
An Honors Guide to the General Education Curriculum*
for Students Pursuing the Bachelor of Arts in Arts and Sciences
The Ohio State University

(These requirements apply to freshmen entering the university Summer Quarter 2007 or later.)

The Arts and Sciences Honors Committee expects all honors students to develop distinguished curricular programs. Each student's program should reflect a commitment to taking the most challenging possible courses that fit the student's background. This document defines the general standards for rigor in an Arts and Sciences Honors Program, along with basic opportunities for flexibility in pursuing that objective.

1. SKILLS

A. Writing and Related Skills

(1) First Course 5 hours

English 110.01 or 110.02 (honors version recommended)

(2) Second Course 5 hours

Select one course from the following list.

Art Education 367.01H
Communication 367H
Comparative Studies 367.01H, 367.02H
Dance 367.01H
English 367.01H, 367.02H, 367.03H, 367.04H, 367.05H
Linguistics 367.01H
Political Science 367.01H
Sociology 367.01H, 367.03H
Theatre 367.01H

(3) Third Course

Course work is taken as part of the major program, or by successfully completing a senior thesis.

B. Quantitative and Logical Skills

(1) Basic Computational Skills

You must have Mathematics Placement Level R or higher, or complete Mathematics 75.

(2) Mathematical and Logical Analysis

You must complete at least one strong course in this area, and completion of Mathematics 152 is preferred. However, the minimum requirement is completion of Mathematics 150 (or Mathematics 148 and another strong course such as Linguistics 384H or Philosophy 250).

(3) Data Analysis

Complete the course required by your major or recommended by your faculty advisor. If no such course exists, you should complete Statistics 145 or a course from the following list.

Astronomy 350
Chemistry 221, 221H
Economics 443
Earth Sciences 245
International Studies 443
Linguistics 286H
Philosophy 153
Physics 416
Political Science 485H
Psychology 220H

Social Work 570
Sociology 549H
Statistics 145, 245, 427, 520

C. Foreign Language

Course work or proficiency through the fourth language course (104) is required, and further study is strongly recommended.

2. BREADTH (45 hours)

Note Regarding AP/IB/EM Credit: Up to 10 hours of AP/IB/EM credit may be applied in the breadth areas. AP/IB/EM credit in the breadth areas may only be used to satisfy requirements in the Natural Science and/or Additional Breadth categories.

Note Regarding Diversity of Course Selections: The two courses in the Social Sciences and the two courses in the Arts and Humanities (four courses total) must be chosen from at least three different departments. This requirement may not be fulfilled by AP/IB/EM credit.

A. Natural Science 15 hours (20 hours preferred)

Plan to take the most rigorous course work commensurate with your background and ability, honors courses if appropriate. You are required to take at least one two-course sequence, at least one course in the biological sciences, and at least one course in the physical sciences. At least one of the courses chosen must have a laboratory. Five hours of AP/IB/EM credit may be applied to this requirement.

Biological Science Sequences

Biology 113¹-114¹, 115H¹-116H¹

Physical Science Sequences

Astronomy 161H-162H
Chemistry 101¹-102¹, 121¹-122¹, 161¹-162¹, 201H¹-202H¹
Earth Sciences 121H¹-122H¹
Physics 111¹-112¹, 131¹-132¹, 131H¹-132H¹

Biological Science Courses

#Anthropology 200H, 300, 301, 402, 601.04, 610
Biology 113¹, 114¹, 115H¹, 116H¹
Entomology 444H
Evolution, Ecology, and Organismal Biology 232, 235¹, 400H, 410H, 415H, 503.01H, 557H
Microbiology 509¹, 520¹, 521¹
Molecular Genetics 500H¹
Plant Biology 300¹, 436

Physical Science Courses

Astronomy 161H, 162H, 163H
Chemistry 101¹, 102¹, 121¹, 122¹, 123¹, 161¹, 162¹, 163¹, 201H¹, 202H¹, 203H¹
Earth Sciences 108H¹, 121H¹, 122H¹, 294H
#Geography 410H
Physics 111¹, 112¹, 113¹, 131(H)¹, 132(H)¹, 133(H)¹

¹course with a laboratory

B. Social Science 10 hours

Appropriate courses include any courses with a social/political/economic emphasis at the 500 level and above (except courses numbered 597) from the departments listed below, as well as the honors courses listed.

#African-American and African Studies
#Anthropology 201H, 202H
Communication
#Economics 200H, 201H, 271H
#Geography 240H, 410H, 460H
#International Studies 201H, 215H, 230H, 240H
#Linguistics 371H, 372H
Political Science 100H, 101H, 145H, 201H, 245H
Psychology 100H, 325H, 331H, 340H, 371H
Sociology 101H, 345H, 410H, 463H, 487H
Speech and Hearing Science 330H
#Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies 110H, 296H

C. Arts and Humanities 10 hours

Appropriate courses include any courses with a focus on literature, art, or ideas at the 500 level and above (except courses numbered 597) from the departments listed below, as well as the honors courses listed.

#African-American and African Studies 342H
Arabic 241H, 372H
Art 205H, 206H, 300.02H, 340H, 455H
Art Education 367.01H
Chinese
Classics 101H, 102H, 222H, 223H, 294H
#Comparative Studies 100H, 201H, 202.01H, 203H, 204H,
240H, 270H, 294H, 301H, 314H, 358H, 376H
East Asian Languages and Literatures 399H
English 201H, 202H, 220H, 260H, 261H, 262H, 280H, 296H
French
German 263H, 590H
Greek
Hebrew 241H, 370H, 376H
History of Art 201H, 202H
Italian
Japanese
Jewish Studies
Korean
Latin
#Linguistics 201H
Medieval and Renaissance Studies
Modern Greek 241H, 250H
Music 251H, 345.01H (*only available on regional campuses*)
Near Eastern Languages and Cultures
Persian
Philosophy 101H, 130H, 240H, 242H, 276H
Physics 455H
Polish
Portuguese
Romanian
Russian 250H, 251H
Sanskrit
Scandinavian
Slavic Languages and Literatures
Spanish 450H
Theatre 100H, 101H, 230H, 271H
Turkish
#Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies 110H (AU10 and
later), 296H, 372H
Yiddish

D. Additional Breadth Selections 10 hours

In consultation with your advisors, select two additional courses from any of the breadth categories or from the Historical Study category. Up to 10 hours of AP/IB/EM credit may be applied to this requirement.

3. HISTORICAL STUDY (10 hours)

Select two courses. Choose any appropriate 300- or 500-level course(s) (except courses numbered 398 or 597) from the Department of History and/or course(s) from the list below. Five hours of AP/IB/EM History credit may be applied to this requirement.

#African-American and African Studies 323.01, 323.02, 350,
541, 575
#Economics 515, 516, 613, 614
History 111H, 112H, 151H, 152H, 171H, 172H
#History of Art 201H, 202H
#Philosophy 111H, 112H
#Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies 322H

4. DIVERSITY EXPERIENCES

You should plan to overlap these courses with another GEC category or your major. If you do not plan such overlap, the diversity experiences requirement must still be met.

- **Social Diversity in the United States**
As you complete the Natural Science, the Social Science, the Arts and Humanities, and the Historical Study categories (or your major), you are required to include at least one course that provides exposure to issues of social diversity in the United States.
- **International Issues**
As you complete the Natural Science, the Social Science, the Arts and Humanities, and the Historical Study categories (or your major), you are required to include at least two courses that provide exposure to international, global, and non-western society and culture.

5. ISSUES OF THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD

In consultation with your advisor, select one course from the following list, or select a 500- or 600-level course that covers both interdisciplinary concerns and contemporary issues, and also makes connections among the different parts of your curriculum.

Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics
597.01H
Anthropology 597.03H, 597.05H
English 597.04H
International Studies 597.01H
Political Science 597.01H, 597.02H

** Some of the courses included in this guide have not been approved by the university committee that oversees the General Education Curriculum (GEC). Therefore if you complete such courses and do not complete an Honors Contract, you will be required to submit a curricular petition for course substitutions.*

Courses in this department may fall into different GEC categories depending on course content. Please consult with your honors counselor to determine which GEC requirement a particular course will fulfill.

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