



CORE LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES STUDIES PROGRAM

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR UNDERGRADUATES

New CORE Interdisciplinary and Emerging Issues (IE) Option

Effective beginning Fall 2005

June 1 2005

What's new in CORE?

- **Interdisciplinary and Emerging Issues (IE) courses:**

- Provide an **interdisciplinary** examination of issues (theory, questions, methods) across CORE areas, or
- Present a significant portion of content that does not fit into any of the specific CORE areas but deals with contemporary issues, **emerging** disciplines, or other categories of knowledge, skills, and values that lie outside these areas.



CORE Distributive Studies

- **Humanities and the Arts**
 - 9 credits, 3 courses
- **Sciences and Mathematics**
 - 10 credits, 3 courses
- **Social Sciences and History**
 - 9 credits, 3 courses
- **Interdisciplinary and Emerging Issues**
 - 0 or 3 credits, 0 or 1 course

Important Notes

- IE is an **optional** CORE distributive studies category.
- All students under the CORE requirements (continuing and incoming) have this new option.
- Only **one** IE course may be counted toward fulfilling CORE Distributive Studies requirements, in **only one** of three ways.

Option 1

- To count the **ONE IE** course in the **Humanities and the Arts** Category, the student must select courses from the approved CORE subcategory lists as follows:
 - One Literature (HL) and
 - One The History or Theory of the Arts (HA) and
 - One Interdisciplinary and Emerging Issues (IE)
- *Requirements in the **Sciences and Mathematics** and in the **Social Sciences and History** categories remain unchanged.*

Option 1: Using IE in the Humanities and the Arts

Humanities and the Arts	Semester	Course
Literature (HL)		
The History or Theory of the Arts (HA)		
other Humanities and Arts (HL, HA, HO) or Interdisciplinary and Emerging Issues (IE) - if option is not used elsewhere		

Option 1: Using IE in the Humanities and the Arts

Sciences and Mathematics	Semester	Course
Lab Science code (PL,LL)		
Science code (PS,PL,LS or LL)		
Science or Mathematics and Formal Reasoning code (PS,PL,LS,LL or MS)		

*Requirements in the **Sciences and Mathematics** category remain unchanged.*

Option 1: Using IE in the Humanities and the Arts

Social Sciences and History	Semester	Course
Social or Political History (SH)		
Behavioral and Social Sciences (SB)		
Behavioral and Social Sciences (SB)		

*Requirements in the **Social Sciences and History** category remain unchanged.*

June 1 2005

Option 2

- To count the **ONE IE** course in the **Sciences and Mathematics** Category, the student must select courses from the approved CORE subcategory lists as follows:
 - One Life Sciences Lab (LL) or Physical Sciences Lab (PL) and
 - One science course from (LL, LS, PL or PS) and
 - One Interdisciplinary and Emerging Issues (IE)
- *Requirements in the **Humanities and Arts** and in the **Social Sciences and History** categories remain unchanged.*

Option 2: Using IE in Sciences and Mathematics

Sciences and Mathematics	Semester	Course
Lab Science code (PL,LL)		
Science code (PS,PL,LS or LL)		
Science or Mathematics and Formal Reasoning codes (PS,PL,LS,LL or MS) or Interdisciplinary and Emerging Issues (IE) - if option is not used elsewhere		

Option 2: Using IE in Sciences and Mathematics

Humanities and the Arts	Semester	Course
Literature (HL)		
The History or Theory of the Arts (HA)		
Other Humanities and Arts (HL, HA, HO)		

*Requirements in the **Humanities and the Arts** category remain unchanged.*

June 1 2005

Option 2: Using IE in Sciences and Mathematics

Social Sciences and History	Semester	Course
Social or Political History (SH)		
Behavioral and Social Sciences (SB)		
Behavioral and Social Sciences (SB)		

*Requirements in the **Social Sciences and History** category remain unchanged.*

June 1 2005

Option 3

- To count the **ONE IE** course in the **Social Sciences and History** Category, the student must select courses from the approved CORE subcategory lists as follows:
 - One Social or Political History (SH) and
 - One Behavioral and Social Science (SB) and
 - One Interdisciplinary and Emerging Issues (IE)
- *Requirements in the **Humanities and Arts** and in the **Sciences and Mathematics** categories remain unchanged.*

Option 3: Using IE in Social Sciences and History

Social Sciences and History	Semester	Course
Social or Political History (SH)		
Behavioral and Social Sciences (SB)		
Behavioral and Social Sciences (SB) or Interdisciplinary and Emerging Issues (IE) - if option is not used elsewhere		

June 1 2005

Option 3: Using IE in Social Sciences and History

Humanities and the Arts	Semester	Course
Literature (HL)		
The History or Theory of the Arts (HA)		
Other Humanities and Arts (HL, HA, HO)		

*Requirements in the **Humanities and the Arts** category remain unchanged.*

June 1 2005

Option 3: Using IE in Social Sciences and History

Sciences and Mathematics	Semester	Course
Lab Science code (PL,LL)		
Science code (PS,PL,LS or LL)		
Science or Mathematics and Formal Reasoning codes (PS,PL,LS,LL or MS)		

*Requirements in the **Sciences and Mathematics** category remain unchanged.*

IE courses available Fall 2005

- **HONR 248N:** Extinction Risk: When Biology, Geography and Mathematics Meet
- **HONR 268C:** War and the American Experience
- **HONR 268L:** Science and Technology Themes in Literature and Film
- **JOUR 175:** Media Literacy
- **WRLD 235:** The Power of Water: Politics, Technology, and Development of the Mekong River
- **More courses will be added as approved**

June 1 2005

IE courses available Spring 2006

- **GEMS 104:** Topics in Science, Technology and Society (STS)
- **PHIL 209N:** Philosophy of the Environment
- More courses will be added as approved



June 1 2005

How IE courses are like other CORE courses

- Cannot be taken **pass/fail**
(also true for all CORE courses)
- Cannot count more than **one course**
toward CORE requirements
(also true for HO, SH, MS and D courses)
- May also count towards the **Diversity**
requirement, if approved in both
categories
(also true for other Distributive Studies courses)

Potential Pitfalls

- IE can substitute for **only one** of the following: one of the two SB courses, HO, or the third course in Sciences and Mathematics (a third science or MS course).
 - Make sure students don't sign up for all of these Distributive Studies categories **and** an IE course.
 - Make sure students leave space in their schedule in the **appropriate** Distributive Studies subcategory if they **want** to take an IE course.
 - Keep a **record** of where a student plans to use the one IE course.



For more information

www.ugst.umd.edu/core

Laura Slavin, Director

CORE Planning and Implementation
Office of the Dean for Undergraduate Studies
2130 Mitchell Building
University of Maryland
(301) 405-9359