

General Education Requirements, Explore Areas

Explore Area Descriptions

Courses used to fulfill core area requirements may not be applied to the explore area requirements.

Humanities and Fine Arts (9 hours): Students will have a deeper knowledge of the human experience and creative expression through visual and performing arts.

Humanities and Fine Arts Explore courses are defined as those which:

- focus on helping students understand, analyze, and explore human thought/actions and creation.
- provide critical/foundational discipline-specific skills that contribute to personal growth and well-being
- encourage a sense of connection to our shared and diverse pasts and to our contemporaries
- promote living in and contributing to various communities

These criteria must be evident in syllabus, assignments, and/or grading rubrics if the department/discipline is not identified as a Fine Art or as Humanities/Humanistic Studies in the NCES Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP).

This requirement is satisfied by completing 9 hours of coursework at the 1000 or 2000 level selected from at least two of the following areas: Art, Art History, English, ~~Dance~~, Foreign Languages (FGN LANG) ~~2100, language courses at the 2000 level above 2101~~, History, Music (EN PER and M H L T), Philosophy, Theater, ~~;~~ and Entrepreneurship, Interdisciplinary, Gender Studies and Honors courses with the Humanities or Fine Arts designation, ~~;~~ and transfer courses designated as Humanities and Fine Arts general education courses at peer institutions and institutions with whom UMSL has an articulation agreement.

Social Sciences (9 hours): Students will understand and have the ability to view individual and social behavior/society from a variety of perspectives utilizing scientific methods.

Social Sciences Explore courses are defined as those which:

- the principle focus is on human society, including individual behavior and social relationships based on scientific principles
- reflect foundational, discipline specific knowledge that informs the human condition
- use multiple assessments of content knowledge within the social science framework

These criteria must be evident in syllabus, assignments, and/or grading rubrics if the department/discipline is not identified as a Social Science in the NCES Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP).

This requirement is satisfied by completing 9 hours of coursework at the 1000 or 2000 level selected from at least two of the following areas: **Accounting**, Anthropology, Business Administration, Communication, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Economics, ~~ED-PSY-2212~~ **Educational Psychology**, **Entrepreneurship**, Finance, Geography, Media Studies, Political Science, Psychology, **Social Work**, Sociology, **Sport Management**; and Interdisciplinary, **Gender Studies**, and Honors courses with the Social Sciences designation; and transfer courses designated as Social Sciences general education courses at peer institutions and institutions with whom UMSL has an articulation agreement.

Mathematics and Life/Natural Sciences (9 hours): Students will expand mathematical abilities and have an understanding of the branches of science that deal with living things and the physical world.

Mathematics and Life/Natural Sciences Explore courses are defined as those which:

- emphasize mathematical concepts and/or use scientific methods to understand the physical world
- use multiple assessments of computational and/or content knowledge within the mathematical and life/natural sciences framework

These criteria must be evident in syllabus, assignments, and/or grading rubrics if the department/discipline is not identified as a Mathematics and Statistics, Biological and Biomedical Sciences, or Physical Sciences in the NCES Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP).

This requirement is satisfied by completing 9 hours of coursework at the 1000 or 2000 level selected from at least two of the following areas: Astronomy, Atmospheric Science, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Geology, **Information Systems and Technology**, Mathematics, Physics; and Interdisciplinary and Honors courses with the Mathematics and **Life/Natural Sciences designation**; and transfer courses designated

as Mathematics and Life/Natural Sciences general education courses at peer institutions and institutions with whom UMSL has an articulation agreement.

Note: Gender Studies and Military and Veterans Studies courses that are cross-listed with disciplinary designations at the 1000 and 2000 levels may also be used to fulfill the explore area requirements.

Rationale

The General Education, Assessment and Academic Advisory Committees recommend allowing certain College of Business courses and Social Work courses to count toward explore areas. The General Education committee also clarified courses for music and the statement for foreign language.