

General Education Planning Sheet for Transfer Students Entering in Fall 2003

As part of Binghamton University's comprehensive General Education (Gen Ed) curriculum, all students must take courses in the following areas of study: Aesthetics, Composition, Foreign Language, Global Interdependencies, Humanities, Laboratory Science, Mathematics, Physical Activity/Wellness, Pluralism in the United States, and Social Science. Information on individual requirements is provided below. More information on Gen Ed is online at gened.binghamton.edu

General Education Requirement	Fulfilled By
<p>Aesthetics (A) A courses enhance students' understanding of the creative process and the role of imagination in it. The A requirement may also be fulfilled with an AP score of 3 or better in Art History, Art Studio or Music Theory or a HIB fine arts score of 4-7.</p>	
<p>Composition (C) C courses emphasize writing as a process of revision and require a minimum of 20 pages of expository prose.</p>	
<p>Foreign Language This requirement may be fulfilled by demonstrating proficiency in high school in one of the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>For students from Regents high schools:</u> Score of 85 or better on the Foreign Language Regents Exam <u>or</u> a grade of 85 or better in the 4th level of high school foreign language ▪ <u>For students from non-Regents high schools ONLY:</u> Grade of 85 or better or a B in the 3rd level or higher of high school foreign language ▪ <u>Exam credit:</u> Score of 3 or better on AP foreign language exam or score of 4-7 on the HIB or standard IB exam ▪ <u>Demonstrated proficiency:</u> See an advisor <p>Students who do not demonstrate proficiency in high school must complete one college course in foreign language at any level.</p> <p>Exemptions: Students in the Watson School's Engineering program are exempt from this requirement.</p>	
<p>Global Interdependencies (G) G courses consider how one or more of the regions of the world have influenced and interacted with the West and with one another, and how the West has affected and been affected by these regions and their distinctive cultures or civilizations.</p>	
<p>Humanities (H) H courses enhance students' understanding of human experience through the study of literature or philosophy. This requirement may also be fulfilled with an AP score of 3 or better in English Lit/Comp, French Literature, German Literature, Latin Literature or Spanish Literature or a HIB humanities score of 4-7.</p>	
<p>Laboratory Science (L) L courses emphasize the formulation and testing of hypotheses and the collection, analysis and interpretation of data.</p>	
<p>Mathematics (M) The M requirement assumes proficiency in high school mathematics – algebra, geometry and trigonometry. This requirement can be fulfilled in one of the following ways:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exam credit: AP score of 3 or better in Calculus, Statistics, or Computer Science; HIB Math score of 4-7; or CLEP scaled score of C or better 2. For students who demonstrate proficiency in high school: Take any designated M course. How do you demonstrate proficiency? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>For NY Regents high school students:</u> Score of 85 or better on the Math III Regents exam <u>or</u> a grade of 85 or better in the 4th level of high school Math <u>or</u> IB standard level score of 4-7 ▪ <u>For students from non-Regents high schools ONLY:</u> Average of 85 or better or a B average through the 3rd level of high school Math <u>or</u> an 85 or better in the 4th level of high school Math <u>or</u> IB standard level score of 4-7 3. For students who do not demonstrate proficiency in high school: Complete one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MATH 107 or 108 plus any designated M course ▪ MATH 220 or above 	

<p>Physical Activity/Wellness (Y, S, B) Exercise, body awareness and wellness are essential components of a healthy and productive lifestyle. Physical Activity courses are designated Y; Wellness courses are designated S, and courses that combine both Physical Activity/Wellness are designated B. Students must complete one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1-credit (or more) Y course plus a 1-credit (or more) S course ▪ 1-credit B course plus one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1-credit Y course ○ 1-credit S course ○ 1-credit B course ▪ 2-credit (or more) B course 	
<p>Pluralism in the United States (P) P courses consider three or more cultural groups in the United States -- African Americans, Asian Americans, European Americans, Latino Americans, and Native Americans -- in terms of their specific experiences and how they have affected and been affected by the basic institutions of American society. Most P courses assume a basic knowledge of US History, measured by demonstrating proficiency in high school in one of the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Exam score</u>: AP score of 3 or better in US History ▪ <u>For NY Regents high school students</u>: Score of 85 or better on the US History Regents exam ▪ <u>For students from non-Regents high schools ONLY</u>: Grade of 85 or better or a B in US History <p><u>If you are proficient</u>: Students who demonstrate proficiency can take any designated P course.</p> <p><u>If you are not proficient</u>: Students who do not demonstrate proficiency must select from a specific group of P courses that pay significant attention to a broad span of US History. If you are not proficient, your DARS will display a current list of these specialized courses.</p>	
<p>Social Science (N) N courses emphasize the major concepts, models and issues of at least one of the social sciences. The N requirement may be satisfied with an AP score of 3 in American History, Economics, European History, Human Geography, Political Science or World History or a HIB social science score of 4-7.</p>	

Some Frequently Asked Questions about General Education

How do I know if a course meets a Gen Ed requirement?

Gen Ed courses are identified in the Schedule of Classes. To receive Gen Ed credit, a course must be identified with a Gen Ed letter (A, C, etc.) in the semester in which you take it. Gen Ed designations are finalized by the add deadline for each semester.

Can a course fulfill more than one Gen Ed requirement?

Some Gen Ed courses may carry more than one Gen Ed tag (for example, CHP). However, except for C classes, Gen Ed courses may be used to fulfill only one Gen Ed category. C courses may double-count with one other Gen Ed requirement. Your DARS report will use double-tagged courses in the category in which they are needed; for example, if you take a course designated CNP, you will receive either the CP or the CN, whichever DARS decides you need most.

Can Gen Ed courses be taken pass/fail?

Gen Ed courses must be taken for a letter grade (normal grading option) unless a course is only offered pass/fail.

Can my transfer courses fulfill Gen Ed requirements?

Transferred college courses are considered for Gen Ed on a course-by-course basis. Courses taken at another SUNY school prior to matriculation at Binghamton that fulfilled a SUNY-wide General Education requirement will fulfill the corresponding Binghamton Gen Ed requirement. Contact your advisor for more information.