

**General Education**  
2017/2018



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

**Requirements**

**University Graduation Requirements:**

Minimum: 122 credits \_\_\_\_\_  
 Minimum: 2.0 cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_  
 Minimum: 30 credits from WMU \_\_\_\_\_  
 (No credit by exam)  
 Minimum: 10 of last 30 credits from WMU \_\_\_\_\_  
 (No credit by exam)  
 Minimum: One-half total required credits \_\_\_\_\_  
 from 4-year institution \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Student Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
WIN# Date

**Intellectual Skills:**

Reading \_\_\_\_\_  
 Math \_\_\_\_\_  
 Basic Writing \_\_\_\_\_  
 Computer Literacy \_\_\_\_\_

**General Education Graduation Requirements:**

- Minimum 37 credits not including baccalaureate-level writing
- Minimum 6 credits of 3000/4000 level coursework within Distribution Areas
- No more than two courses from any one department may be used to satisfy distribution requirements.
  - Both the college-level writing and the college-level mathematics/quantitative reasoning proficiency requirements must be satisfied before a student may register for any upper-division level course.
  - Upper level courses are defined as those courses with a course number of 3000 or above.
- Additional requirements may exist for specific curricula, majors and minors. Please consult your curriculum, major and/or minor advisor for additional requirements.

**Proficiencies:**

Proficiency 1: College Level Writing (3-4 credits)	Proficiency 3: College Level Math or Quantitative Reasoning (3-4 credits)
Proficiency 2: Baccalaureate Level Writing (3-4 credits) (Does not count toward 37 credit requirement)	Proficiency 4: Enhance or Develop a Proficiency (3-8 credits)

**Distribution Areas:**

AREA I: FINE ARTS (3-4 credits)	AREA V: SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (3-4 credits)
AREA II: HUMANITIES (3-4 credits)	AREA VI: NATURAL SCIENCES w/Lab (4-5 credits)
AREA III: UNITED STATES: CULTURE & ISSUES (3-4 credits)	AREA VII: NATURAL SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS & IMPLICATIONS (3-4 credits)
AREA IV: OTHER CULTURES & CIVILIZATIONS (3-4 credits)	AREA VIII: HEALTH & WELL BEING (2 credits)

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Student Signature

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Advisor Signature

## Effective Fall 2017 semester

*Subject to Change – Please reference [www.wmich.edu/registrar](http://www.wmich.edu/registrar) or your academic advisor for subsequent additions/deletions to the list.*

### Proficiency 1: College-Level Writing

BCM	1420	Informational Writing	3
ENGL	1050	Thought & Writing	4
IEE	1020	Technical Communication	3

### Proficiency 2: Baccalaureate-Level Writing

Does not count toward 37 credit minimum

General Education hour requirement

\*See your curriculum or major program advisor\*

### Proficiency 3: College-Level Mathematics or Quantitative Reasoning

MATH	1140	Excursions in Mathematics	3
MATH	1160	Finite Mathematics and Applications	3
MATH	1180	Precalculus Mathematics	4
MATH	1500	Number Concepts for Elem/Middle School Teachers	4
MATH	2000	Calculus with Applications	4
STAT	1600	Statistics and Data Analysis	3
STAT	2830	Methods of Data Analysis	3
STAT	3660	Introduction to Statistics	4

### Proficiency 4: Enhance or Develop a Proficiency

(NOTE: Please consult your college advisor)

A course or courses in one of the following categories:

#### Proficiency 4a: Advanced Writing

ENGL	3060	Rhetoric, Writing, and Culture	3
REL	2000	Thinking about Religion	4

#### Proficiency 4b: Mathematics or Quantitative Reasoning

MATH	1220	Calculus I	4
MATH	1510	Geometry for Elem/Middle School Teachers	4
MATH	1700	Calculus I, Science and Engineering	4
MATH	2000	Calculus with Applications	4
MATH	2650	Probability/Statistics for Elem/Middle School Teachers	4
STAT	2160	Business Statistics	3
STAT	2600	Statistics Using R	4

#### Proficiency 4c: Critical Thinking

COM	1000	Communication and Community Engagement	3
ENGL	3060	Rhetoric, Writing, and Culture	3
NUR	2200	Foundations of Nursing and Critical Thinking	3
PHIL	2200	Critical Thinking	3
PHIL	2250	Deductive Logic	3
PHIL	3200	Formal Logic	4
PHIL	3250	Inductive and Scientific Reasoning	3
PSCI	1050	Critical Thinking about Politics	3

#### Proficiency 4d: Oral Communications

COM	1000	Communication and Community Engagement	3
COM	1040	Public Speaking	3
COM	1700	Interpersonal Communication	3
HSV	4860	Health Literacy Practices	3

#### Proficiency 4e: American Sign Language

#### Proficiency 4f: Computer Programming and Applications

CS	1110	Computer Science I	4
GPS	2510	Multimedia Publication and Design	3
MUS	2220	Computer Music Design	3

#### Proficiency 4g: Foreign Languages

*All Western Michigan University foreign language courses are granted general approval to satisfy Proficiency 4g.*

Two semesters of college-level foreign language study will satisfy this requirement; students entering the University with college-level knowledge of a foreign language will be allowed to satisfy this requirement by taking two more advanced language courses or by taking two semesters of yet another foreign language.

### Distribution Area I: Fine Arts

ART	1200	Introduction to Art	3
ART	1300	Studio Experience (3-D)	3
ART	1400	Studio Experience (2-D)	3
ART	1480	Direct Encounter with the Arts	4
ART	2200	History of Art	3
ART	2210	History of Art	3
CHIN	2800	Chinese Calligraphy	3
DANC	1450	Experiencing Dance	3
ED	2300	The Nature of Creativity	3
ENGL	1100	Literary Interpretation	4
ENGL	2100	Film Interpretation	4
HIST	3015	History and Cinema	3
HIST	3150	Popular Art and Architecture in America	3
HNRS	4101	Introduction to World Cinema	3
HNRS	4102	Studies in Film	3
INTL	3300**	Education Abroad-WMU Programs	1-16
INTL	3310**	Education Abroad-Non-WMU Programs	1-16
MUS	1480	Direct Encounter with the Arts	4
MUS	1500	Music Appreciation: Live Music	4
MUS	1520	Rock Music: Genesis and Development	3
MUS	4500	Music Appreciation: The Symphony	3
PHIL	3120	Philosophy of Art	3
THEA	1000	Playing with Fire: Love, Politics & Entertainment	3
THEA	1480	Direct Encounter with the Arts	4

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**(Note: Not major/minor advisor)**

### Distribution Area II: Humanities

AAAS	2800	Topics and Themes in Africana Studies	3
ENGL	1120	Literary Classics	4
ENGL	2110	Folklore and Mythology	4
ENGL	2520	Shakespeare	4
ENGL	3070	Literature in Our Lives	3
ENGL	3080	Quest for the Self	3
ENGL	3110	Our Place In Nature	3
ENGL	3120	Western World Literature	3
ENGL	3150	The English Bible as Literature	3
ENGL	3820	Literature for the Young Child	4
ENGL	3830	Literature for the Intermediate Reader	4
ENGL	4160	Women in Literature	4
ES	2800	Human Flourishing and the Pursuit of Happiness	3
GWS	1000	Media and the Sexes	3
HIST	1000	Early Western World	3
HIST	1010	Modern Western World	3
HIST	1450	Heroes and Villains in the Middle Ages	3
HIST	3000	Arts and Ideas: Ancient/Medieval	3
HIST	3010	Modern Arts and Ideas	3
HIST	3300	Canadian History and Culture	3
HIST	3360	Women in European History	3
HIST	3790	WWII in American and Japanese History	3
HNRS	3201	Art of the Book	3
HNRS	3202	Modernism in Art and Literature	3
HNRS	3203	Utopian and Dystopian Fiction	4
HNRS	3204	Postmodern Dystopias: Fiction and Film from 1970 to Present	4
INTL	3300**	Education Abroad-WMU Programs	1-16
INTL	3310**	Education Abroad-Non-WMU Programs	1-16
INTL	4050	Foreign Studies Seminar – Humanities	1-6
LANG	3500	Classical Greek and Roman Mythology	3
LANG	3510	The City of Gods: Power and Morality in the Roman World	3
LANG	3750	World Literature in English Translation: Views of Humanity	3
LANG	4040	East and West Literary Relations	3
MDVL	1450	Heroes and Villains of the Middle Ages	3
MUS	3120	Explorations in World Music	3
NUR	3220	Health Care Ethics	3

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PHIL	2000	Introduction to Philosophy	4
PHIL	2010	Introduction to Ethics	4
PHIL	3000	Ancient and Medieval Philosophy	4
PHIL	3010	History of Modern Philosophy	4
PHIL	3030	Existentialist Philosophies	3
PHIL	3110	Political Philosophy	3
PHIL	3140	Philosophy and Public Affairs	3
PHIL	3160	Ethics in Engineering and Technology	3
PSCI	3600	Ancient Political Thought	3
PSCI	3610	Modern Political Thought	3
PSCI	3620	Contemporary Political Ideologies	3
REL	1000	Religions of the World	4
REL	2050	Christianity	4
REL	2070	Judaism	4
REL	3111	Superhero Comic Book Religion	4
REL	3115	Myth and Its Study	4
REL	3180	Death, Dying, and Beyond	4
REL	3240	Psychological Elements in Religion	4
REL	3320	Religion and Social Ethics	4
REL	3360	Zen and Buddhist Meditation	4

**Distribution Area III: The United States: Cultures and Issues**

AAAS	2000	Introduction to African American and African Studies	3
AAAS	3000	African and African American History, Culture and Experience to 1865	3
AAAS	3010	African and African American History, Culture and Experience from 1866 to the Present	3
AAAS	3100	The Black Woman: Historical Perspective and Contemporary Status	3
AAAS	3140	The Black Community: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives	3
ANTH	2600	Sex, Gender, and Culture	3
ANTH	3470	Ethnicity/Multiculturalism	3
ANTH	3480	Gender and Plastic Bodies	3
BLS	3050	Introduction to Adults with Disabilities	3
COM	3070	Freedom of Expression	3
CORP	2560	Introduction to Community and Regional Planning	3
ECON	3090	Women and the Economy	3
ENGL	2220	Literatures and Cultures of the U.S.	4
ENGL	2230	African American Literature	4
ENGL	4840	Multi-Cultural American Literature for Children	4
GRN	1000	Introduction to Aging Studies	3
GWS	2000	Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies	4
GWS	2010	LGBT Studies	3
GWS	3500	Psychological Perspectives on Gender	3
HIST	2100	American History to 1877	3
HIST	2110	American History Since 1877	3
HIST	2120	American Culture	3
HIST	2125	Sport in American Culture	3
HIST	3160	Women in United States History	3
HIST	3200	American Military History	3
HIST	3230	History of Healthcare in the United States	3
HIST	3260	Native American History and Culture	3
HIST	3280	African-American History and Culture	3
HNRS	3301	Jazz, Blues and the Harlem Renaissance	4
HNRS	3302	Civil Rights and Jazz: 1950-1975	4
HNRS	3303	Vietnam and Rock	4
HSV	3550	Perspectives in Women's Health	3
HSV	4400	Diversity and Inclusion in Health and Human Services	3
LWIR	3000	Immigration, Race and Ethnicity in the U.S.	3
MUS	1510	Jazz in American Culture	4
MUS	3500	American Music	4
NUR	3550	Perspectives in Women's Health	3
PHIL	3070	Philosophy in the American Context	3
PHIL	3150	Race and Gender Issues	3
PSCI	2000	National Government	3
PSCI	3000	Urban Politics in the U.S.	3
PSCI	3200	The American Judicial Process	4
PSCI	3630	American Political Theory	3
REL	2065	Islam in America	4
REL	3015	Christianity in the United States	4
SPAN	2650	Hispanic Culture in the U.S.	3
SPAN	2750	Latino Writing/Latino Culture	3
THEA	1050	Introduction to African-American Theatre	3

**Distribution Area IV: Other Cultures and Civilizations**

AAAS	3900	Women Writers in Contemporary Black Literature from the 19 <sup>th</sup> Century to the Present	3
ANTH	1100	Lost Worlds and Archeology	3
ANTH	1200	Peoples of the World	3
ANTH	3390	Cultures of Latin America	3
ANTH	3400	Cultures of Asia	3
ANTH	3410	Global Africa Past and Present	3
ANTH	3440	The First Americans	3
ANTH	3580	The African Diaspora: Peoples and Culture	3
ARAB	2750	Life and Culture of the Arabs	3
ART	2220	Art of Africa, Oceania and the Americas	3
ART	2230	Introduction to Asian Art History	3
CHIN	2750	Chinese Life and Culture	3
ECON	3870	Studies in Asian Economies	3
ECON	3880	African Economies	3
ECON	3890	Latin American Economies	3
ENGL	3130	Asian Literature	3
ENGL	3140	African Literature	3
ENGL	3160	Storytellers	3
ENGR	3400	Engineering Global Practices in Non-Western Countries	3
FCS	3150	Global Ecology of the Family	3
FREN	2750	Francophone Culture	3
GEOG	3200	Culinary Tourism	3
GEOG	3810	South America	3
GEOG	3820	Mexico and the Caribbean	3
GEOG	3860	Geography of Africa	3
GEOG	3890	Monsoon Asia	3
GEOG	3900	China, Japan, and Korea: Lands and Cultures	3
GIST	2000	Introduction to Global and International Studies	3
GWS	3200	Woman, Globalization and Social Change	3
HIST	3020	World History to 1500	3
HIST	3030	World History since 1500	3
HIST	3760	Modern East Asia	3
HIST	3850	Modern Middle East	3
HIST	3880	Introduction to African Civilization	3
HNRS	3401	Vues d' Afrique	3
INTL	3300**	Education Abroad-WMU Programs	1-16
INTL	3310**	Education Abroad-Non-WMU Programs	1-16
IPE	3050	Study Abroad and Global Learning in Health and Human Services	1-6
JPNS	2750	Japanese Language and Culture	3
MUS	3520	World Music in Theory and Practice	4
PSCI	3410	The Politics of Sub-Saharan Africa	4
PSCI	3440	Russian and Central Asian Politics	4
PSCI	3450	Latin American Politics	4
PSCI	3460	Women in Developing Countries	4
REL	2010	Buddhism	4
REL	2020	Religion in China	4
REL	2030	Religion in Japan	4
REL	2040	Religion in India	4
REL	3025	The Qur'an	4
REL	3325	Muslim Culture and Societies	4
SOC	3040	Nonwestern World	4
SOC	3340	East Asia and the World	3
SOC	3350	Modern Latin American Societies	3
SPAN	3390	Contemporary Latin America	3

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**Distribution Area V: Social and Behavioral Sciences**

AAAS	2100	Comparative Approaches to Forms of Black Consciousness	3
ANTH	2100	Introduction to Archeology	3
ANTH	2400	Principles of Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTH	2800	Language in a Global World	4
BUS	1750	Business Enterprise	3
COM	2000	Human Communication Theory	3
COM	3400	Global Media Literacy	3
ECON	2010	Principles of Microeconomics	3
ECON	2020	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
ECON	3180	The Economics of Medical Care	3
EDMM	3020	Engineering Teams: Theory and Practice	3
ENVS	1000	Climate Challenged Society	3

GEOG	1020	World Geography Through Maps and Media	3
GEOG	2050	Human Geography	3
GEOG	2440	Economic Geography	3
GEOG	3830	Geography of Europe	3
HIST	3060	Technology and Culture	3
HIST	3130	The U.S. and the World	3
HIST	3325	History of Healthcare in the World	3
HIST	3330	The World Since 1945	3
HIST	3600	The Medieval World: Society and Culture	3
HIST	3630	History of Modern Britain	3
HIST	3640	Modern Europe: Culture and Society	3
HIST	3660	Russia Yesterday and Tomorrow	3
HPHE	1700	Introduction to Recreation/Sport Management	3
HSV	2250	Growth, Development, and Aging	3
INTL	3300**	Education Abroad-WMU Programs	1-16
INTL	3310**	Education Abroad-Non-WMU Programs	1-16
INTL	4040	Foreign Studies Seminar-Social Sciences	1-6
LANG	2500	The Nature of Languages	4
MUS	3811	Your Brain on Music	3
PADM	2000	Introduction to Nonprofit Leadership	3
PHIL	3130	Philosophy of Law	3
PSCI	2400	Comparative Politics	3
PSCI	2500	International Relations	4
PSCI	3110	American Politics and the Media	3
PSCI	3400	European Politics	4
PSCI	3500	American Foreign Policy	4
PSY	1000	General Psychology	3
REL	2080	Religion in Europe	4
REL	3145	New Religious Movements	4
REL	3155	Religion and Conflict	4
REL	3165	Religion and Globalization	4
REL	3230	Religion and Revolution	4
SOC	2000	Principles of Sociology	3

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**Distribution Area VI: Natural Science with Lab**

ANTH	2500	Intro to Biological Anthropology	4
BIOS	1050	Environmental Biology	3
<i>and</i>			
BIOS	1100	Biology Laboratory	1
BIOS	1120	Principles of Biology	3
<i>and</i>			
BIOS	1100	Biology Laboratory	1
BIOS	1980	Human Form and Function	4
CHEM	1100	General Chemistry I	3
<i>and</i>			
CHEM	1110	General Chemistry Laboratory	1
GEOG	1050	Physical Geography	4
GEOS	1000	Dynamic Earth	4
GEOS	1020	Planetary Geology	4
GEOS	1300	Physical Geology	4
GEOS	1900	Evolution of Life-A Geological Perspective	4
GPS	1500	Introduction to Imaging	4
OT	2000	Human Functional Anatomy	3
<i>and</i>			
OT	2010	Human Functional Anatomy Laboratory	1
PHYS	1000	How Things Work	4
PHYS	1040	Introduction to the Sky and Solar System	3
<i>and</i>			
PHYS	1030	Sky and Solar System Laboratory	1
PHYS	1060	Introduction to Stars and Galaxies	3
<i>and</i>			
PHYS	1050	Stars and Galaxies Laboratory	1
PHYS	1070	Elementary Physics	4
<i>and</i>			
PHYS	1080	Elementary Physics Laboratory	1
PHYS	1130	General Physics I	4
<i>and</i>			
PHYS	1140	General Physics I Laboratory	1
PHYS	2050	University Physics I	4
<i>and</i>			
PHYS	2060	University Physics I Laboratory	1

**Distribution Area VII: Natural Science and Technology:  
Applications and Implications**

ANTH	1500	Race, Biology and Culture	3
ANTH	2510	Forensic Anthropology	3
ART	2900	The Skilled Observer in Art, Science and Engineering	3
AVS	1200	Introduction to Aviation	3
AVS	2800	Transportation Technology: Policy, Perils and Promise	3
BIOS	2700	Everyday Biology: Cells	3
CHEG	2610	Environmental Engineering	3
CHEG	2611	Environmental Engineering I	3
CHEM	1900	Chemistry of Climate Change	3
CHEM	2800	Active Chemistry	3
COM	2400	Introduction to Media and Telecommunications	3
CS	1000	Fluency with Information Technology	3
EDMM	1220	Automobile in Society	3
EDMM	1500	Introduction to Manufacturing	3
ENGR	3700	Engineering Global Practices in Western Countries	3
ENVS	3000	Introduction to Sustainability	3
GEOG	1000	World Ecological Problems and Man	4
GEOG	2650	Introduction to Geospatial Technologies	3
GEOG	3060	Climate Change: Atmospheric Perspectives	3
GEOG	3500	Conservation and Environmental Management	3
GEOS	1050	Dinosaurs	3
GEOS	1200	Climate Change: Geological Perspectives	3
GEOS	1440	Environmental Earth Science	3
GEOS	1500	Earth Hazards and Disasters	3
GEOS	2900	Earth Systems: Issues and Applications	3
GEOS	3120	Geology of National Parks and Monuments	3
GEOS	3220	Ocean Systems	3
GWS	3400	Race, Gender and Science	3
HIST	3180	American Environmental History	3
HNRS	3701	Technology in the Arts	3
ME	2200	Processes and Materials in Manufacturing	4
NUR	3330	Informatics for Health Care Professionals	3
PAPR	1600	Introduction to Environmental Technology	3
PHIL	2550	Science, Technology, and Values	3
PHIL	3340	Biomedical Ethics	4
PHIL	3350	Medical Humanities	3
PHIL	3500	Foundations of the Modern Worldview	4
PHIL	3550	Philosophy of Science	3
PHIL	3710	History and Philosophy of Science I	3
PHIL	3720	History and Philosophy of Science II	3
PHYS	1020	Energy and the Environment	3
SPPA	2000	Communication Disorders and Sciences	3

**Distribution Area VIII: Health and Well-being**

ADA	2250	Drug Use: Personal and Social Impact	3
HOL	1000	Choices in Living	3
HOL	2701	Resiliency Training for Life	2
HOL	2801	Health and Well Being	3
HOL	2811	Resiliency Training for Leaders	2
HPHE	1110	Healthy Living	2
PEGN	1700	Health and Wellness – Aerobics	2
PEGN	1710	Health and Wellness - Water Aerobics	2
PEGN	1720	Health and Wellness - Circuit Fitness	2
PEGN	1730	Health and Wellness – Jogging	2
PEGN	1740	Health and Wellness – Walking	2
PEGN	1760	Health and Wellness - Racquet Sports	2
PEGN	1770	Health and Wellness - Climbing Techniques	2
PEGN	1800	Health and Wellness – Beginning Swimming	2
PEGN	1810	Health and Wellness - Intermediate Swimming	2
PEGN	1820	Health and Wellness - Swim Conditioning	2
REL	3190	Religion and Health	4