

University of California at Berkeley Campus

College of Letters and Sciences: Breadth Requirements

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The following are primarily the breadth requirements for the College of Letters and Sciences only. Applicants to majors offered by the College of Chemistry, the College of Engineering, the College of Environmental Design, the College of Natural Resources, and Haas School of Business should check the individual transfer agreements for exceptions and breadth requirement guidelines.

Requirements for the College of Letters and Science are divided into two areas:

Essential Skills

1. Reading and Composition (R&C);
Quantitative Reasoning (QR); and
Foreign Language (FL); and
2. Breadth
The Seven-Course Breadth Requirement.

Please know that completion of IGETC (certified by Admissions and Records) satisfies all of these requirements.

UC Berkeley College of Letters & Science Breadth Requirements for 2017-2018 are listed below. This list is subject to change; it is updated periodically. Consult a counselor for further information.

Essential Skills

1: READING COMPREHENSION (2 courses)

Students may also satisfy this requirement with a score or grade of:

- 5 on the Advanced Placement Exam in English Literature & Composition; or
- 5 on the International Baccalaureate Higher Level Exam in English A1 Credential Exam; or

The first half of this requirement can be satisfied by scoring:

- 4 on the Advanced Placement Exam in English Literature & Composition; or
- 4 or 5 on the Advanced Placement Exam in English Language & Composition

As of Fall 2018, A-level exam scores will no longer be accepted in satisfaction of any portion of the Reading & Composition requirement.

Transfer students must fulfill this requirement with one of the options mentioned above or take the courses (with a grade of “C” or better) listed:

English 1A and 1B

2: QUANTITATIVE REASONING (1 course)

Students may also satisfy this requirement with a score or grade of:

- 600 on the SAT Reasoning Test; or
- 570 on the Math Achievement Test (SAT II Math Subject Exam) Level I (if taken between 1995 and Spring 2005) or 520 Level II (if taken May 1995 or later); or
- 28 on the ACT; or
- 3 or better on the Advanced Placement Exam in Calculus AB or BC; or

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- 3 or better on the Advanced Placement Exam in Computer Science; or
- 3 or better on the Advanced Placement Exam in Statistics; or
- 5 or better on the International Baccalaureate Higher Level Math Exam or Computer Science Exam; or
- A, B, or C on the General Certificate Exam “A” Level Mathematics Exam.

Transfer students must fulfill this requirement with one of the options mentioned above or take one course (with a grade of “C” or better) listed:

CIS 3

Mathematics 1, 2, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3E, 3F, 13, 16A, 16B

3: FOREIGN LANGUAGE (1 course)

Students may also satisfy this requirement with a score or grade of:

- 550 on the SAT II Foreign Language Subject Exam, if taken before May 1995;
- 590 on the SAT II Subject Exam, if taken May 1995 or later;
- 3 or better on the Foreign Language AP Exam;
- 5 or better on the International Baccalaureate Higher Level Exam in a Second Language (other than English) A2, B or Standard Level Credential Exam;
- C or better on the A-Level or GCSE/O-Level Foreign Language Exam.

Transfer students must fulfill this requirement with one of the options mentioned above or take one course (with a grade of “C-” or better) listed:

American Sign Language 51, 52, 53, 55B, 57

Arabic 1B

French 1B

Portuguese 1B

Spanish 1B

SEVEN-COURSE BREADTH REQUIREMENT

(1 course from each area, with a minimum of 2 units)

Guidelines:

- Requirements have to be met with course work—no AP or IB Exam credit.
- Courses may be taken for a grade of “C” or better or P/NP in Peralta.
- Courses must carry a minimum of 3 units.
- Courses from one’s major department may be used.
- Not more than 2 courses offered by the same department may be used.

Courses used for breadth credit may not be used to meet R&C, QR and FL Requirements.

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Take one course from each of the following seven (7) areas.

1: ARTS AND LITERATURE

Art 1, 2, 3, 4, 13, 16, 182(^)
English 10A, 10B, 17A, 17B, 21, 50, 85A, 85B, 85C
History 33
Humanities 1, 5, 21, 26, 30B, 52(*), 53, 55, 182(^)
Mexican and Latin American Studies 30A, 30B
Multimedia Arts 123
Music 15A, 15B
Spanish 38, 39, 40
Women's Studies 52(*)

() or (^) Students will receive credit for one course only.*

2: BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Anthropology 1
Biology 1A, 1B, 3, 10, 13, 25, 33, 34
Geography 1
Physical Science 20

3: HISTORICAL STUDIES

American Sign Language 55A, 55B
Art 1, 2, 3, 4, 13
History 1, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, 7A, 7B, 8B, 19, 21, 31 (*), 32, 33
Humanities 55
Multimedia Arts 123
Political Science 12 (*)

() Students will receive credit for one course only.*

4: INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Asian American Studies 30
Geography 2,3
History 31(*),37
Political Science 2, 3, 12(*), 20

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5: PHILOSOPHY AND VALUES

Humanities 30A(*), 40

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Philosophy 1, 2, 10, 16, 20A, 20B, 31A(*), 35(**), 37

Women's Studies 35(**)

(or (**)) Students will receive credit for one course only.*

6: PHYSICAL SCIENCE

Astronomy 10

Chemistry 1A, 1B, 12A, 12B, 30A, 30B

Geography 1

Physical Science 20

Physics 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 4C, 10

7: SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

African American Studies 1, 33

Anthropology 1, 2, 3, 13, 18, 55

American Sign Language 55A, 55B

Asian and Asian American Studies 30

Business 10

Child Development 51

Communication 6, 19

Economics 1, 2

Geography 2, 3

History 1, 2A, 2B, 7A, 7B, 8B, 19, 21, 31(*), 33

Humanities 5

Philosophy 11

Political Science 1, 2, 3, 6, 11(+), 12 (**), 20 (++)

Psychology 1A, 6, 10, 21

Social Science 2

Sociology 1, 2, 5, 6 (+), 8, 13

Women's Studies 1 (+++)

(), (**), (+), or (++) Students will receive credit for one course only*

Courses which fulfill the American Cultures graduation requirement:

History 7A, 7B, 19, 21

(), (**), (+), (++) or (+++) Student will receive credit for one course only.*