



**Grand Rapids Community College**

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## **Western Michigan University College of Arts & Sciences Curriculum Guide**

This program guide is for students who have narrowed their choice of programs down to the College of Arts & Sciences (**A & S**) but are undecided about which major in this college. Please visit the A & S website for a list of the college's majors:

All students choosing a major in the College of Arts & Sciences must complete the Liberal Education Curriculum (**LEC**) requirements. The GRCC [WMU Essential Studies \(WES\) program transfer guide](#) is where you should start selecting courses that will apply toward requirements for the LEC. The LEC requirements follow the WMU general education requirements except that LEC requires that A & S students make the choices directed below:

- All students graduating from the College of Arts & Sciences must meet the world language proficiency by completing two semesters (6-8 hours) of the same foreign language or American Sign Language or passing WMU's proficiency by exam. Please contact the College of Arts & Sciences Undergraduate Advising Office at (269) 387-4366 with questions. Neither the MACRAO nor the MTA satisfy the world language requirement.
- The International and Comparative Politics and History Liberal Education majors require completing **four semesters of a world language** (through WMU's 2010 level), which is two more semesters than the LEC language requirement. American Sign Language may not be used for these majors.
- Students in the Global and International Studies major are required to complete two courses, in the same language, **beyond** WMU's 2010 level. Students whose native language is not English should consult the program advisor on this requirement.
- If you are uncertain whether you meet the MACRAO Agreement or MTA guidelines, talk with an advisor at your community college.

### **Choosing a major:**

- You can explore the majors in A & S by clicking on the links. You will find the following information:
  - What you can do with the major
  - What the entire major looks like
  - How to make an appointment with the major advisor

- Taking courses in the areas of your interest is an effective way to explore majors. Even if you do not decide on the major represented by these courses, they count toward electives in your overall college requirements.
- Some programs have more math requirements than others, so it is a good idea to pay close attention to those requirements. Where required, students can often complete up to Calculus III at the community college.
- Students who graduate from A & S are required to complete both a major and a minor:
  - Having a major and a minor can help make the career choice a little easier if the student is undecided between two choices. Being able to choose BOTH takes the pressure off in the career choice process.
  - Double majors, or majors in Global and International Studies, Community and Regional Planning, Public History, Geophysics, Geochemistry, and a Student Planned Major are exceptions to needing a minor.
- We encourage you to utilize resources that GRCC offers to help students in the career decision-making process. WMU also offers a career class, career testing, and other resources.

#### **How can WMU help?**

- For help with LEC questions, contact an advisor at the address listed below.
- Prospective students should apply to WMU at least 9 months before starting classes. Fall priority registration opens in March. Spring (January) registration opens in early October, and Summer I and II open in February. If your plans change, the entry date can be deferred, but if you delay the application date until you “know for sure” that you are coming to WMU, you may miss the priority registration dates.
- Transfer students are required to meet with an advisor before registering for their first semester at WMU.

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