

Program Change Request

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No

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Program Level: College/Department

Program Type: Policies

Title:

College of Science: Requirements for the BA

Registrar/OAPI Use Only – SACSCOC Status

College/School: College of Science

Department / Academic Unit: College of Science

Justification

In Workflow

1. Registrar-Programs:College-Dept Workflow
2. SC Program Chair
3. SC Curriculum Committee
4. SC Associate Dean
5. Registrar-Programs

Approval Path

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2. 09/19/22 11:16 am
Donna Fox (dfox1):
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History

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What: Adding a fourth option for fulfilling the foreign language requirement.

Why: Students completing the Biology, BA with a concentration in Biological Health often already have a baccalaureate degree. In such cases, the foreign language requirement will be waived. For students who have not yet conferred a baccalaureate degree, they are still required to take the foreign language requirement.

Program-Specific Policies:

In addition to the program requirements and the [Mason Core](#) requirements, students pursuing a BA degree must complete the coursework below. Except where expressly prohibited, a course used to fulfill this college-level requirement may also be used simultaneously to satisfy other requirements such as [Mason Core](#) requirements, other college-level requirements, or requirements for the major. In some cases, the requirements listed below may be superseded by requirements of the degree program and the [Mason Core](#).

Foundational Breadth

Choose two courses from approved [Mason Core: Arts](#), [Mason Core: Literature](#), [Mason Core: Global Understanding](#), and [Mason Core: Social and Behavioral Sciences](#) courses in addition to those required by the [Mason Core](#). The two courses used to fulfill the college-level requirements must each be from different Mason Core categories. Additionally, they must be from different disciplines than the courses used to fulfill the University Mason Core requirements.

Natural Science

Choose one credit in addition to the [Mason Core: Natural Science](#) requirement for a total of 8 credits¹. This combined college-level and university requirement must be fulfilled by completing two of any approved [Mason Core: Natural Science](#) courses that include a laboratory experience².

Select an additional Mason Core Natural Science course

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¹For Geography, BA majors, this extra credit is not required.

²[BIOL 124](#) Human Anatomy and Physiology and [BIOL 125](#) Human Anatomy and Physiology may not be used to fulfill this requirement.

Foreign Language

Intermediate-level proficiency in one foreign language is required and may be fulfilled via one of the options below:

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1. Completing a course in a foreign language numbered 202 (or its equivalent), or higher level courses taught in the language.
2. Achieving a satisfactory score on an approved proficiency test.
3. Completing a three course sequence in American Sign Language:

[EDSE 115](#) American Sign Language (ASL) I

[EDSE 116](#)

American Sign Language (ASL) II

[EDSE 219](#)

American Sign Language (ASL) III

4. Conferral of a baccalaureate degree. 2

1 Students who are already proficient in a second language may be eligible for a waiver of this requirement.

Additional information on waivers can be found with the college's [Office of Academic and Student Affairs](#).

2 This option is only available to students in the Biology, BA with a concentration in Biological Health who have already conferred a baccalaureate degree.

Program Outcomes

OAPI Use Only – Determination of SACSCOC Impact

Comments or Notes

Additional Attachments

Reviewer Comments

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Is this course required of all students in this degree program?

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