arts **with the FC:FA designation** from the following areas:

Humanities (FC:HU)

Literature (English or American)

Literature in a foreign language or in translation (See Departments of English and Foreign Languages and Literatures. Foreign languages 1001-1004 will not meet this requirement.)

Philosophy

Religious Studies

Selected Linguistics Courses (**ENGL 2740, 3750 only**)

Fine Arts (FC:FA)

Art

Communication (~~selected courses~~ **COMM 2020, 2410, 2420 only**)

Dance

English (ENGL 2815 only)

Music

Theatre Arts

Mathematics (FC:MA) - 3 semester hours

Three hours of mathematics **with the FC:MA designation** that is at least equivalent to MATH 1050 ~~(not for some teacher education majors, consult advisor)~~ or 1065 or 1066 or three hours of logic at least equivalent to PHIL 1500 (If logic is used to satisfy this requirement, it may not be used to satisfy the humanities requirement for the baccalaureate degree.) **Many majors have specific mathematics course requirements and students should check the requirements for their intended major degree requirements prior to selecting mathematics courses.**

Science (FC:SC) - 8 semester hours

At least one course must require laboratory work. Select one or more courses **with the FC:SC designation** from the following departments:

Anthropology (ANTH 2015, 2016 **only**)

Biology

Chemistry

Geography (GEOG 1300 **only**)

Geology

Physics

Social Sciences (FC:SO) - 12 semester hours

Select courses **with the FC:SO designation** from at least three of the following areas:

Anthropology

Communication (**COMM 1001, 3152, 3172, 3390 only**)

Economics

Geography

History

Political Science

Psychology

Recreation and Leisure Studies (RCLS 2601 only)

Sociology

Certain honors and interdisciplinary courses (for example, **HNRS**, CDFR, ETHN, INTL, ~~RCLS~~, RUSI, and WOST) **with the FC designation** may be used to satisfy foundations curriculum requirements.

For specific courses used to that meet the foundations curriculum requirements see **course listings Section 9**.