DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS

Distribution Requirements (25 Hours Total)

Beyond the fundamental academic skills, courses within the distribution requirements provide students with the opportunity to: 1) understand, analyze, and explore the human condition; 2) understand the complex dynamics that make up the world particularly the challenges, problems and factors that lead to social stability and change as essential for contributing to and living in contemporary society; and 3) understand the nature of scientific inquiry and the operation of the natural, physical and technological world for making personal and public policy decisions.

Natural and Physical Sciences: 7 Hours from at least Two Different Disciplines with One Lab

Understanding the nature of scientific inquiry and the operation of the natural, physical, and technological world is essential for making personal and public policy decisions.

Successful students shall be able to do the following:

- Identifying appropriate methods to solve problems related to various natural/physical phenomena
- · Synthesizing evidence using discipline specific criteria;
- Drawing conclusions, limitations, and/or implications related to the phenomena being investigated

Humanities/Fine Arts: 9 Hours from at Least Two Disciplines

The humanities and fine arts seek to help students understand, analyze, and explore the human condition. Studying the humanities and fine arts thus contributes to personal growth and well-being as well as to living in and contributing to various communities.

Successful students shall be able to do the following:

- Demonstrating knowledge of the human condition using discipline appropriate criteria;
- · Respond to the human condition using discipline specific criteria;
- Explaining how context (historical, cultural, etc.) influences the creation or interpretation of the topic of study.

Social Sciences:

9 Hours from at Least Two Different Disciplines

Understanding the complex dynamics that make up the world, particularly the challenges, problems, and factors that lead to social stability and change is essential for contributing to and living in contemporary society.

Successful students shall be able to do the following:

- Describing signature ideas, concepts, theories, or perspectives using the language of the discipline;
- Analyzing Implications, conclusions, or consequences of a particular issue relevant to the discipline
- · Evaluating evidence of truth-claims;

Many of the courses within the distribution requirements can also be used to satisfy the diversity requirement.