

Proposal for a New General Studies/Liberal Arts Program

Core Courses

History	1 course (3 hours)
Literature	1 courses (3 hours)
Politics/Ethics	1 course (3 hours)
Philosophy	1 course (3 hours)
Mathematics	1 course (3 hours)
Natural Science w/lab	1 course (4 hours)
Social Science	1 course (3 hours)
Fine Art	1 course (3 hours)
Physical Education (activity)	6 courses (3 hours)
Total of Core Courses	14 courses (28 hours)

The History, Literature, Politics/Ethics, and Philosophy courses should all be writing intensive, and should focus on seminal works.

The Mathematics courses should be more advanced than college algebra.

The Social Science course cannot be a History course, and should emphasize the method(s) of Social Science.

The Fine Arts course should focus on the history and/or theory of the art.

The P.E. courses should all require participation in a particular sport or activity.

Distribution Courses

Take 1 *upper division* course (3-4 hours) from each of the following areas:

- Humanities (Literature, Modern Languages, Philosophy, History, Speech)
- Natural Science & Mathematics (Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Mathematics, Physics, Health Science) (Could be a lab course or a non-lab course.)
- Social Science (Criminal Justice, Economics, Geography, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology)
- Fine Arts (Art, Dance, Music, Theater)

Total of Distribution courses 4 courses (12-13 hours)

Total of 18 courses (40-41 hours)

Specific courses for each category will be the responsibility of the program within which the course is housed.

Additional Notes:

1. The writing ability of all incoming students would be determined by a writing placement exam, developed and administered by the English Department. Composition classes would then be required--as remedial courses--of those whose writing is not adequate for college level work. These courses would not be part of the General Studies program.

2. A similar procedure would be followed for oral communication, developed and administered by the Speech Department.

3. The classification of disciplines into the four areas (Humanities, Natural Science & Mathematics, Social Science, Fine Arts) follows the traditional line. Thus, History is placed in the Humanities category, and Economics is placed in the Social Science category. Some disciplines (such as Criminal Justice, Communication and Political Science) may have courses in more than one of these areas.