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## UNO General Education Curriculum

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### University General Education Curriculum

General Education is a set of courses designed to develop a breadth of skills to prepare students to be informed and engaged citizens.

A comprehensive college education provides you with knowledge that should enrich your life and prepare you to face the challenges of living and learning in an ever-changing world.

The faculty have adopted University General Education Requirements to ensure that each UNO graduate possesses certain academic skills, experiences the breadth of a liberal education, and develops an appreciation for the diversity that exists in the nation and world.

In addition to the requirements that may be set by each college, or those required for your major, students must also satisfy general education requirements. These requirements are effective beginning Fall semester 2011 for all UNO undergraduate programs. The requirements apply to all incoming first year and transfer students. Students enrolled in UNL-administered programs should contact their advisors to determine the applicable requirements.

The American Association of Colleges and Universities examined skills that employers look for in their employees. The University of Nebraska Omaha (UNO) general education curriculum strives to help you develop the following skills you need to navigate the demands of the 21<sup>st</sup> century environment successfully and responsibly:

- The ability to think clearly about complex problems;
- The ability to analyze a problem to develop workable and creative solutions;
- An understanding of the global context in which work is done;
- The ability to apply knowledge and skills in new settings; and
- A strong sense of ethics and equality.

The University General Education Curriculum consists of:

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### Questions?

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## Fundamental Academic Skills (15 credits)

Proficiency in reading, quantitative skills, and written/oral expression are essential for professional success and effective citizenship. The courses in fundamental academic skills are designed to provide the foundation for advanced academic study.

Fundamental academic skills comprise 15 hours of your general education requirements, and consist of:

**English & Writing:** Nine Credits

**Mathematics:** Three Credits

**Public Speaking:** Three Credits

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## Distribution Requirements (25 credits)

Beyond the fundamental academic skills, courses within the distribution requirements

provide students with the opportunity to: 1) understand, analyze, and explore the human condition; 2) understand the complex dynamics that make up the world particularly the challenges, problems and factors that lead to social stability and change as essential for contributing to and living in contemporary society; and 3) understand the nature of scientific inquiry and the operation of the natural, physical and technological world for making personal and public policy decisions.

Distribution requirements comprise 25 hours of your general education requirements, and consist of:

**Humanities & Fine Arts:** Nine Credits Representing at least Two Disciplines

**Social Sciences:** Nine Credits Representing at least Two Disciplines

**Natural & Physical Sciences:** Seven Credits Representing at least Two Disciplines with a minimum of One Laboratory Course

[Click here](#) for more information on the general education distribution requirements.

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### Diversity Requirements (6 credits)

A 21<sup>st</sup> century education requires exposure to cultures and institutions around the world; as well as within one's own society, in order to promote intellectual flexibility, cultural understanding and informed citizenship. UNO seeks to foster cultural understanding to assist our students in becoming responsible citizens in a diverse world.

Diversity requirements comprise six hours of your general education requirements, and consist of:

**U.S. Diversity:** Three Credits

**Global Diversity:** Three Credits

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