

SUNY Potsdam's General Education Program Outline:
For Students who matriculated in the Fall of 2006 or after

I. General Education Foundations (GEF) (Began Fall 2006)

(Students matriculating prior to fall 2006 should continue to follow and complete the First Year Experience requirements).

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

- 1. [FW] FIRST-YEAR WRITING (1 course; 4 credits) May not be double counted with any other General Education designator*
- 2. [FS] SPEAKING, REASONING AND RESEARCH (1 course; minimum of 3 credits)*

B. QUANTITATIVE EXPERIENCE [FM]

[FM] MATHEMATICAL (1 course; minimum of 3 credits)

C. CRITICAL THINKING EXPERIENCE [FC]

[FC] CRITICAL THINKING (1 course; minimum of 3 credits)

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.