

Program/Major Requirements

These courses or experiences are determined by your program or major. You will typically complete these requirements during the latter part of your program of study at UC.



Methodology - *Understand* the systematic methods and history of your discipline/profession.



Capstone Experience - *Demonstrate* mastery and integration of the Baccalaureate Competencies and the content/skills of your program/major.

Fulfilling General Education Requirements

Develop a Course Strategy

You can easily complete the requirements of the General Education Program (GenEd). Almost every undergraduate course at UC can fulfill a GenEd requirement. Develop a carefully designed course strategy to ensure on-time graduation. Many courses can fulfill a GenEd requirement as well as a college or major requirement. In some cases, a single course can fulfill three requirements—a GenEd, a college, and a major requirement.

Make the Right Choices

Academic advisors are available to help you make the right decisions. They can help clarify your options and answer questions about course selection, transfer credits, AP courses, summer classes, and other issues related to GenEd.

Track Your Progress

Once you have adopted a course strategy and begun taking courses, closely monitor your progress in the GenEd Program. Use the *General Education Program Requirements Student Check List* on the next page to keep a personal record of your progress in completing the GenEd Program. If you have questions, make an appointment with your advisor to discuss which BoK courses or qualifying experiences will satisfy GenEd requirements.

Check the General Education Web Page

The General Education web page (www.uc.edu/gened/) presents additional information on the GenEd Program. This includes a detailed description of the Program, links to listings of courses that fulfill BoK requirements, a number of FAQ's, and updates to the Program.

Notes:

Fine Arts (FA)

Fine Arts is the BoK notation assigned to courses that embrace music, dance, drama, and/or the visual arts.

Literature (LT)

Literature is the BoK notation assigned to courses that include the study of literary texts and criticism in the original language or translation.

Historical Perspectives (HP)

Historical Perspectives is the BoK notation assigned to courses that, through exposure to and analysis of the past, provide an understanding of historical methodology and tradition.

Natural Sciences (NS)

Natural Sciences is the BoK notation assigned to courses that explore the systematized knowledge of nature and the physical world. Disciplines include earth, life, and physical sciences; computer science; and mathematics at a level beyond the basic mathematics requirement.

Humanities (HU)

Humanities is the BoK notation assigned to courses that incorporate learning concerned with human thought and relations not included in the other distribution areas. Disciplines include classics, communication, foreign languages, linguistics, philosophy, and rhetoric, among others.

Social Sciences (SS)

Social Sciences is the BoK notation assigned to courses that involve the study of society and the behavior of its members. Examples include cultural anthropology, economics, human geography, planning, political science, psychology, and sociology.

English Composition

The General Education Program requires completion of 2-3 quarters of the entry-level English Composition course. This is a composition and reading course designed to ensure that students can write a coherent essay employing standard written English and that they have mastered college-level reading skills.

Diversity and Culture (DC)

Diversity and Culture focuses on the analysis and understanding of the issues arising from individual (race, gender, disability, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or age) and cultural differences. Examples include courses or experiences in African-American Studies, Women's Studies, area studies (e.g., Asian, Latin American, Eastern European, and Russian Studies), Judaic Studies, cultural anthropology, geography, global and multicultural education, comparative literature, and fine arts. Also included are courses or experiences in foreign language and civilization, study abroad programs, and domestic programs that focus on elements of cultural difference.

Diversity and Culture may be fulfilled by either a course or an experience.

Quantitative Reasoning (QR)

Quantitative Reasoning is the appropriate level of analytical and/or mathematical literacy determined by each academic program/major. As a result of this connection with the baccalaureate program/major, a transfer student who has already fulfilled the QR BoK requirement might have to take additional work to meet the QR requirements of the new program/major.

Quantitative Reasoning may be fulfilled by either a course or an experience.

Social and Ethical Issues (SE)

Social and Ethical Issues includes ethical reasoning from historical and contemporary perspectives. Courses or experiences in these areas should introduce students to social and ethical issues and promote the use of critical thinking skills, analysis, and resolution. Courses or experiences fulfilling this requirement may include topics such as: professional ethics, human rights, environmental concerns, nuclear proliferation, ecology, genetic engineering, quality of life, and the social implications of science and technology.

Social and Ethical Issues may be fulfilled by either a course or an experience.

Methodology

As part of the General Education Program, each baccalaureate degree program or major engages its students in the systematic, detailed study of the discipline's history and methods.

Methodology may be fulfilled by either a course or an experience.

The Capstone Experience

The faculty of each baccalaureate degree program or major has defined a capstone experience that obliges a student to demonstrate proficiency in the four Baccalaureate Competencies of the General Education Program as well as in the content of the degree program or major. The Capstone enables a student to draw upon and integrate knowledge and skills of the particular discipline using methods appropriate to the field, including information literacy and relevant communication skills.

The Capstone Experience may be fulfilled by either a course or an experience.