

# NIU GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS 2009-2010

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## CORE COMPETENCY

1. Complete ENGL 103 and 104, or, ENGL105 if placement recommended, *or pass English Core Competency Exam*
2. Complete COMS 100 *or pass the Oral Communication Competency Exam*
3. Complete one of the following MATH courses: 101, 155\*, 201\*, 206\*, 210\*, 211\* or 229\*  
*\*requires C or better or pass the Mathematics Core Competency Exam (FOR COMPLETE LIST OF MATH CORE OPTIONS REFER TO YOUR CATALOG)*

## DISTRIBUTIVE STUDIES

### **HUMANITIES AND THE ARTS**

9-12 hrs., 2 colleges -- A maximum of 12 hr. will apply. No more than 6 hrs in any one department will apply.

#### LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

ANTH 102

COMS 220, 230, 240, 356, 410

ENGL 110, 115, 116, 310, 315

FLCL 271      FLFR 371  
FLIT 272      FLRU 261

HIST 110, 111, 112, 140, 141, 171, 260, 261, 377

PHIL 101, 105, 231

#### VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

ARTH 282, 291, 292, 293, 294, 378, 385, 388B, 395, 396

THEA 203  
TH-D 222

### **SCIENCE/MATH**

7-11 hrs. in at least 2 but no more than 3 departments -- A maximum of 11 hrs will apply

ANTH 240

BIOS 103, 104, 106, 109

CHEM 100, 110, 111, 210, 211, 212, 213

CSCI 205

ELE 100

FCNS 201

GEOG 101, 102, 105, 106

GEOL 103, 104, 105, 120, 121

IYSE 100

MATH 229

PHIL 205

PHYS 150, 150A, 162, 180, 210, 211, 253, 273

STAT 208

### **SOCIAL SCIENCE**

6-9 hrs. -- A maximum of 9 hrs will apply. No more than 6 hrs in any one department will apply

ANTH 120, 210, 220, 230

ECON 160, 260, 261

FCNS 230

GEOG 202, 204, 253

HIST 381, 382

POLS 100, 150, 220, 260, 285

PSYC 102\*, 225

SOCI 170, 250, 260, 270

\*Music education majors should take PSYC 102

### **INTERDISCIPLINARY**

3-6 hrs -- A maximum of 6 hrs will apply

AHRS 200

ANTH 101

ARTH 288

BIOS 101

EPFE 201\*

FCNS 207, 280, 406

HIST 323

IDSP 200, 211\*, 219, 225

ILAS 100, 225, 261

JOUR 150

KNPE 100, 111

MEE 101

PHHE 201, 206, 295

PHIL 352

PSYC 245

TECH 245, 294

WOMS 230, 235

\*Music education majors should take either EPFE201 or IDSP 211

**Personal General Education Check List (use this list to keep track of your courses)**

**Core Competency Requirements (0 -12 Units (hrs) - can be completed through testing**

COMS 100 \_\_\_\_ (3) ENGL 103 \_\_\_\_ (3) AND ENGL 104 \_\_\_\_ (3) OR (by placement testing) ENGL 105 \_\_\_\_ (3)

MATH (select from options) \_\_\_\_\_ (3)

**Distributive Studies (29 Units; choose from the above lists)**

*Humanities and the Arts (minimum 9 units, maximum 12 units; no more than 6 units in one department)*

At least one course from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences \_\_\_\_\_ (3)

At least one course from the College of Visual and Performing Arts \_\_\_\_\_ (3)

At least one other Humanities course from either college \_\_\_\_\_ (3)

Optional additional Humanities course  
(can be used to reach the required 29 hours of Dist. Studies) \_\_\_\_\_ (3)

*Science/Math (minimum 7 units, maximum 11 units; at least two but no more than three departments)*

You will need at least one course with an accompanying lab (or else take three 3-unit courses without labs to reach the minimum)

Course from department one \_\_\_\_\_ (3) with lab (1) \_\_\_\_\_

Course from department two \_\_\_\_\_ (3) with lab (1) \_\_\_\_\_

Optional additional Math/Science course(s)  
(can be used to reach the required 29 hours of Dist. Studies)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (3) with lab (1) \_\_\_\_\_

*Social Sciences (minimum 6 units, maximum 9 units; no more than 6 units in one department)*

Course from department one \_\_\_\_\_ (3) [Music Education majors should take PSYC 102]

Course from department two (or additional course from dept. one) \_\_\_\_\_ (3)

Optional additional Social Science course (can be used to reach the required 29 hours of Dist. Studies)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (3)

*Interdisciplinary (minimum 3 units, maximum 6 units)*

Course \_\_\_\_\_ (3) [Music Education majors should take ISDP 211 or EPFE 201]

Optional additional Interdisciplinary course (can be used to reach the required 29 hours of Dist. Studies)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (3)

**YOU MUST COMPLETE AT LEAST 29 UNITS (HRS) OF DISTRIBUTIVE STUDIES**