

# GENERAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM

General Education curriculum empowers students to face a rapidly changing world with the ability to frame questions and solve problems. Complementing the major, General Education courses provide a set of strategies: communication, critical thinking, information analysis, quantitative skills, responsibility towards local and global communities. Students develop these strategies from different angles by taking one or more courses (usually numbered at the 1000- and 2000-levels) in each of the areas of study of the General Education curriculum. Some General Education courses involve students directly in addressing crucial problems through undergraduate research, race and social justice analysis, global awareness, community engagement, and innovation. By providing a base of knowledge and flexible tools for thinking, General Education courses equip students for success throughout their education and after graduation.

- Students can choose ten classes (31 credits), or at least one three- or four-credit course in each of eight areas of study.
- Exploring different areas in general education can be a great college strategy to find out what really interests you.
- Or, if you have a major in mind, your advisor can help you identify some courses to help you prepare for your next steps.
- Either way, browsing the course descriptions in areas of study will help you find courses, from large classes to small seminars, that take you to unexpected places.



**AREA 1. COMMUNICATION (6 CREDIT HOURS):** English 1120, plus an additional course chosen from the following: Communication. 1130; English 2120, 2210; Philosophy 1120; University Honors 201. Students who do not place into English 1120 may apply the credit hours from the prerequisite English 1110 (or the equivalent English 1110Y or English 1110Z) to help fulfill Area 8 requirements (see below).



**AREA 2. MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS (3 CREDIT HOURS):** One course at the appropriate level determined by placement: Mathematics 215, 1130, 1220, 1240, 1250, 1350, 1430, 1440, 1512, 1522; University Honors 202.



**AREA 3. PHYSICAL AND NATURAL SCIENCES (4 CREDIT HOURS):** One course and, where applicable, the related laboratory: Anthropology 1170 and 1170L, 1175 and 1175L, 1211 and 1211L; Astronomy 1115 and 1115L; Biology 1110 and 1110L, 1140 and 1140L; Chemistry 1110, 1120C, 1215 and 1215L, 1225 and 1225L, 131, 132; Computer Science 108L; Environmental Science 1130 and 1130L; Geography 1160 and 1160L; Geology 1120 and 1120L, 2110C; Natural Science 1110, 1120, 2110; Physics 1110, 1115 and 1115L, 1125 and 1125L, 1230 and 1230L, 1240 and 1240L, 1310 and 1310L, 1320 and 1320L; University Honors 203.

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## **AREA 4. SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (3 CREDIT HOURS):**

Africana Studies 1120\*; American Studies 1110, 1140\*; Anthropology 1115, 1140\*, 1155, 2175; Chicana and Chicano Studies 1110\*; Community and Regional Planning 181; Economics 2110, 2120; Engineering 200\*; Film and Digital Media Arts 1520; Geography 1165, 217; Linguistics 2110; Mechanical Engineering 217; Political Science 1120, 1140, 2110, 2120\*; Psychology 1110; Public Health 101, 102; Sociology 1110, 2315; University Honors 204.



## **AREA 5. HUMANITIES (3 CREDIT HOURS):**

Africana Studies 1110\*; American Studies 1150\*; Chicana and Chicano Studies 2110\*; Classics 1110, 2110, 2120; Comparative Literature 222, 224; English 1410, 2650, 2660; Film and Digital Media Arts 1520; Geography 1175\*; History 1110, 1120, 1150, 1160\*, 1170\*, 1180\*; Modern Language 1110\*; Native American Studies 1150\*; Philosophy 1115, 2210, 2225; Religion 1110\*, 2110\*, 2120\*; University Honors 121, 122, 205.



## **AREA 6. SECOND LANGUAGE (3 CREDIT HOURS):**

A second language chosen from regular language offerings in UNM departments including (but not limited to) Foreign Languages and Literatures, Linguistics, and Spanish and Portuguese. Students will follow departmental guidelines on placement in the appropriate language course level. Languages regularly offered at UNM include (but are not limited to): American Sign Language, Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Classical Greek, English (for qualified international students who learned English as a second language), Italian, Japanese, Latin, Portuguese, Navajo, Spanish, and Swahili.



## **AREA 7. ARTS AND DESIGN (3 CREDIT HOURS):**

One course chosen from the following courses: Architecture 1120; Art History 1120, 2110, 2120; Dance 1110; Fine Art 284; Film and Digital Arts 1520, 2110; Music 1120, 1130; Theatre 1110; University Honors 207. Alternatively, students may elect to take one 3-credit hour studio course offered by the Departments of Art, Film and Digital Arts, Music, or Theatre and Dance to fulfill this requirement. Completion of prerequisites for the studio course is required as necessary.



## **AREA 8. STUDENT CHOICE (6 CREDIT HOURS):**

Two additional General Education courses chosen from two different Areas (1-7). Students who do not place into English 1120 may apply the credit hours from the prerequisite English 1110 (or the equivalent English 1110Y or English 1110Z) to help fulfill Area 8 requirements.

*\*Denotes course that meets "U.S. and Global Diversity and Inclusion" 3-credit undergraduate degree requirement  
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