



About This Policy

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Responsible University Office:

Office of the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education

Scope

General Education Program on the Bloomington campus.

Policy Statement

The Indiana University Bloomington General Education Program consists of two parts, each of which is viewed by the campus faculty as equally important in the overall undergraduate educational experience. This two-part structure recognizes that some experiences are better completed universally by all undergraduates and other components are better defined within the context of each degree program. The faculty in each degree program is responsible for developing the most appropriate ways of incorporating these two components into each degree program. The Common Ground must be incorporated into every degree program. The Shared Goals are recommended for inclusion in every degree program.

I. The Common Ground (Required; up to 31 credits)

a. Foundations

i. Writing: English Composition—3 credits

ii. Mathematical Modeling—3-4 credits

b. Breadth of Inquiry

i. Arts and Humanities—6 credits

ii. Social and Historical studies—6 credits

iii. Natural and Mathematical Sciences—5-6 credit hours; two courses

OR a single 5-credit course that includes a substantial lab component

c. World Languages and Cultures

Second-year level of a world language (6 credits)

OR World Culture courses (6 credits)

OR International experience in an approved study abroad (6 credits)

II. Shared Goals

Recommended; to be structured by faculty in each degree program; may be completed by embedding these goals in current curricula, through coursework for credit, or non-credit bearing activities.

a. Intensive Writing

b. Information Fluency

c. Diversity in the United States

d. Enriching Educational Experiences

(service learning, internship, capstone project, student teaching, independent research/creative activity program, an approved study abroad experience, honors thesis, show, recital, performance)

History

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