

SUNY Potsdam's General Education Program Outline: For Students who matriculated between the Fall of 2000 and Spring of 2006

I. First-Year Experience Courses

(This program applies only to students matriculated between Fall 2000 and Spring 2006. Students who matriculate Fall 2006 onwards should follow the General Education Foundations [GEF]).

A. THE COMMUNICATION EXPERIENCE: (2 courses; minimum of 7 credits)

- 1. [FW] Writing and Critical Thinking – Minimum of 4 credits*
- 2. [FS] Speaking, Reasoning, and Research* – Minimum of 3 credits*

*Bachelor of Music students do not have this requirement.

B. THE QUANTITATIVE REASONING EXPERIENCE [FM] (1 course; minimum of 3 credits)

Problem Solving and Abstract Reasoning

OR

Statistical Analysis and Reasoning

II. Modes of Inquiry

A. AESTHETIC UNDERSTANDING (2 courses; minimum of 6 credits from two different departments)

- 1. [AC] AESTHETIC-CRITICAL AND DISCRIMINATIVE (minimum of 3 credits)*
- 2. [AE] AESTHETIC-EXPERIENTIAL (minimum of 3 credits) Note: many AE courses are one or two credits and more than one course will need to be taken.*

B. SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY (2 courses—one from each area; minimum of 6 credits total)

- 1. [SB] SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY-BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES (minimum of*

3 credits)

2. *[SP] SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY–PHYSICAL SCIENCES (minimum of 3 credits)*

*Bachelor of Music students need only take one of the above.

Note: At least one of the above courses must include [LB] laboratory experiences.

C. [SA] SOCIAL ANALYSIS (minimum of 3 credits)

D. [PI] PHILOSOPHICAL INQUIRY (minimum of 3 credits)

E. [AH] AMERICAN HISTORY (minimum of 3 credits)

F. WORLD CIVILIZATIONS (2 courses; minimum of 6 credits)

1. *[WC] WESTERN CIVILIZATION (minimum of 3 credits)*

2. *[XC] CROSS–CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE (minimum of 3 credits)*

III. Writing and Speaking Intensive

A. [WI] WRITING INTENSIVE (minimum of 3 credits, FW prerequisite)

B. [SI] SPEAKING INTENSIVE (minimum of 3 credits, FS prerequisite)

IV. Modern Languages

[ML] MODERN LANGUAGES (0–9 credits)

Sequence of courses leading to the completion of a Modern Language at the 103 level or higher OR the high school equivalent.

V. Physical Education

[PE] PHYSICAL EDUCATION (4 courses)

Up to two of the same PE designated courses will fulfill the requirement.
No more than two varsity sport courses will fulfill the PE requirement.