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Quick Reference to General Education Requirements

General education requirements were devised and are reviewed by the Santa Cruz Division of the Academic Senate through the Committee on Educational Policy. There are nine categories of general education requirements. Specific information regarding how general education requirements fit into bachelor's degree requirements can be found in the *UCSC General Catalog*.

IH
IN
IS

Introductions to Disciplines: These courses inform students of a discipline's scope or methodology, prepare students effectively for advanced classes, or both. Students are advised about a discipline's suitability as a major or are prepared for advanced course work in the field. Most of these courses are required of majors. Most do not require prerequisites. The three categories are Introduction to Humanities and Arts (IH code), Introduction to Natural Sciences (IN code), and Introduction to Social Sciences (IS code).

T

Topical requirements (T code): The topical requirement is intended to show students how disciplines outside their own affect public life, how different disciplines approach a common topic, and the richness in the areas of study that lie outside or between academic disciplines. Topical courses address a topic of broad intellectual or social relevance—instead of a discipline—and study it from a broad or interdisciplinary perspective. They can provide a place for discussion of values and assumptions at an introductory level not usually found in introductory courses. They are not designed to introduce the discipline to non-majors.

C

Composition requirements (**C1 and C2** or **C** code): C1 and C2 are fulfilled by your college core course and *Writing 2, Rhetoric and Inquiry*. C is fulfilled by *Writing 1, Composition and Rhetoric*. Students must complete the Entry Level Writing Requirement to satisfy the composition requirements.

W

Writing-intensive requirement (W code): These courses often require more writing than other classes, but they also stress explicit attention to the craft of writing in the subject matter of the course or discipline. Papers are assigned throughout the quarter and editorial comment is provided by the instructor. Students must complete the University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement and satisfy the Composition requirement before enrolling in a course which satisfies the writing-intensive requirement.

Q

Quantitative requirement (Q code): This requirement involves acquisition of technical skill in mathematics or practice in the ability to apply that mathematical skill in specific contexts, or both. A quantitative course must involve the use of advanced algebra, statistics, or calculus. These courses provide instruction in quantitative reasoning rather than merely evaluating students' mathematical ability. Courses in logic or computers are not considered mathematical.

A

Arts requirement (A code): This requirement was established in recognition of the differences between the humanities and the arts, and of the necessity of both in liberal arts education. One 5-credit course or the equivalent is required in the performance, theory, or history of the arts.

E

U.S. Ethnic Minorities/Non-Western Society requirement (E code): This requirement is intended to increase student and faculty knowledge of non-Western cultures (in the U.S. and elsewhere); to improve cross-cultural awareness, skills, and sensitivity; and to explore relationships between ethnicity and other topics of liberal arts curriculum.