

Transfer Credit Guidelines—The College Core Curriculum

College of Arts and Science

Area 1: Foreign Language

- The second semester or third trimester of a regular intermediate foreign language course sequence.
- The intermediate-level semester or final trimester of an intensive foreign language course sequence.
- AP credit for a foreign language examination (score of 4 or 5).

Area 2: Expository Writing

- A one-semester college writing course equivalent to EXPOS-UA 1 or GWS-UF 101.
- A year-long course sequence equivalent to EXPOS-UA 4 & EXPOS-UA 9, or WRI-UF 101 & WRII-UF 102.
- A literature course or course sequence designated as satisfying an institution's writing requirement.

Area 3: Foundations of Contemporary Culture

(3A) Texts and Ideas

To satisfy Texts and Ideas, courses should do all of the following:

- Introduce students to the modes and methods of humanistic inquiry. A variety of disciplinary approaches are acceptable—e.g. literary, historical, philosophical—so long as the object of study is intellectual history, broadly construed.
- Consider an intellectual tradition or the history of an important idea or ideas across multiple eras. There is no restriction (e.g., West, non-West) on the provenance of the tradition or ideas.
- Be based on the study of primary texts of great cultural relevance and influence.
- Include readings from a variety of literary genres.

(3B) Cultures and Contexts

To satisfy Cultures and Contexts, courses should do all of the following:

- Introduce students to the modes and methods by which cultures are studied. A variety of disciplinary approaches are acceptable—e.g. literary, historical, social-scientific—so long as the object of study is a culture or cultures.
- Consider one or a small group of related cultural formations apart from the predominant traditions of the United States. Courses may include emergent traditions, diaspora formations, or societies understood as nationally, geographically, or culturally distinct from the predominate culture of the contemporary U.S. Courses focusing on ancient civilizations are also permitted, as are those that address contemporary challenges to traditional European conceptions of nationality.
- Include study of primary cultural texts and other artifacts.
- Acquaint students with some of the problems inherent in cultural study, e.g., by critically reflecting on methodology and on terms of analysis such as “culture,” “nation,” and “identity.”

(3C) Societies and the Social Sciences

Any course equivalent to those approved to satisfy Societies and the Social Sciences. These are typically introductory courses in anthropology, economics, history, linguistics, politics, social psychology, religious studies, social and cultural analysis, gender and sexuality studies, metropolitan studies, and sociology. A current list of approved courses is available at <http://core.cas.nyu.edu>.

(3D) Expressive Culture

Any course in literature, music, or the fine or performing arts. Creative writing, studio art, and other technical courses are *not* acceptable; however, courses in music history, history of art, performance or cinema studies, or the like, are acceptable even if taught by applied arts departments.

Area 4: Foundations of Scientific Inquiry

(4A) Quantitative Reasoning

- AP Calculus (AB or BC) or AP Statistics (score of 4 or 5).
- Any mathematics course beyond precalculus.
- A course equivalent to those approved to satisfy Quantitative Reasoning. A current list of approved courses is available at <http://core.cas.nyu.edu>.
- SAT Mathematics Level 1 or Level 2 Subject Test (minimum score of 700).

(4B) Physical Science

- AP Physics (C-Mech or C-E&M) or AP Environmental Science (score of 4 or 5).
- Any course in chemistry, physics, astronomy, geology, or environmental science. The course must include a laboratory component or the student must also have completed the separate associated laboratory for the course.

(4C) Life Science

- Any course in biology or neural science. The course must include a laboratory component or the student must also have completed the separate associated laboratory for the course.
- A course equivalent to those approved to satisfy Natural Science II. A current list of approved courses is available at <http://core.cas.nyu.edu>.

(4B & 4C) Physical Science & Life Science

- AP Physics C-Mech *and* AP Physics C-E&M (score of 4 or 5).
- AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics B (score of 4 or 5).
- A two-semester course sequence equivalent to BIOL-UA 11–12, CHEM-UA 125–126, CHEM-UA 127–128, or PHYS-UA 11–12.

Note: “Course” designates a regular course of study in the liberal arts of at least 3 credit hours, exclusive of laboratories, practicums, pro-seminars, technical or applied arts courses, internships, and independent studies.